

DANIEL 10

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Introduction:

REVIEW

DANIEL 7: Dream and a Vision of the Four Beasts

Lion - Babylonian - wings

Bear - Medes-Persians - lifted up on one side; ribs

Leopard - 4 wings

Beast -

Jesus Christ approached the Ancient of Days and was given authority, glory, and sovereign power

DANIEL 8: Vision: Ram vs. He-Goat

Ram with two horns conquers the world - Medes and Persians

He-Goat comes from the East - Alexander the Great

Four horns, and a small horn (Antiochus Epiphanes) destroys, but then is destroyed

DANIEL 9: Prayer; Vision 70 'sevens' & "He will put an end to sacrifice and offering."

After 70 sevens, end to sin, anoint his Most Holy One (Jesus Christ) ends the sacrifice because of His sacrifice.

Temple of Jews is an abomination because they refuse to acknowledge Christ and is destroyed

The focus of these visions are always on Christ. The Son of Man who approaches the Ancient of Days and the Most Holy One who ends the sacrifices.

FUTURE

In this passage "a time yet to come" is about the future from Daniel to the advent of Christ. Daniel 10 is the preface to the vision in Daniel 11 of the Kings of the South and the North. Daniel 12 is the conclusion to the Daniel 11 vision.

Daniel 10:1

1. When was the revelation given to Daniel? *3rd year of Cyrus King of Persia 536 BC*
2. "called Belteshazzar" - remind everyone that he was great in the Babylonian empire under Nebuchadnezzar
3. "message was true" - unpleasant things need to be said

Daniel 10:2 & 4

4. How long did Daniel mourn? *Three weeks*
5. Why did he mourn? The Bible does not explicitly say, but below are some possible explanations
 - a. *Still concerned about the sins*
 - b. *Ezra 1:64: only 49,897 returned. Why so few?*
 - c. *Ezra 3:8: second month of the second year*
Ezra 24:24: temple not built until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia: 520 B.C.
6. KJV: Lit: Hiddekel, which is another name for the Tigris as is Phison

Daniel 10:3

7. "mourned for three weeks of days" - literal week, not a week of years
8. If the vision started on the 24th day of the first month, and he had mourned for three weeks according to vs. 3, when did he start mourning? *On the 3rd day of the 1st month*
9. According to Exodus 12:1-3, when do you begin preparing for Passover? *on the 10th day of the 1st month*
10. Look up Amos 6:4. What is Amos's criticism of the people?
11. Compare Amos's criticism to Daniel's action.
12. NIV/ESV: "meat" (KJV: "flesh") Calvin: meat = all meat and poultry and fish. Thus, he was on a bread and water diet. Thus, it is not a total fast, but a bread and water fast.
13. John Calvin: one of the main reasons for fasting is to "stimulate each other to more fervor in their prayers."
14. Denying oneself meat on Friday, but then eating lobster, shrimp, and scallops is hardly fasting.

Daniel 10:5-6

15. Linen and belt looks very much like the high priest
16. NIV: "belt of the finest gold"; KJV: "fine gold of Uphaz" ESV: "belt of fine gold from Uphaz" location of Uphaz is not known and it is mentioned only twice: here and in Jeremiah 10:9
17. NIV: "Chrysolite" is olivine - greenish mineral that is opaque - resistant to fire
KJV/ESV: "beryl"
18. Revelation 1:12-16
19. Young, NIV Study Bible, etc. believe that this is a pre-incarnate Christ.
20. But if this was a pre-incarnate Christ,
 - a. how could the devil or a demon (the prince of Persia) resisted Christ the Son of God for 21 days?
 - b. why would the arch-angel Michael help Christ? Calvin and Aalders believes it was an angel that appeared to Daniel as a man.
21. Therefore, I would contend that it is another archangel, perhaps Gabriel?

Daniel 10:7-9

22. Acts 9:3-8
23. The vision was only for Daniel, not for others, just like the Lord spoke to Paul and not the others
24. Daniel falls into a deep sleep.

Daniel 10:10-11

25. Daniel slowly stands up
 - a. vs. 9: "deep sleep"
 - b. Vs. 10: "on my hands and knees"
 - c. Vs. 11: "stood up trembling"

Daniel 10:12

Practical Application: God hears our prayers! We should be comforted because God listens to us individually. He listens to each prayer that we pray to Him, no matter how good or bad it is. How then should we pray?

Practical Application: God heard Daniel's prayers right away. "Since the first day . . . your words were heard." We can pray knowing that God is listening. We don't have to knock on His door numerous times and call out "Is anyone home?"

Practical Application: Got heard Daniel's prayer because he humbled himself before God. . We need to confess our sins in our prayers.

Practical Application: Daniel prayed to his God. He had a personal relationship with the Father and could say "My Father who art in heaven." Can you pray like that?

Practical Application: Don't despair if God does not answer right away. He may be busy helping us, although we may not recognize it.

Daniel 10:13

26. "Prince of Persia"
 - a. Calvin thinks Cyrus
 - b. Today most commentators think that the Prince of Persia thinks is an evil angel or spirit
 - 1.) The ruler of Persia is designated as king, not prince: 8:20, 10:1
 - 2.) Warfare by angels is against other angels, not men.
 - c. There are three, possibly four exceptions, to this. This is when the Angel of the Lord visited destruction on the earth. The Angel of the Lord could be the pre-incarnate Christ. Note that Jesus Christ is capable of judgement as He will judge us on the last day.
 - 1.) Exodus 12:12, 29
 - 2.) II Samuel 16:16-7, 24-26; I Chronicles 21:12-30
 - 3.) II Kings 19:25; Isaiah 37:36; II Chronicles 32:21
 - 4.) Possibly II Kings 6:17 - but no actual fighting
27. These evil spirits support national gods, sometimes with power
 - a. Isaiah 24:21
28. Give two other cases where demons are on earth:
 - a. *Mary Magdalene - 7 demons*
 - b. *Demons are legion - went into the pigs*
29. Jude 9
30. Revelation 12:7
31. Frank Peretti captures the spiritual warfare and conflict between angels and the necessity of prayer

Daniel 10:14

32. "In the future" not 2,500 years in the future, but 500 years in the future - Christ's coming
33. Genesis 49:1

Daniel 10:15-17

34. Daniel is overwhelmed with the vision. The vision is scary.
35. "looked like a man" - not Christ, but an angel.
36. Genesis 18-19 - angels who visited Abraham and Lot looked like men, not angels

Daniel 10:18-19

37. If the vision is about the distant future, Daniel would not be that concerned. But all the visions have been about what he would be to “your people in the future” (vs. 14).

Daniel 10:20

38. “Prince of Persia” - “Prince of Greeks” -

- a. Aalders (Dutch) is uncertain. Perhaps, the angel is fighting against the Prince of Persia as Persia is the world power. When Persia declines, he will have to then fight the prince of the next world power, this is the Prince of Greece.
- b. Bottom line: it must be a spiritual battle as angels don't fight against humans

Daniel 10:21

39. “Book of Truth” = Bible

40. “No one supports me against them except Michael your prince”

41. Uncertain why God does not send more angels

42. Special relationship between God and Daniel - “your prince” is fighting for you.