

DRUNKS IN THE BIBLE

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Genesis 9:20-27	NOAH	<p>20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:</p> <p>21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.</p> <p>22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.</p> <p>23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.</p> <p>24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.</p> <p>25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.</p> <p>26 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; And Canaan shall be his servant.</p> <p>27 God shall enlarge Japheth, And he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; And Canaan shall be his servant.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After completing a major building project and being a preacher of righteousness for decades, Noah hurt his testimony by getting drunk. 2. He is found naked by his sons in the his tent. His behavior raised questions to the point that his sons appear to be checking up on him. 3. Drunkenness and nakedness - immodesty often go together. 4. Noah opened the door for Ham's disrespectful treatment of his father. Ham was cursed as a result. 5. Shem and Japheth were blessed/rewarded as a result of their honorable treatment.

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Genesis 19:30-38	LOT (Abraham's Nephew)	<p>30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.</p> <p>31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:</p> <p>32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.</p> <p>33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.</p> <p>34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.</p> <p>35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.</p> <p>36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.</p> <p>37 And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.</p> <p>38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You do things when drunk that you would not normally consider and do. 2. Being drunk often clouds judgment and can distort one's moral compass. 3. Drunkenness, nakedness and acts of immorality often go together (in this case incest). 4. The fruit of drunkenness cannot be quite permanent and damaging. The fruit of their sin was two people groups that were perpetually the enemies of Israel (i.e. Moabites and Ammonites). 5. Being drunk can cloud one's memory of one's behavior.

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Genesis 29:21-25	JACOB It is not explicitly stated that he was drunk.	<p>21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.</p> <p>22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.</p> <p>23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.</p> <p>24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.</p> <p>25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Being drunk can lead someone to marrying the wrong person. 2. Drunkenness, nakedness and sex often go together with regrettable results. 3. People drunk are more easily "beguiled," tricked, deceived.

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Exodus 32:15-25	THE IDOLATERS It does not explicitly state that the people were drunk.	<p>15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.</p> <p>16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.</p> <p>17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.</p> <p>18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.</p> <p>19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.</p> <p>20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.</p> <p>25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The people were disobedient to the Word of God and to the covenant that they had made with God. 2. The people were worshipping the golden calf. 3. The people were energized by music. 4. The people were dancing. 5. The people were shamefully naked. <p>It is not stated that the people were drunk, however their behavior surrounding their idolatry would likely have included feasting and drinking.</p>

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Leviticus 10:1-11	<p>NADAB AND ABIHU</p> <p>It does not explicitly state that they were drinking.</p> <p>The addition of 10:8-11, may suggest that Nadab and Abihu had been drinking on duty.</p>	<p>10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not.</p> <p>2 And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.</p> <p>8 And the Lord spake unto Aaron, saying,</p> <p>9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:</p> <p>10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;</p> <p>11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inappropriate behavior that led to the death of two of the high priest's sons. 2. Spiritual leaders in key offices have had children who misbehaved in deadly ways. 3. The priests were not to drink alcohol when they were on duty serving the Lord and the people. 4. Drunkenness is something to be avoided. We are to be holy.

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Judges 14:10-12	SAMSON	10 So his father went down unto the woman: <u>and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Samson made a seven-day feast. Likely this included wine and strong drink. There was likely some drunkenness during that week. 2. The Philistine lords had a great celebration unto their god, Dagon. This included “a sacrifice” which usually involved a feast for the “worshippers.” Drunkenness and idolatry often go together. 3. Their hearts are described as being “merry.” In this condition they praised their god and mocked Samson. 4. Drunks can be more cruel. Drunks hurt others by their words and actions. These political leaders treated Samson poorly, blinding him and provoking him to behavior that would lead to his death and theirs. 5. Samson brought the house down on these drunks!
16:23-25	THE LORDS OF THE PHILISTINE PEOPLE	11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.	
	“when their hearts were merry”	12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:	
		23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.	
		24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.	
		25 And it came to pass, <u>when their hearts were merry,</u> that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.	

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Judges 19:4-9	THE LEVITE Who had a concubine 3-day party	<p>4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.</p> <p>5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.</p> <p>6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.</p> <p>7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.</p> <p>8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.</p> <p>9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drinking parties can change your plans, delay your departure, get you off track. 2. The Levite spent three days partying - he was "retained." 3. When detained to party, one does not get done their normal work and responsibilities.

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Judges 19:21-28	<p>THE LEVITE AND HIS HOST</p> <p>“making their hearts merry”</p> <p>AND</p> <p>“CERTAIN SONS OF BELIAL”</p>	<p>21 So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, <u>and did eat and drink.</u></p> <p>22 <u>Now as they were making their hearts merry,</u> behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.</p> <p>23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.</p> <p>24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.</p> <p>25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.</p> <p>26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man’s house where her lord was, till it was light.</p> <p>28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drunks expose others to danger. 2. These sons of Belial gang-raped the man’s concubine. 3. Drunkenness, nakedness, immorality are often connected. 4. These drunken men were evil. Their abuse led to the death of the concubine. 5. The husband did not protect his concubine. He was not caring.

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Judges 21:19-23	THE WOMEN OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN It does not state that they were drunk.	<p>19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the Lord in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Beth-el, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.</p> <p>20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;</p> <p>21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.</p> <p>22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, that ye should be guilty.</p> <p>23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is possible the women of the tribe of Benjamin were feasting a little too much. 2. The ladies were dancing with the other ladies. There was a major shortage of men. 3. Their actions left them vulnerable and consequently they were “kidnapped” or “caught” and taken off to become the wives of the men who ambushed them. 4. Drunkenness again can lead a woman to marry the wrong man.

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Ruth 3:3-11	BOAZ It does not say that he was drunk, but that "his heart was merry"	<p>3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.</p> <p>4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.</p> <p>5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.</p> <p>6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.</p> <p>7 <u>And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry,</u> he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.</p> <p>8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.</p> <p>9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.</p> <p>10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.</p> <p>11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is an example of a man whose "heart was merry" and said and did the right things. 2. He said, "Blessed be thou of the Lord." This was a highly spiritual response. 3. He guarded her testimony and acknowledged that Ruth was a very virtuous person.

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1 Samuel 2:12-14 2:22-25	ELI'S TWO SONS HOPHNI AND PHINEHAS They are called "sons of Belial" - that usually described the lack of restraint in a number of areas - including morality and abuse of alcohol Does not say they were drunks	<p>12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.</p> <p>13 And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;</p> <p>14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.</p> <p>22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.</p> <p>23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.</p> <p>24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress.</p> <p>25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the Lord would slay them.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These two sons of the priests were self-indulgent as it relates to what they took from the offerings to eat and how they took advantage of weak women who came to worship. 2. They likely had issues with drunkenness, although this would be an argument from silence. 3. Their sinful choices will lead to their premature deaths.

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1 Samuel 25:2-3 25:36-38	NABAL	<p>2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.</p> <p>3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.</p> <p>36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.</p> <p>37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.</p> <p>38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the Lord smote Nabal, that he died.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nabal was a functioning drunk when it came to his business, but relationally he was a disaster. 2. Nabal's marriage was a mess as a result of his churlish behavior. 3. Nabal would have a heart attack and later die.

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2 Samuel 11:8-13	URIAH	<p>8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.</p> <p>9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.</p> <p>10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?</p> <p>11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.</p> <p>12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.</p> <p>13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk; and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David is a classic example here of trying to get someone drunk. Those who pressure you to get drunk, usually have a self-serving motive. 2. Even drunk, Uriah had good character and could not be coerced against his will. This is the exception, not the norm.

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2 Samuel 13:28-29	AMNON "heart is merry with wine"	<p>28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, <u>Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine,</u> and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.</p> <p>29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amnon dropped his guard when he drank and it cost him his life. 2. When drinking, not on A-game, can leave yourself very open to destruction. 3. Not guarded when drunk.
1 Kings 16:8-10	KING ELAH OVER ISRAEL	<p>8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.</p> <p>9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, <u>drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah.</u></p> <p>10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This king was drunk when he was killed. 2. Elah created a very vulnerable situation which was exploited by one of his servants, Zimri.

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1 Kings 20:16-20	BEN-HADAD, KING OF SYRIA	<p>16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.</p> <p>17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.</p> <p>18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.</p> <p>19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.</p> <p>20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ben-Hadad was celebrating a little too early. He seemed to get cockier as he drank. 2. This king's judgment was deeply clouded and compromised by his drunken state, which led to the downfall of his country.

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Esther 1:3-12	KING Ahasuerus of Persia	<p>3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:</p> <p>4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.</p> <p>5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;</p> <p>7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.</p> <p>8 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.</p> <p>9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.</p> <p>10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,</p> <p>11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on.</p> <p>12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth. and his anger burned in him.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The king was drunk and was showing off his riches. He went one step too far when he asked the Queen to do a beauty appearance before all his drunk leaders. 2. Drunk men often belittle and show disrespect for the feminine gender. 3. The drunk king then made a rash decision under the influence to complicate things. 4. The king was very proud

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Esther 5:6 Esther 5:8	KING Ahasuerus of Persia and Haman	<p>6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.</p> <p>8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Haman wanted to have a banquet to cause the king to drop his guard for his request. 2. Alcohol can pervert the judgment of anyone. The consequences are great with kings.
Esther 7:2 Esther 7:7 Esther 7:8	King of Persia	<p>2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? And it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom.</p> <p>7 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.</p> <p>8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.</p>	

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Daniel 5:1	Belshazzar the King of Babylon	<p>5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.</p> <p>2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.</p> <p>3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.</p> <p>4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.</p> <p>5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Another example of a king throwing a big party. 2. In his drunken state he made the wrong choice to use the Jews sacred vessels to drink wine and to praise the gods. 3. This is another time a king's judgment was perverted by alcohol. 4. This night would turn into fear for the king.

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Matthew 14:3-8	HEROD	<p>3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.</p> <p>4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.</p> <p>5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.</p> <p>6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.</p> <p>7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.</p> <p>8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Another pagan king throwing a big party, talking big and making stupid promises while drunk. 2. This night the king's drunkenness would cost the life of the last OT prophet. 3. This was a birthday party that got out of control. 4. There is no mention of alcohol, but hard to imagine not in play!