



Endnotes for *How Belshazzar Was Deleted from History and Who Did It*

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Notes

¹ Edgar J. Banks, “A Nebuchadnezzar Cylinder,” *Open Court* 29, no. 12 (December 1915); Raymond Philip Dougherty, *Nabonidus and Belshazzar: A Study of the Closing Events of the Neo-Babylonian Empire*, Yale Oriental Series, Researches 15 (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1929), 194 n. 642.

² Andrew E. Steinmann, *Daniel*, Concordia Commentary (St. Louis: Concordia, 2008), 261–62.

³ J. Paul Tanner, *Daniel*, Evangelical Exegetical Commentary, ed. H. Wayne House and William D. Barrick (Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020), 337 n. 475.

⁴ Otto Zöckler, *The Book of the Prophet Daniel, Theologically and Homiletically Expounded*, trans. James Strong, in *Commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Critical, Doctrinal and Homiletical*, vol. 7, *Ezekiel, Daniel and the Minor Prophets* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1960), 34.

⁵ Verse Account of Nabonidus, from James B. Pritchard, ed., *Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament*, third edition with supplement (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1969), 313b (final brackets original). Hereafter *ANET*.

⁶ Steinmann, *Daniel*, 260.

⁷ Carol A. Newsom with Brennan W. Breed, *Daniel: A Commentary*, The Old Testament Library (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014), 163.

⁸ Paul-Alain Beaulieu, *The Reign of Nabonidus, King of Babylon 556–539 B.C.*, Yale Near Eastern Researches 10 (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1989), 80.

⁹ Zöckler, *Book of the Prophet Daniel*, 33 (Note 3). I myself mistakenly held this view that the first Labynetus was Nebuchadnezzar II; see Rodger C. Young, “Xenophon’s Cyaxares: Uncle of Cyrus, Friend of Daniel,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 64, no. 2 (2021): 276, <http://www.rcyoung.org/articles/Cyaxares.html>, where I wrote, “Neither does Herodotus have any mention of Belshazzar.” Although Herodotus does not mention the name *Belshazzar*, the proper understanding of *Histories* 1.188, as expounded by Dougherty (see below), shows that Belshazzar is referred to there under the name *Labynetus* (II).

¹⁰ Dougherty, *Nabonidus and Belshazzar*, 34–37.

¹¹ Jamie Stokes, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Peoples of Africa and the Middle East* (New York: Facts On File, 2009), 380; D. P. Erdbrink, review of *Türken, Kurden und Iraner seit dem Altertum*, by Egon von Eickstedt, *Central Asiatic Journal* 12, no. 1 (1968): 64–65; A. M. Prokhorov, “Guti,” in *Great Soviet Encyclopedia*, 31 vols. (New York: Macmillan, 1973), 7:498.

¹² John J. Collins, *Daniel: A Commentary on the Book of Daniel*, ed. Frank Moore Cross (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1993), 32, 33.

¹³ Dougherty, *Nabonidus and Belshazzar*, 188.

¹⁴ *ANET*, 306b.

¹⁵ For a translation of the Dream Text, see Beaulieu, *Reign of Nabonidus*, 107–108, 210–11, 214, or https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cylinders_of_Nabonidus.

¹⁶ *ANET*, 314a (all brackets original).

¹⁷ Beaulieu, *Reign of Nabonidus*, 108.

¹⁸ *ANET*, 315b, 316a.

¹⁹ Hanspeter Schaudig and Mordechai Cogan think the reference is to Nabonidus, while R. J. van der Spek and Irving Finkel interpret it as a reference to Belshazzar. Hanspeter Schaudig, “The Text of the Cyrus Cylinder,” in *Cyrus the Great: Life and Lore*, ed. M. Rahim Shayegan, Ilex Foundation Series 21 (Boston: Ilex Foundation, 2018), 21; Mordechai Cogan, “Achaemenid Inscriptions: Cyrus; Cyrus Cylinder (2.124)” in *The Context of Scripture*, ed. William W. Hallo and K. Lawson Younger Jr., vol. 2, *Monumental Inscriptions from the Biblical World* (Leiden: Brill, 2003), 315; R. J. van der Spek, “Cyrus the Great, Exiles, and Foreign Gods: A Comparison of Assyrian and Persian Policies on Subject Nations,” in *Extraction and Control: Studies in Honor of Matthew W. Stolper*, ed. Michael Kozuh et al., *Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization* 68 (Chicago: Oriental Institute of the

University of Chicago, 2014), 252; Irving Finkel, “The Cyrus Cylinder: The Babylonian Perspective,” in *The Cyrus Cylinder: The King of Persia’s Proclamation from Ancient Babylon*, ed. Irving Finkel (New York: I.B. Tauris, 2013), 4.

²⁰ Steven D. Anderson, *Darius the Mede: A Reappraisal* (PhD diss., Dallas Theological Seminary, 2014). The dissertation was expanded by Anderson into a self-published book that is available at Amazon.com and also at Anderson’s Academia.edu page, <https://independent.academia.edu/StevenAnderson10>.

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