

ANGELS AND INTERCESSION

The Daniel Prophecies

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1. DANIEL'S VISION OF A GREAT WAR—10:1

- **Daniel 10:1 (NIV)** In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.

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2. DANIEL MOURNS & FASTS FOR 3 WEEKS—10:2-3

- **Daniel 10:2-3 (NIV)** (2) At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. (3) I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

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Purposes For Fasting:

- *For discipline / self-control*
- *To depend on God and draw from Him*
- *To focus on His guidance and help*
- *To show earnestness*
- *To express sorrow and repentance*
- *To acknowledge sin & seek mercy*

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Fasting is important and necessary for intense spiritual battles & undertakings

- *We fast to loosen the bands of wickedness, to lift heavy burdens*
- **Isa 58:6 (NIV)** "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

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What Is Daniel Doing?

- He is offering up prayers of intercession for his people
- Daniel is troubled by their lukewarm hearts
- Too many people who don't want to leave Babylon

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Intercession Is An Element Of Spiritual Warfare

- It is Marching into enemy territory; taking ground from the enemy
- It is standing **before God** on behalf of the person we are praying for
- It is standing **between the enemy** and that person (as a buffer)
- Intercessory prayer is vital to the success of this battle we are in

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3. DANIEL'S VISION OF CHRIST —10:4-7

- **Daniel 10:4-7 (NIV)** (4) On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, (5) I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. (6) His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. (7) I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; the men with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves.

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Revelation at times ***results in isolation*** but often ***requires isolation***.

-- *Jon Courson*

Q. What Is The Revelation That Daniel Received?

A. The Revelation Of Christ

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4. THE IMPACT OF THE VISION—10:8-9

- **Daniel 10:8-9 (NIV)** (8) So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. (9) Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

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5. A MESSENGER ANGEL COMFORTS DANIEL—10:10-12

- **Daniel 10:10-12 (NIV)** (10) A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. (11) He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. (12) Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

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The Message To Daniel Is Very Clear: “Don’t Be Afraid Daniel”

- The prayer that Daniel offered (3 weeks ago) has been heard!
- **The Answer That God Has Will Come -- But It May Take A While**
- Sometimes the hardest thing to learn -- is to wait
- “Lord, teach us to wait”

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Those That Wait:

- ***Receive What Has Been Promised -- Hebrews 10:35-36***
- ***Are Heard -- Psalm 40:1***
- ***Are Blessed -- Isaiah 30:18***
- ***Experience His Goodness -- Lamentations 3:25***
- ***Will Not Be Ashamed -- Psalm 25:3***
- ***Will Be Delivered -- Proverbs 20:22***
- ***Will Rejoice In Salvation -- Isaiah 25:9***
- ***Will See God Act On Their Behalf -- Isaiah 64:4***

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These Are Times For God's People To Wait On God And Continue In Prayer Until Something Happens

- “His delays are not denials!”
- God has heard you --The battle ensues -- His answer is on the way
- God always comes through when the time has fully come

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6. THE RESISTANCE IN THE HEAVENS & MICHAEL'S HELP—10:13

- **Daniel 10:13 (NIV)** But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.
- The angel explains to Daniel the reason for the delay
- The explanation reveals the spiritual conflict in the spiritual realm

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Paul Admonishes Us To Prepare For Spiritual Battle

(Eph 6:12; Rom 8:38-39)

- *This Battle Effect your Personal Life*
- *This Battle Effects Your Family*
- *This Battle Effects Church Life*
- *This Battle Effects Culture*

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The Location Of The Battle:

- **The Spiritual Realm >>> The Heavenly Places**

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This Battle Is For Glory:

- *The issue is: **Who Is Going To Get The Glory In The Universe?***
- ***Who Is Going To Be Worshiped?***
- Satan said to God, “You cannot have all the glory in creation. I want some of the glory for myself.”
- God’s response was, “My glory I will not give to another.” (Is. 48:11)
- **“Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”** (1Cor 10:31)

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What is Satan's battle strategy in spiritual warfare?

- He is out to deceive us, to trick us into buying his lies and temptations
- **Ephesians 6:12–13 (NIV)** — 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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7. THE MESSAGE THAT STRENGTHENS DANIEL—10:14-21

- **Daniel 10:14-19 (NIV)** (14) Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come." (15) While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. (16) Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I am helpless. (17) How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe." (18) Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. (19) "Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

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Daniel 10:20-21 (NIV) So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; (21) but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince).

- The angel explained to Daniel what would happen to the Jewish people in the future.
- This revelation could be the main reason for the Satanic resistance:
>> *Satan always attempts to thwart the plans & promises of God*

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Instruction and Insight for Daniel:

- 1. Be very strong**
- 2. “I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth”**
- 3. God has it all in control**

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About Angels: The Hebrew word means “messenger.”

- Angels are “heavenly beings” -- direct creations of God
- They are of different orders and type
- Angels guard God’s people & execute divine judgments

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Daniel 10 Makes it Clear That:

- (1) angels and demons exist,
- (2) angels and demons engage one another in spiritual combat,
- (3) certain demons, and probably certain angels, are given particular geographical and governmental assignments, and
- (4) our prayers in some genuine measure enter into and affect the battles being fought.

- [Akin, D. L. \(2017\). Exalting Jesus in Daniel \(p. 131\). Holman Reference.](#)

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Waiting On The Lord Is Difficult When Everything Is Shaky

- *Yet, there is a promise and a place to go –*
- *A way to survive and thrive in the time of shaking*

- *For those who hold on – there is a promise*
- *For those who persevere – there is a promise*

- ***There is a kingdom that cannot be shaken***

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- **These Are Times To Pray & Press Ahead**
- Everything Happens In God's Time, Not Our Own
- Waiting On Him Is The Most Powerful And Best Place To Be

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When We Pray -- Things Happen In The Spiritual Realm

- 1. Delay does not mean Denial
- 2. Delay does not mean Defeat

- Those who are with us, are much greater than those against us

- ***Satan Is Defeated In All Of His Methods And Tactics By The Power Of The Lord God Almighty!***