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Week 24

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Chapter 10

Daniel 10: 1(NASB)

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

Daniel 10: 2-3(NASB)

In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.

Daniel 10: 2-3(NLT)

When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed.



Why would Daniel be mourning?

Daniel 10: 4(NASB)

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

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Daniel 10: 5(NASB)

I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz.

Daniel 10: 6(NASB)

His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.



Who do you think Daniel is seeing?

Revelation 1: 10-16

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.

Revelation 1: 10-16 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace,

Revelation 1: 10-16 and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp twoedged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

Daniel 10: 8(NASB)

Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.



What is sinful man's response when they are in the presence of God?

Revelation 6: 15-16 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

Revelation 6: 15-16

and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

Genesis 3:8 (NASB) They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Daniel 10: 8(NASB) So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.



Who is with Daniel Now? What is happening to Daniel now?

Daniel 10: 9(NASB)

But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.



What is happening to Daniel now?

Do you remember what happened to John when he saw Christ in his vision?

Revelation 1: 17

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

Daniel 10: 10(NASB)

Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

Daniel 10: 11(NASB) He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

Daniel 10: 12(NASB)

Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.



When did God hear Daniel's prayer?

Daniel 10: 12(NASB)

Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

Daniel 10: 13(NASB)

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twentyone days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10: 13(NLT)

But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.



What do you think this is describing?

This is describing a battle in the spiritual world with a demonic being who has been assigned by satan to use Persia to work against God's people in an attempt to overthrow the plans of God.

Daniel 10: 14(NASB)

Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

Daniel 10: 15(NASB)

When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

Daniel 10: 16(NASB) And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

Daniel 10: 17(NASB)

For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me."



What do you think Daniel is describing now?

Daniel 10: 17(NASB)

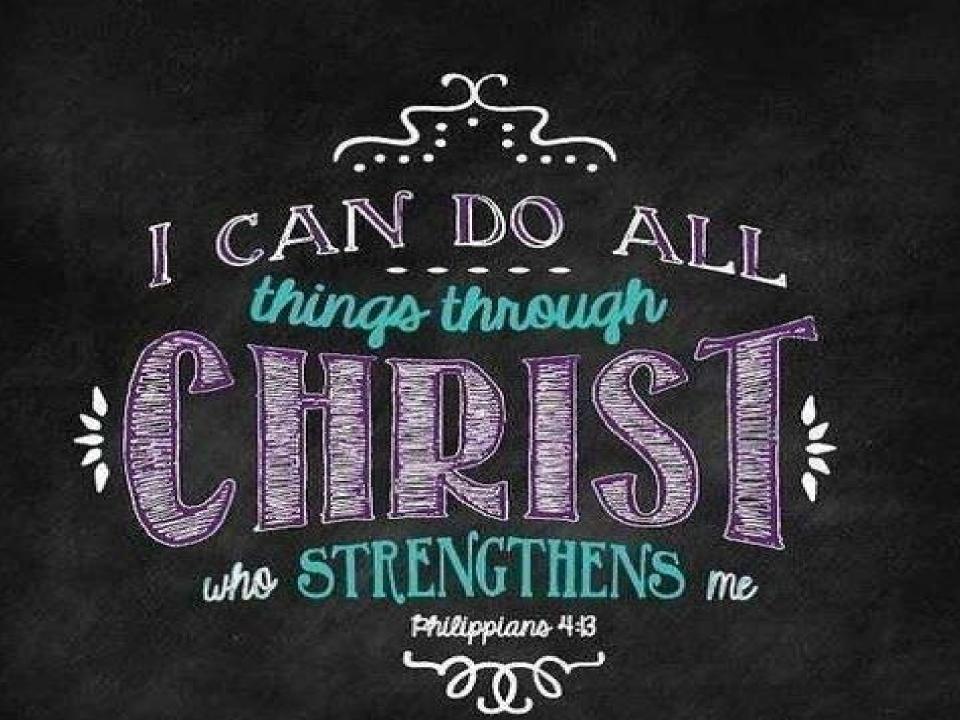
Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me.



Who strengthened Daniel?

Philippians 4: 13(NASB)

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.



Daniel 10: 18(NASB)

He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

Daniel 10: 19(NASB)

Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come.

Daniel 10: 19(NLT)

He replied, "Do you know why I have come? Soon I must return to fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia, and after that the spirit prince of the kingdom of Greece will come.

Daniel 10: 20(NASB)

but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.)



Why is this angel here?

I believe the angel is implying this:

"Daniel, you spent 21 days asking what's going to happen to your people and what I am going to tell you extends beyond this period all the way to the end of the age."

"I'm going to give you the revelation before I go, and it's true, and there's none that holds with me in these things but Michael, your prince."

Isn't it comforting to know that although satan has his angels warring against us, we have our angel, Michael, by our side!

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Chapter 11

Daniel 11: 1(NASB)

"In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him.

Daniel 10: 21-11:1(NLT) Meanwhile, I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one helps me against these spirit princes except Michael, your spirit prince). I have been standing beside Michael to support and strengthen him since the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede.

Note: The details of the prophecy found in verses 2 to 35 are so accurate and verifiable by historical documents that it is this section of Scripture that has been the cause of all the attacks on the book of Daniel.

Daniel 11: 2(NASB)

And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece.

Note: the angel picks out three who ruled just before a fourth and that fourth one was the one who led a major attack on Greece. History tells us who these kings were!

The first king of the four was a man named Cambyses who was the son of Cyrus who was king at this time.

The second, history tells us, is a man named pseudo-Smerdis. He was an impostor who looked so much like Cambyses that he claimed to be Cambyses and through all kinds of deception he got himself into the throne.

The third king was a man named Darius Hystaspes.

History tells us the fourth king was named Xerxes, but he was also known by another name, Ahasuerus. He is the king mentioned in the book of Esther. He was one of the greatest Oriental rulers of all time.

He had fabulous wealth. he commanded the largest army in the Ancient World. In fact, he commanded the largest army that we know about in ancient history. And he decided that he wanted to attack Greece, just as the angel described to Daniel.

Daniel 11: 2(NLT)

"Now then, I will reveal the truth to you. Three more Persian kings will reign, to be succeeded by a fourth, far richer than the others. He will use his wealth to stir up everyone to fight against the kingdom of Greece.