

I. Intro

A. Text: **Dan. 10:10-14**

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B. The Vision (Ch. 9)

1. 7 weeks + 62 weeks (69 weeks) = 483 yrs.
 - a. Then the prophetic clock will be suspended.
 - b. Messiah will be cut off.
2. 1 Week (70th) = 7 years of covenant with Antichrist.
 - a. Middle of the 70th Week = Abomination that causes desolation.
3. Daniel is struggling with these visions.
 - a. He finds himself emotionally torn by what he sees.
 - b. The wickedness that he sees toward the people of God makes Daniel's body sick.
4. The sight of this Little Horn (the one who's abomination causes desolation) captures Daniel's attention and won't let it go.

II. Daniel is a Type and Shadow of the Church

- A. Daniel was an exile in a foreign land, serving as an intermediary between his temporary location and his true home.
 - 1. Daniel's affections/passions were for his true home.
- B. God chose to speak to/through Daniel in the midst of a rebellious, wicked nation around him.
 - 1. This partnership was somehow connected to Daniel's prayer life.
- C. Daniel had long established a custom and reputation of prayer and fasted lifestyle.
 - 1. **Ch. 1**: Daniel (and his 3 friends) refused to partake of the allowable pleasures associated with the King's table.
 - 2. **Ch. 6**: Daniel's enemies levied an accusation against Daniel related to prayer.
 - a. His reputation/custom was of consistent/continual prayer.
 - 3. **Ch. 9**: Daniel set his face to confess his own sin and the sin of his people.
 - a. Daniel was considering the scriptures concerning the captivity, written by Jeremiah, the prophet.

²in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. ³Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. (Dan. 9:2)

- b. Prayed fervently (based on God's own words).

¹⁰"For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for

evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (Jer. 29:10-13)

c. Confession

d. Petitions

4. While in the middle of this prayer, Gabriel was dispatched to Daniel with a vision of what's to come.

²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, ²¹ while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. (Dan. 9:20-21)

D. Daniel 10:1-21: 2 years after the vision of Ch. 9, Daniel received another vision about the end.

¹In 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. (Dan. 10:1)

1. This vision that's mentioned in **10:1** is detailed in Ch.'s **11 – 12**.

2. **Daniel Ch. 10:2-21** details how Daniel received this final recorded vision and how he obtained understanding.

III. Chapter 10 Considerations

A. Fasting and Prayer is the Principal Assignment (**Dan. 10:2-9**)

²In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. ³I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. (Dan. 10:2-3)

1. No pleasantries (NKJ)

a. No enjoyable amenities.

- b. Fully immersed in prayers of intercession.
- 2. By now, the children of Israel had likely been dispatched back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.
 - a. 42,000 Jews returned with Zerubbabel to Jerusalem to repair the place of worship (temple).
 - i. Daniel wasn't one of those who returned.
 - b. Joshua the priest re-established worship on the temple mount.
 - i. But the work was hindered.
 - c. In response to the delay in what God purposed (but was delayed) in Jerusalem, Daniel took to prayer and fasting.
- 3. It was while in prayer and fasting that Daniel had this remarkable open vision that was accompanied (again) by angelic assistance.

⁴On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) ⁵I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶His 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸So 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. ⁹Then 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. (Dan. 10:4-9)

- a. In the middle of the vision, all of Daniel's strength left him. (v. 8)
- b. An angel came and strengthened Daniel.

- c. Revealed something amazing about the spirit realm that is otherwise left unaddressed in scripture.

B. Things Happen When We Pray (**Dan. 10:10-21**)

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- 1. Although we don't always see it in the natural realm, our prayers trigger activity in the spirit realm.

*¹² 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. (**Dan. 10:12**)*

- a. From the 1st day that you started praying, God heard you.
- b. From the 1st day that you started praying, angels were dispatched on your behalf.

2. Warfare is waged in response to prayer.

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- a. Angel was dispatched to make Daniel understand what would happen in the last days. (**v. 14**)
- b. Another spirit (called the Prince of Persia) was dispatched to battle with this ministering angel.
 - i. This prince was not a person, but a spirit with authority over that nation.
 - ii. Michael, in comparison, was also designated as a Prince (**v. 21**)

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- c. Michael, the one who is assigned to the nation of Israel, joined into the battle.
- d. This angel strengthened Daniel, ministered to him, reminded him that he is greatly beloved.
- e. But he had to get back to the fight.
- f. The war in the spirit is ongoing.

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- i. Return to fight with the Prince of Persia.
 - ii. Afterward, will deal with the Prince of Greece.
- 3. Spirits are territorial in their assignment/authority.
 - a. Prince of Persia, Prince of Greece, Prince of Israel.
 - b. Before we see it in the natural, something has to happen in the spiritual.
 - c. God did not dispatch angels to engage in the battle until, Daniel started his fasting and prayer.
 - i. There are some things that God has ordained and promised, that He withholds until we pray.

C. God has chosen prayer as the vehicle through which He moves His redemptive plan forward in the earth (**Trent**).

- 1. Glimpse into the partnership that God has called the church into (concerning His end time purposes).
- 2. Glimpse into the assignment
- 3. Things happen in the Spirit realm..., particularly in response to the prayers of the church.
 - a. Not prayers of selfish ambition.
 - i. But prayers that spring forth from God's own heart.
 - b. **James 4:2-3:** "...Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts.

IV. Conclusion

- A. Concern: Making this lesson contemporary without making it about the end of the age.
 - 1. This angel took a break from the war to announce the details about the end times.

²⁰ Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. (Dan. 10:20)

- a. The angel felt that the vision (the details about the end) was so important that he absolutely had to tell Daniel... so that Daniel could write it down for us!
 - i. Stopped warfare in the spirit realm to break into the natural, so that we could have these words.

- b. If the angel, saw the end-time details as so important, who am I to minimize them?
- 2. **Dan. 11:32-33:** *³²Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits [stand firm and take action]. ³³And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.*
- 3. **Dan. 12:1-3:** *"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

B. Where is the church who will partner with the purposes of God?

- 1. Declaring on earth, what He has already declared in heaven?
- 2. Ushering in a new age by saying/praying what God has already said would happen?