The Writing on the Wall Rubbing

Materials Needed

copies of *Writing on the Wall,* pp. 2-3, copies of the pictures of Belshazzar and Daniel p. 4, blank paper, scissors or paper cutter, thick liquid glue such as white glue or craft glue, tape or stapler, paper-clips, crayons or markers, short pieces of crayon for rubbing

Prepare in Advance

Print a copy of the pictures of Belshazzar and Daniel p. 4 for each student. Cut the page in half and tape or staple a piece of blank paper between the figures as shown in the picture above. Remove wrappers from the short pieces of crayon. Decide whether to use the English or Hebrew version of *Writing on the Wall* pp. 2-3. Spread thick glue carefully over the letters to form a raised surface for rubbing as shown in the picture below. Depending on the size of your class, you may wish to make more than one of these. *Note*: It will take about an hour for the glue to dry. You can speed this up by using a hairdryer.





Seeing "the writing on the wall" means something is about to change or end. The saying originates from this story. While Belshazzar was in drunken stupor he took vessels from the Lord's house and used them at a party. A hand appeared and wrote a warning he couldn't understand. The wise queen, possibly Belshazzar's mother, suggested he call Daniel for help. Children will create a picture of Daniel and Belshazzar and make the message "appear" between them by rubbing a raised copy of the text in Hebrew or English.

1. We are going to color a picture of Belshazzar and Daniel and then make the writing on the wall appear between them.
2. Give each child a copy of the blank page with the pictures of Belshazzar and Daniel taped on either side. Invite the children to color Belshazzar and Daniel, leaving the space between them clear. That clear space is the wall where the writing will appear.
3. Have children take turns using the *Writing on the Wall* page prepared with glue. Place the page with the writing under the blank paper between Belshazzar and Daniel and secure it with paperclips.
4. Show children how to make a rubbing, using a piece of crayon, so that the writing appears on the wall between Belshazzar and Daniel.

New Church Concept
Profanation

Profanation is mixing and linking good and evil together, and also truth and falsity together. *Arcana Coelestia* 3757

A person in a state of profanation is in contact with the heavens and at the same time with the hells, through truths with the heavens and through the falsities of evil with the hells…. In the next life a tearing apart takes place with such people, which destroys the whole of their inner life. *Arcana Coelestia* 10287

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Writing on the Wall – English



Writing on the Wall – Hebrew

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