

# DANIEL

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# THE COSMIC CURTAIN PULLED BACK

DANIEL 10:1-11:1



*“If once the curtain were pulled back and the spiritual world behind it came to view, it would expose to our spiritual vision a struggle so intense, so convulsive, sweeping everything within its range, that the fiercest battle ever fought on earth would seem, by comparison, a mere game. Not here, but up there—that is where the real conflict is waged. Our earthly struggle drowns in its backlash.”*

**ABRAHAM KUYPER**





# DANIEL 10:1-10

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision. In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth,



# **DANIEL 10:1-10** (CONT)

...nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of...



# **DANIEL 10:1-10** (CONT)

...lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.



# **DANIEL 10:1-10** (CONT)

So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.





# **DANIEL 10:1-10** (CONT)

And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.





# DANIEL 10:5-6

I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.



# THE IDENTITY OF THE MAN



# REVELATION 1:13-15

...and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.





THE MESSAGE OF

THE MAN



# FOUR MESSAGES

**MESSAGE #1:** "You are loved!"





# DANIEL 10:11

“O Daniel, man greatly loved...”



# FOUR MESSAGES

**MESSAGE #1:** "You are loved!"



# FOUR MESSAGES

**MESSAGE #1:** "You are loved!"

**MESSAGE #2:** "You are not alone!"



*“We are born helpless. As soon as we are fully conscious we discover loneliness. We need others physically, emotionally, intellectually; we need them if we are to know anything, even ourselves.”*

**C. S. LEWIS**

*The Four Loves*



*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our heart is restless until it finds its  
rest in you.”*

**AUGUSTINE**  
*Confessions*



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# FOUR MESSAGES

**MESSAGE #1:** "You are loved!"

**MESSAGE #2:** "You are not alone!"

**MESSAGE #3:** "There is a cosmic struggle into which you are caught up!"



# DANIEL 10:12-14

Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,





# **DANIEL 10:12-14** (CONT)

“...for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”





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# EPHESIANS 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



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**MESSAGE #4:** "Fear not, peace be with you!"



# DANIEL 10:21

But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.



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