

in living characters in the history of God's kingdom.

Another historical reference showing that forgetfulness of God is the primary cause of crime, is authoritatively set forth in Daniel's explanatory judgment upon Belshazzar's conduct and life. Not until Belshazzar had sent for the sacred vessels of gold to drink wine from, did the handwriting appear upon the wall. The vindication of God's judgment upon him for his audacious presumption is expressed in the majestic utterance of Daniel, in the words, "O thou King, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar, Thy father, a kingdom and majesty and glory and honor ; and for the majesty that He gave him, all people, nations and languages trembled and feared before him : whom he would he slew ; and whom he would he kept alive ; and whom he would he set up ; and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and