

DANIEL CHAPTER 10

Daniel chapters 10-12 forms the final revelation

Dan.10:1-11:1 is the introduction.

Dan.11:2-12:4 is the prophecy.

- 1) 11:2-35 the immediate future from Darius to Antiochus
- 2) 11:36-12:4 the far future end times just before Christ's return
- 3) Dan.12:5-13 a final message.

Vs. 1 Daniel has lived in captivity for about 72 years after being carried away as a youth. His Babylonian name, "Belteshazzar" is given to make clear that he is the same Daniel who was named by Nebuchadnezzar. Dan.1:7
Daniel understood this final vision and though it was describing great distress.
Daniel knew it was true. Unlike the previous visions which left Daniel with questions - Dan.8:27 - which were not fully resolved, he understood this one!

Vs. 2-3 Daniel fasted for the first 3 weeks of the first month - Dan.10:4. Passover fell on the 14th day of the first month. Two years prior to this, a remnant had returned to Jerusalem. The altar had been set up and the foundation of the temple had been laid - Ezra 3.
After that, the work had been suspended because of the opposition by the people of the land - Ezra 4:1-5,24.
No doubt Daniel had kept up with the lack of progress, thus his actions.

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Vs. 4-6 – Daniel’s vision of God.

Vs. 4 Daniel is still in Babylon. He did not return with the exiles (he is probably 85 years old and he occupies a high place in the government of Darius - Dan.6:1-3.

Vs. 5 The man Daniel sees is a theophany. He is different than the angel described in verses 10-14, as well as Michael 10:13. His appearance is very close to the Jesus described by John in Rev.1:13-15. This would also fit Jn.17:4-5.

- 1) The wearing of fine white linen as dress for heaven is quite common - Ezk.9:2-3, 11; 10:2, 6-7; the angels at the tomb of Christ - Mk.16:5; Lk.24:4; Jn.20:12; at the ascension - Acts 1:10; along with the glorified church - Rev.19:8.
- 2) His belt was embroidered with fine gold.
- 3) His entire body was like a gigantic transparent jewel.
- 4) Eyes of fire with a face of lightening - Rev.21:22-23; Ez.1:13-14.
- 5) His arms and feet - Rev.1:15.
- 6) His words radiated power - Rev.1:15.

Vs. 7-9 - The effect of the vision.

Only Daniel saw the vision - Acts 9:7; 22:9.

Though the men who were with him saw nothing, they sensed the presence and fled. Daniel became weak as a result of the vision, fell with his face to the ground, yet retained his ability to hear.

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Vs. 10-11 – Daniel’s strength is restored by an angel.

A man of high esteem – God’s love is multifaceted.

Jn.3:16 ; II Cor.5:19; I Jn.3:1-2; I Sam.13:14;

Acts 13:22; Jn.13:23; Heb.12:6.

Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. He loves the one trained by such discipline.

Vs. 12-14 - the purpose of the angel’s visit.

The battle rages on.

- 1) Behind the political and social conditions of the world, there is angelic influence - both good and evil.
- 2) The price of the kingdom of Persia is a fallen angel under the direction of Satan.
- 3) Michael the Archangel is the angelic prince who lead and protects Israel - Dan.12:1. He is powerful, yet not so much so when compared to Lucifer - Jude 9.
- 4) See Is.24:21-22; (Jer.46:25 - to punish her gods is to punish the demons that are behind them - I Cor.8:4,10 and 10:19-20).
In the latter days or the time of the end - Gen.49:1.

Vs. 15-17 Daniel’s ability to stand and receive the vision is greatly compromised by his own self awareness - Is.6:1-8.

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Vs. 18-19 For the third time, Daniel is strengthened supernaturally (as Christ was in the garden - Lk.22:43).

Vs. 20-21 The stage has been set to receive the revelation. The angel mentions the princes of both Persia and Greece. After this revelation, he will return and participate in the outworking of God's plan.

NOTE: What is inscribed in the writing of truth. There is only one Book of truth, and it is the Book written by the God of Israel!

This angelic messenger has been given great responsibility in this war that results in the outworking of God's plan for this world. Michael is the only prince who is greater than he who is involved in it.

