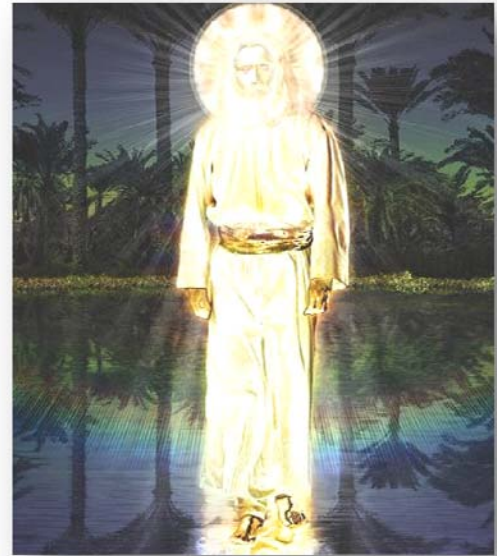


THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Chapter 10

- **This chapter is introductory to the remainder of book (ch 11 and 12), appears to be ONE vision, relates to Israel in immediate and far future. Most immediate future (at that time) prophecies already precisely fulfilled. Keep in mind DOUBLE FULFILLMENT. (near and far)**
- **Sometimes called “spooky” chapter – glimpse into spiritual world, good and evil**
- **This vision sometimes called greatest, but definitely is most unique. Fills in gaps of other visions.**



- Clear that, finally, **Daniel understands** the vision(s)
- **Daniel in mourning** – why? Perhaps over current condition of his people. Only some returned to Israel, and they are struggling. Also mourning over visions he has seen that indicate there is still much suffering ahead for his people.
- Gives careful **reference to dates** – another indicator this book is NOT late dated to 2nd century BC, but was actually written by Daniel in 6th century BC.
- **The vision** of a “certain man” – startlingly similar to John’s vision of risen Messiah in Revelation 1 – is this Jesus??? (differing opinions)

Daniel 10	Revelation 1
A “certain man”	One like the Son of Man (incarnate, human like)
Clothed in linen	Clothed with a garment down to the feet
Waist girded with gold of Uphaz	Girded about the chest with a golden band
Body like beryl (<i>possible chrysolite? Unknown stone, most likely very bright</i>)	Head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow
Face like lightning	His countenance (face) was like the sun shining in its strength
Eyes like torches of fire	Eyes like a flame of fire
Arms and feet like burnished bronze	Feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace
Sound of his words like the voice of a multitude	His voice as the sound of many waters

- Sounds like the **same person**, doesn’t it???
- **Others with Daniel did not see vision**, were terrified and ran. (similar to Paul’s vision on road to Damascus, Acts 22)
- Daniel apparently faints, but can hear (**natural response to being in the presence of God!**)
- Angel touches his lips so Daniel can speak. Much the **same as Isaiah’s experience** in Isaiah 6:6-7.
- **“Suddenly a hand touched me...”** Is this “hand” another hand, or the hand of the first one seen and described? Daniel does not identify the hand.

- Sentence structure in Hebrew supports idea of another hand, not hand of original vision. It is very likely another angel (messenger) has come to help Daniel understand. Some think it is Gabriel since he was the one sent before, but this visitor is not identified.
- Daniel called “**beloved**” again
- **Spiritual warfare** – the “*prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me 21 days*” – good and evil angels in conflict over Israel, all God’s people. Should be big clue about this one speaking now – NOT Jesus! **Jesus would never be detained, unless He Himself willed it.** He was detained on the cross, only because He loved us and willed His own death for our salvation. We need to keep that in mind!
- “**certain man**” – Jesus used this phrase often when telling parables. EVERY time the phrase “certain man” is used, it is symbolic for God. (i.e., Luke 14:16) Might be a clue here!
- **Spiritual warfare battles being raged every day – Ephesians 6.** The Name of Jesus (only God!) prepares us or equips us for these battles. Remember, the “battle belongs to God” – we are only soldiers doing His will.
- “**...the appointed time was long...**” The timing of all these visions is what Daniel had difficulty with. He could not justify visions of chapters 7 and 8 with his dream for Messiah to come to Jerusalem and God’s glory to be seen there. Daniel needs to understand that these visions will play out over a very long extended period of time. All the empires he saw will come and go throughout the history of this planet.
- **Content of message coming** (in chapters 11 and 12): concerns “your people” (Israel), accomplished in “latter days” (the 70th week), involves “many days to come” (long period of time involved in complete fulfillment).
- Daniel is **totally drained** from this experience. Not only the vision and experience itself, but the understanding of the terrible times yet to come for his people. He is full of sorrow about what he has seen so far.
- “**Prince of Persia**” and “**Prince of Greece**” – the evil (and opposing good) spiritual powers behind human governments.
- “**The Scripture of Truth**” – All God’s Word (in every form, including His Son, the Word), is the ABSOLUTE truth. The world says there is no absolute truth. Wrong. Truth is given to us to understand Him.



A LOT OF INTEREST IN ANGELS today... We know they exist, but we don’t know that much about them. We are to be aware of them and the spiritual realm in which they work, and understand their purpose, but NEVER worship or dwell on them. Check everything against God’s Word. Most of what is out there about angels is not true, exaggerated, or actually speaks of fallen angels. This is an area we are be particularly careful, since even the angels in scripture command us AGAINST worshipping them. We worship GOD only!!

▪ **COMMENTARY: “God’s Word will never fail nor be destroyed. All hell cannot discredit or derail the Word of God, regardless of what the modernists, liberals, atheists, free-thinkers, or anyone else may say about the Word of God, regardless of what they write about it, regardless of what they do to it. God has the Scripture of Truth reserved and protected in heaven, and it cannot be destroyed, discredited or prevented from its perfect completion.”**

- **Chapter and verse demarkation error-** first verse of chapter 11 actually belongs to this chapter. Last verse should read: “*But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince. Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him).*” This angel is preparing Daniel to receive the message, and making sure Daniel understands that he (the angel) has been active on the spiritual scene for some time now, influencing human government, even back to Darius.

