

## IN SOVEREIGN HANDS

DANIEL: GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS GENERATION

PART 15

### THE HIDDEN CONFLICT

*Are You Ready for Battle?*

(Daniel 10:1-21; Ephesians 6:10-20)

#### INTRODUCTION:

*"In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belshazzar; and **the message was true and one of great conflict**, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision."*

—Daniel 10:1

THE NARRATIVE: THREE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT:

1A. THE LORD \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CONFLICT. (v. 2, 3, 12)

*"In those days, I, Daniel, **had been mourning for three entire weeks...**"*

—Daniel 10:2, 3

*"Then he said to me, 'Do not be afraid, Daniel, for **from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God...**'"*

—Daniel 10:12

*"But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, **and who trembles at My word.**"*

—Isaiah 66:2

2A. THE LORD \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CONFLICT. (v. 4-9)

*"On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, **I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man** dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.*

*...I heard the sound of his words; and **as soon as I heard the sound of his words**, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground."*

### 3A. THE LORD \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CONFLICT. (v. 10-21)

“...O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.”

1B. Divine Assistance is \_\_\_\_\_ in Response to Daniel's Prayer. (v. 12)

“...your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.”

2B. Divine Assistance is \_\_\_\_\_ in Response to Daniel's Prayer. (v. 13)

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me...”

3B. Divine Assistance is \_\_\_\_\_ in Response to Daniel's Prayer (v. 14-21)

1C. An Overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 14-17)

“...as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.”

2C. An Empowering \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 18-21)

“...Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength...”

### THE NEW TESTAMENT: THREE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE CONFLICT:

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”

—2 Corinthians 10:3, 4

#### • DIVINE STRENGTH IS AVAILABLE FOR THE STRUGGLE... (EPHESIANS 6:10-20)

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

1. We Need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Right \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 11, 13-17a)

“Put on the full armor of God...”

2. We Need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Right \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 17b)

“...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

3. We Need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Right \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 18-20)

“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit,....”