

Daniel 10

Inerrant Word of God

- Chapters 10,11 and 12 are One Vision and Daniels last vision: **Israel's immediate and latter future**
- **Key Verse:**

Daniel 10:14 [Angel Gabriel to Daniel] ...I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."

- Curtain to Spiritual realm pulled back

Ephesians 6:12 ...we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

I. Vision of the Jesus at River

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar.

- Daniel named Belteshazzar by Nebuchadnezzar's Officer in Ch. 1
- From Hebrew to Babylonian:
 1. **Daniel:** God is my Judge
 2. **Belteshazzar:** Bel's prince
- Third year of Cyrus king of Persia: **534B.C.**
 1. 4 yrs. after Vision of 70 weeks Ch. 9
 2. Daniel old/retired from public office [80-90yrs]
 3. Daniel still in Babylon under Persia
 - **Greek Empire next:** Alexander the Great [Daniel will not see]

By this time Daniel's Prayer answered God's Promise fulfilled: Ezra Ch.'s. 1 and 2

- Jewish captives set free
- Plans for restoration of Jerusalem/Temple have begun

1b The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

- Following Message:
 1. **True:** It will definitely happen
 2. **Appointed Time was long:** It will happen in the distant future
- **"He understood the message"** Daniel did not *guess* at the interpretation

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

- Mourned/Prayed 3 Full weeks:
 1. No food
 2. No bath
 3. No deodorant

- **Why did Daniel mourn?**

1. 2 years since Cyrus permitted Jews to leave and rebuild Jerusalem/Temple
2. Few Jews trickled into Jerusalem to start rebuilding
3. Unenthusiastic remembering the glory of Solomon's temple
4. God calls them out...

Zechariah 4:10 ...who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth." [My Holy Spirit rejoices over the new temple]

- After fasting and seeking God Daniel receives the vision:

4 Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris, 5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

- **Daniel's vision at the bank of Tigris River on 24th day of the month** [April 24th]
- Looked up and saw a "Certain man" clothed in linen: Description...
 1. Belt of Gold
 2. Body like beryl
 3. Face like lightning
 4. Eyes like fire
 5. Arms/Feet like bronze
 6. Voice like the voice of multitude of people

Revelation 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

- **Daniel sees vision of Jesus:**

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

- Daniel sees. Companions did not...
 1. Terror fell upon them
 2. Felt "something in the air" Something going on
 3. Took off; i.e. fled to hide themselves

Jesus revealed to Daniel. Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to whom He chooses:

Acts 9:7 [Road to Damascus Saul saw/heard Jesus] ...the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

- Only Paul was able to see Jesus

Only Daniel saw, heard, and understood the vision/voice of Jesus

8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.

- **All alone with Jesus**
 1. What vigor he had turned to frailty
 2. Strength left his body
 3. Undone...after seeing God...

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for **I am undone!** Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

- Vigor turned to Frailty

"The word suggests a death-like paleness, combined with a grotesque wrenching of facial features." [Wood]

9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

- Daniel listens to the "**sound of his words**"
- Daniel falls on his face to the ground

SUMMARY: Vision of Jesus at the River. Daniel sees a vision of "post-incarnate" Jesus and loses all strength.

- God sends an angel to revive Daniel...

II. Spiritual Warfare: Veil Lifted

10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

- **Angel's touches Daniel**, Jumps onto his knees and palms of hands trembling
- Most likely Gabriel:

11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, **man greatly beloved**, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

- **Daniel a “man greatly beloved” by God**

A sense of divine love will also strengthen us. What is there that a man cannot do when he is in love... but when he gets to be in love with God, and knows of a certainty that he is greatly beloved of God, he would cut his way through a lane of devils, he would face an army of angels, and defeat them all; for love is a conquering grace. When faith is side by side with love, it—"Laughs at impossibilities, And says, 'It shall be done;'" and love goes and does it; for there is **nothing which the love of God will not enable us to do.** [Spurgeon]

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! [Calling “Abba father”]

I know of no greater blessing that can happen to any man and woman here, than to be assured by the Spirit of God that they are greatly beloved of the Lord." [Spurgeon]

- Daniel greatly beloved

Love based on the fact that God is love and He loves us for who we are not what we do

- **Understand and Stand:** Daniel pops upright and shaking

12 Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

- **Do not fear.** I was sent because you asked. How did he ask?
 1. Daniel **set heart to understand**
 2. Daniel **humbled himself** before “his God”

I left heaven because of your words... 3 weeks ago

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days

- I left 21 days ago but was blocked:

Duking it out with the “prince of the kingdom of Persia” for 3 weeks

- Obviously not the Physical Prince of Persia; i.e. Daniels boss
- **Spiritual Battle:**
 1. Gabriel fought the demon given charge over the territory of Persia
 2. Speaks of a Spiritual hierarchy in the demonic realm:
 - Privates
 - Lieutenants
 - Generals
 - Commander and chief
- Spiritual battle fought with Spiritual Weapons and won with Spirit led Strategies
- **Why do demons fight?**

III. The Why of Warfare: Why Demons Fight

Demonic realm wants to prevent the Word of God from coming to men...saving souls!

2 Corinthians 10:4 ... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for **pulling down strongholds**, **5 casting down arguments** and **every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God**, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

- **Gates of hell consist of these materials:**
 1. **Strongholds** that need to be pulled down
 2. **Arguments** that need to be cast down
 3. **Arrogance against the knowing God** that needs to be captured

- **Strongholds, Arguments, Arrogant Opposition to Knowledge of God:**
 1. Spiritual **Strongholds** manifested in Physical realm: **Religion**
 2. Spiritual **Arguments** manifested in the Physical realm: **Education**
 3. Spiritual **Arrogance** manifested in the Physical realm: **Humanism**

- **All by Design:** System/Schema/Structure behind the scenes:
 1. Upper managed from the Spiritual realm: Satan
 2. Delegated to lower management: Demons
 3. "Worked out" here on earth through ungodly...
 - Media
 - Religion
 - Psychology
 - Professors
 - Entertainment
 - **Everyday people and...**

World Governments to keep mankind from the truth found in God's Word leading to the knowledge of God and His plan

- Gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church as we stand on the Word of God

Ephesians 6:10 ... my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and **for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly** to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; **that in it I may speak boldly**, as I ought to speak.

- **Context of Ephesians 6:10-20:**
 1. People are being by Satan

2. Used to strong-arm, Bully, Intimidate Paul from speaking the Word

What does it feel like to be bullied by demons?

- The Oppression/Opposition you feel when sharing the Gospel
- The hazy cloudy feeling when you are defending the faith on your porch
- The countless suggestions that come to mind to do anything but read your Bible

Why do demons fight? To stop God's Word from saving souls from hell

**Demonic realm wanted to shut Paul up from speaking the Word of God
Demon wanted to stop Gabriel from bringing the Word of God to Daniel!**

- **Unseen Spiritual Realm:** God is protecting His people using Angels to do it!

2 Kings 6:

- King of Syria planning an attack on Israel
- Elisha the Prophet warns the King of Israel of coming secret attack before it happens
- King of Syria asks his servants "who is 'the mole'" ; i.e. spy

2 Kings 6:12 "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."**...14** Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. **15** And when the servant of the man of God [Elisha] arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"**16** So [Elisha] answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." **17** And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. **18** So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

- Lots of action/drama all around us!
- **Gabriel:** "I wanted to be there sooner Daniel but..."

13... the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days

- What if Daniel stopped praying after 20 days?
- Knowing the battle...be persistent:
 1. Ask and keep asking
 2. Seek and keep seeking
 3. Knock and keep knocking

Persistence in prayer is not necessary because God's reluctance needs to be overcome. It is necessary to train us. Daniel success makes us reflect on our failures. How much angelic assistance or insight has never been realized, or greatly delayed, because of a lack of persistence in prayer? [Guzic]

13a ...and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

- **Gabriel calls in reinforcements:** Arch Angel Michael
- Michael also fights evil in Rev 12 and Jude 9

14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”

Key: “I have come to tell you what will happen to *your people Israel* in the latter days”

15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. 16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me...”

- **Turned my face to the ground...**
 1. Could not speak
 2. One with “Likeness of the sons of men” touched my lips. Gabriel
 3. I was then able to speak...barely

16b [I said to him]...who stood before me, “My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

- Sorrow caused by the Vision: Lit. Twisting/Writhing in pain

17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.”

- No strength/No breath left in me!

18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.

- One with “likeness of a man” touched me/strengthened me. Gabriel

19 And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!”

- **Encouragement:**
 1. You are greatly beloved
 2. Fear not
 3. Peace be given to you
 4. Be strong...yes...be strong!

19b So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

- Strengthened by the angels words Daniel says “Okay...give me the message”

20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed

the prince of Greece will come.

- Before giving you the message I must finish fighting the prince of Persia
- Next fight will be with demon controlling the government of Greece

2 Corinthians 4:3 ...even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

A Satanically controlled world system is trying desperately to stop the proclamation of the Word of God... It will fail.

21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.)

- **Gabriel to Daniel:** When I come back...

I will bring to you the Scripture of Truth; i.e. the Word of God.

- You are greatly beloved
- Fear not
- Peace be given to you
- Be strong...yes...be strong!

Our Strength comes from God's Word...the Scripture of Truth

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."