



The Book of Daniel

Chapter 10

“War In The Heavens!”

Go for God!

> **PREPARE FOR BATTLE (3 Training disciplines):**

> **Training discipline #1 – BE COMMITTED! (Prayer & Fasting)**

(v1-9)

> **Training discipline #2 – PREPARE FOR CONFLICT! (Angelic wars)**

(v10-14)

> **Training discipline #3 – BE OF GOOD COURAGE! (v15-21)**

> **Training discipline #1 – BE COMMITTED! (Prayer & Fasting) (v1-9)**

(v1) It is four years after the vision of the *70 weeks*. (Daniel prayed & fasted for 21 days.) Daniel is close to 90 years old. The date is 534 B.C.

(v5-6) Daniel sees an appearance of Christ in the Old Testament.

2 Cor 10:3-4- **For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.**

(v7-9) Daniel was left alone; this is similar to Paul’s conversion in Acts 9:7-8.

> **Training discipline #2 – PREPARE FOR CONFLICT! (Angelic wars) (v10-14)**

(v10-12) Daniel’s Prayer & Fasting was for two reasons:

(1) To have an *understanding heart*.

(2) To *humble his life* before God.

(v13) **Angels, who are they?**

- ANGELS - A member of an order of heavenly beings who are superior to man in power and intelligence. By nature angels are spiritual beings (Heb 1:14). Their nature is superior to human nature (Heb 2:7), and they have superhuman power and knowledge (2 Sam 14:17,20; 2 Peter 2:11). They are not, however, all-powerful and all-knowing (Ps 103:20; 2 Thess 1:7).

The Relation of Angels. Angels were created by God (Ps 148:2,5) and were present to rejoice when He created the world (Job 38:4-7). In their original state they were holy, but before the creation of the world some of them rebelled against God and lost this exalted position. The leading angel in this revolt became the devil, also known as SATAN (Gen 3:4,14; Ezek 28:12-16; Rev 12:4,7-9). Another of the fallen angels is named Abaddon or Apollyon (Rev 9:11), "the angel of the bottomless pit".

Two of the vast company of unfallen angels are named in the Bible. They are the archangels Michael (Dan 10:13,21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev 12:7) and Gabriel (Dan 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19,26). Michael has the special task of caring for Israel, and Gabriel communicates special messages to God's servants.

The vast army of unfallen angels delight in praising the name of the Lord continually (Ps 103:21; 148:1-2). Large numbers of them remain at God's side, ready to do His every command (1 Kings 22:19). Angels in God's presence include the cherubim, seraphim, and living creatures (or living beings) (Ex 25:20; Isa 6:2; Ezek 1:5-6; Rev 4:6).

The Relation of Angels to Man. When visible to human beings, angels consistently appear in human form (Gen 18:2; Dan 10:18; Zech 2:1). Sometimes, however, their appearance inspires awe (Judg 13:6; Matt 28:3-4; Luke 24:4).

Although they are not the objects of salvation, angels are interested in the salvation of human beings (Luke 15:10; 1 Cor 4:9). They also were particularly active in the events surrounding the birth and resurrection of Jesus (Matt 1:20; 2:13,19; 28:2; Luke 1:11-38; 2:9-15; 22:43; 24:23; John 20:12). The frequency with which angels participate in human affairs has diminished since Pentecost, probably because of the larger role played by the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians since then.

Jesus spoke frequently of angels, both good and bad (Matt 13:41; 26:53; Mark 8:38; Luke 12:8-9). Angels are quite real, and they play a vital part in God's plan for the world. (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

- Angelic warfare - Jude 9-10- *Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"*

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- Our Christian Battle! - Ephesians 6:10-20 - *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and*

supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints — 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, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

~ *New Testament Warfare:*

- Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus vs. Satan);

- Mark 9:14-29 (Disciples vs. Demons);

- Revelation 12:7-12 (War in Heaven!).

- New Testament attacks- 2 Corinthians 11:3,4, 13-15; 2 Timothy 4:3,4.

(v14) The three-fold purpose of the vision:

(1) *To understand what will happen to your people (Israel);*

(2) *When? In the “latter days” the 70th week, the tribulation period;*

(3) *Many days yet to come – Meaning down the road human history, to our day!*

> *Training discipline #3 – BE OF GOOD COURAGE! (v15-21)*

(v15-18) *God will STRENGTHEN you! (John Ch. 17- The victorious prayer of Jesus!)*

(v19) *“Peace to you” - John 14:28- Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

John 16:33- These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

(v20) The angelic “FIGHT” continues!

(v21) *Scripture of Truth! - John 8:31-32- Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

John 16:13-15- However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.