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## **“Handwriting Analysis”**

**“But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.” (1 Corinthians 11:31 NIV)**

### **Sobering Assessment**

**Daniel 5:22-28** – (22) “And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, (23) but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored. (24) Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. (25) And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. (26) This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; (27) TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; (28) PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

### **“Mene” - Keep the End in Mind**

**Psalms 90:10-12** – (10) “The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. (11) Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? (12) So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

**Ecclesiastes 11:9** – “Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.”

### **“Tekel” - Examine Yourself**

**Proverbs 21:2** – “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart.”

**2 Corinthians 13:5** – “Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves...” (NLT)

**Hebrews 9:27** – “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,”

### **“Peres” – Division Wisdom**

**1 John 2:15-17** – (15) “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. (17) And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

**Hebrews 11:13-16** – (13) “These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. (14) For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. (15) If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. (16) But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”

**Hebrews 11:9-10** – (9) “And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. (10) Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.” (NLT)

**Hebrews 12:1-2** – (1) “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**Hebrews 13:14** – “For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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