

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
 Current Book: Daniel – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: Daniel 10:1-21 – Daniel sees a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ!**

Today’s Message:  
**“Seeing Jesus”**



**INTRODUCTION**

Last week, we were amazed at **the precision** of God’s prophecies. The “*Seventieth Week*” of Daniel’s prophecy is the most documented period in the Bible. Today, as we celebrate God’s faithfulness and our 10<sup>th</sup> church anniversary, it seems fitting that Jesus Christ should be the **CENTER** of attention. Would you believe that is exactly what happens in Daniel 10! This is how good our God has been to us. As we have journeyed verse by verse through the Bible, God has always been in charge. Daniel got to **SEE** Jesus Christ. It sure will be *worth it all* when WE see Him! This is God’s message to you...

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**A. The Text Daniel 10:1-21**

**#1. The Praying Prophet – as God revealed truth, Daniel PRAYED earnestly.**

**IN THOSE DAYS I DANIEL WAS MOURNING THREE FULL WEEKS**

- ✓ In **the third year** of Cyrus king of Persia, Daniel saw another **VISION** from God.
  - In **10:1**, we find Daniel still in Persia and NOT in Jerusalem or his homeland.
  - In **Ezra 1:1-4**, Cyrus made a proclamation for the Jews to go home!
    - The **sum** of the returnees in **Ezra 2:64** was **42,360** + servants and maids.
    - The **majority** of priests, leaders, people preferred their Babylonian homes.
    - The **adversaries** of God **troubled** the rebuilding of the TEMPLE... **15 years!**
- ✓ Daniel was GRIEVED and SERIOUS; he chose to **FAST** and PRAY for *3 full weeks!*
  - In **9:3**, we saw that Daniel set his face unto the Lord to PRAY and FAST.
  - In **10:12**, the messenger said he chose to “**CHASTEN** thyself before thy God.”
    - In **Lev 16:29-31**, God said, “Ye shall **afflict** your souls” and rest as He said.
    - In **Psalm 69:10**, David said, “I wept, and **chastened** my soul with fasting.”
    - In **Isaiah 58**, God called out those who were fasting for SELFISH MOTIVES.

**Ezra 1:1**  
 Now in **the first year of Cyrus king of Persia...** the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus... that **he made a proclamation...**

**Isaiah 58:9**  
 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.

**Important Questions**  
 What is God leading YOU to do for Him?  
 Be more faithful?  
 Pray more earnestly?  
 Rescue the perishing?  
 Make disciples?  
 Be a pastor?  
 Be a missionary?  
 Teach the children?  
 Care for more souls?

What grieves you about the USA right now? The rejection of God and truth?  
 What about the world that we live in and its spiraling decline into depravity?  
 What about the state of God’s Church? or millions of souls about to go to hell?

**2023 VISION: Hold the Fort!**  
 Making disciples and caring for souls!

**#2. The Lord of Glory – Daniel got to SEE the *pre-incarnate* Lord Jesus Christ!**



**THEN I LIFTED UP MINE EYES, AND LOOKED... BEHOLD A CERTAIN MAN**

- ✓ As Daniel was beside the great river (*Tigris*), he lifted up his eyes and saw Jesus!
  - In **10:4**, Daniel was on the side of a river that flows primarily in **IRAQ** today!
    - *Operation Iraqi Freedom* began **March 20, 2003**... the **same** geographic area.
  - In **10:5-6**, he saw the **SAME** MAN that John saw in **Revelation 1:12-18!**

<u>Daniel 10:5-6</u>	<u>Revelation 1:12-18</u>
A certain man	One like unto the Son of man
CLOTHED in linen	CLOTHED with a <b>garment</b> down to the foot
Loins were girded with <b>fine gold</b> of Uphaz	Girt about the paps with a <b>golden girdle</b>
His BODY also was like the <b>beryl</b>	NO direct comparison – what represents His body??
His FACE as the appearance of <b>lightning</b>	His HEAD and his HAIRS were white like <b>wool</b>
His EYES as lamps of <b>fire</b>	His EYES were as a flame of <b>fire</b>
His ARMS and his FEET like in colour to <b>polished brass</b>	His FEET like unto <b>fine brass</b> , as if they burned in a furnace
The VOICE of his words like the voice of <b>a multitude</b>	His VOICE as the sound of <b>many waters</b>

**Isaiah 6::5**  
 Then said I, **Woe is ME!**  
 for I am **UNDONE**; because  
 I am a man of unclean lips...

**Revelation 1:17**  
 And when I saw him,  
 I fell at his feet **AS DEAD**.  
 And he laid his right hand  
 upon me, saying unto me,  
 Fear not; I am the first  
 and the last...

- In **10:7**, he said he ALONE saw the vision... **a great quaking fell** on the others!
- In **10:8**, he was left ALONE and saw this GREAT VISION...
  - There remained **no strength** in me... I retained **no strength**... **(Repeated!)**
  - My comeliness was turned in me **into corruption**.
- In **10:9**, he heard the VOICE OF HIS WORDS... he was face-first *on the ground!*
- In **Joshua 5:14**, Joshua SAW Jesus and *fell on his face to the earth* – WORSHIP!
- In **Acts 9:4-6**, Saul SAW Jesus and *fell to the earth* astonished and TREMBLING!
- In **Revelation 1:17**, John, *the beloved*, saw Jesus and *fell at His feet* as **DEAD!**
  - What will it be like when YOU **see** Jesus Christ? *Much different for saved and lost!*

**#3. The Spiritual Warfare – a messenger spoke of an UNSEEN spiritual battle.**

**BUT the PRINCE of the kingdom of Persia WITHSTOOD ME**

**Ephesians 6:12**  
 For we **WRESTLE**  
 not against flesh  
 and blood...

**Ezra 4:4**  
 Then *the people of*  
 the land **weakened**  
 the hands of the  
 people of Judah, and  
 TROUBLED THEM  
 IN BUILDING...

- ✓ A heavenly messenger was **hindered by spiritual warfare** in the UNSEEN WORLD.
  - In **10:10-21**, Daniel was told behind *earthly* powers were **evil spiritual POWERS**.
    - In **Col 1:16**, we learn Jesus Christ **CREATED** all things... ALL of these *beings*.
    - In **Isa 14** and **Ezek 28**, we learn Satan is the **ORIGIN** of **EVIL** and *their* leader.
    - In **Eph 6:12**, we learn that **OUR ENEMY** is NOT VISIBLE – not flesh and blood.
- ✓ God dispatched His **ANGELS** to **battle** the UNSEEN ENEMY and **protect** His PEOPLE!
  - In **10:19-21**, Daniel, *the beloved*, received strength by **words of encouragement!**
    - In **Ezra 4:1-5**, we learn **SATAN** **tried** to STOP God's work and His **WORSHIP!**
    - In **Rom 8:31-39**, we learn God is **FOR US** and **NOTHING** can stop His work!

**Romans 8:38-39**  
 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.