

DISCERNING DANIEL

Vision of the Glory of God

Text: Daniel 10

INTRODUCTION: After God showed Daniel His _____ for the coming of Messiah and for the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth, what more could be said or done? We shall see!

<p>1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.</p>	<p>Daniel is in his early ____'s when God sent to him the final vision of his life. Notice Daniel's comment about the time frame covered by this vision. As we shall see in the next two (and final) lessons from the Book of Daniel the period covered was more than ____ centuries!</p>
<p>2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.</p>	<p>When the vision came, Daniel was in _____. The reason is not given, but it may have been related to the return of the Remnant, the _____ number who chose to go or perhaps the priests who had not kept official track of the _____ of their genealogy for the priesthood.</p>
<p>3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.</p>	<p>Daniel's response to whatever situation gave rise to his sadness was _____, no doubt, with abundant _____. He fasted three weeks, not refusing all food but eating only the basics, perhaps even limiting himself to bread and water.</p>
<p>4 Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,</p>	<p>The twenty-fourth day of the first month would have put the date at just past the Feast of _____ Bread that followed the Passover. On that day, Daniel was by the Tigris River.</p>
<p>5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!</p>	<p>Daniel lifted his eyes up toward heaven and saw a man clothed in white linen wrapped in _____.</p>
<p>6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.</p>	<p>Does this sound familiar. Remember Who John saw in Revelation 1:13–15 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; And Who was this in Rev. 1? _____! The Glorious _____</p>

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.	Who else saw the Heavenly Jesus but those who were with him saw nothing? _____ whose name was changed to _____.
8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.	Daniel’s reaction was like Saul’s as well. Saul fell to the earth when Jesus appeared to him. So did _____ the Apostle who testified, “I fell at His feet as though _____.” Rev. 1:17
9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.	Daniel went into a deep sleep, and in this state of semi-consciousness, the Lord sent him a new vision by way of an _____ visitor.
10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.	The angel touched Daniel and caused his knees to tremble and his hands to shake. It is difficult to tell with certain if the angel _____ Daniel or if the following account happened in a dream state. A similar thing happened to _____ when he was caught up to the third heaven. Paul said, “I don’t know whether I was in my _____ or out of it. I just don’t know!”
11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.	The angel assured Daniel of his benevolent intentions, telling him that Daniel was greatly beloved by God who had sent the angel to deliver this message.
12 Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.	Here we have an example that offers each of us wonderful assurance that God _____ our prayers. The angel tells Daniel that when he first read the words of Jeremiah about the length of Judah’s captivity, and started praying for God to increase his understanding, The Sovereign Lord of the Universe heard his prayer. And this angel who had come with a message was sent by God in _____ to Daniel’s prayers. Folks, if we could see the way our prayers are received and responded to in Heaven by the King of Glory Himself, we would be moved to pray more often and more _____!
13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.	This verse is very revealing in two regards. 1) Here we see the reality of spiritual _____. The Holy Spirit said through Paul in Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. God dispatched the answer to Daniel’s prayer through

	<p>an angel, but the _____ (a demon whose territory was the Kingdom of Persia) fought against God’s holy angel and delayed him for three weeks! Only with the help of the Archangel Michael, was the other angelic messenger able to break through.</p> <p>2) It is this verse that tells us clearly that the hand that touched Daniel in verse 10 belonged to an _____ and was not the hand of the Glorious Christ whom Daniel had seen up in the heavens. If Christ Himself had been bringing the message, demons might have opposed him, but to no avail. Even the demons _____ every command of our Lord Jesus.</p>												
<p>14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”</p>	<p>Now we come to the _____ the angel came. Daniel prayed for God’s chosen people, the Jews, for God to move forward with His plan for them, not because of any righteousness they had done, but because of God’s own _____ and for His own Name’s sake. In response to that prayer, God gave Daniel the Prophecy of the Seventy Sevens, revealing the _____ for the coming of Messiah, His sacrificial victory over sin by giving His life, and Messiah’s glorious consummation of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Now the angel was saying, “I am going to show you even more detail of what specifically will happen to your _____, Daniel, up to and including the _____ days, just before the Consummation.”</p>												
<p>15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.</p>	<p>What the angel spoke to Daniel is recorded in chapters 11 and 12, which we will examine in detail in the next two lessons. Here is an outline of that message.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="691 1375 1432 1967"> <tr> <td data-bbox="691 1375 857 1413">11:2</td> <td data-bbox="863 1375 1432 1413">The remainder of the Persian Empire</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="691 1413 857 1488">11:3-4</td> <td data-bbox="863 1413 1432 1488">The rise and division of the Empire of _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="691 1488 857 1680">11:5-31</td> <td data-bbox="863 1488 1432 1680">The wars between two of the Hellenistic Kingdoms which came out of Greece down to Antiochus Epiphanes (164 B.C.) who was a type (_____ picture) of the antichrist.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="691 1680 857 1787">11:32-35</td> <td data-bbox="863 1680 1432 1787">The time of the reign of the Maccabees (166 B.C.) until the time of the _____.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="691 1787 857 1824">11:36-45</td> <td data-bbox="863 1787 1432 1824">The rise of Antichrist</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="691 1824 857 1967">12:1-3</td> <td data-bbox="863 1824 1432 1967">Resurrection for the saved _____ for the Jews Salvation of Jews who turn to Christ Resurrection of the _____ to judgment</td> </tr> </table>	11:2	The remainder of the Persian Empire	11:3-4	The rise and division of the Empire of _____	11:5-31	The wars between two of the Hellenistic Kingdoms which came out of Greece down to Antiochus Epiphanes (164 B.C.) who was a type (_____ picture) of the antichrist.	11:32-35	The time of the reign of the Maccabees (166 B.C.) until the time of the _____.	11:36-45	The rise of Antichrist	12:1-3	Resurrection for the saved _____ for the Jews Salvation of Jews who turn to Christ Resurrection of the _____ to judgment
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	<p>The above prophecy spans a period over 2500 years, giving exact detail of political intrigue and the rise and fall of nations for more than five centuries. It is the most _____ single prophecy in all of the Scriptures.</p>
<p>16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.</p>	<p>Daniel was totally overwhelmed by the revelation sent from God through the angel.</p>
<p>17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."</p>	<p>He was utterly drained of strength and could hardly even breathe.</p>
<p>18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.</p>	<p>The angel touched Daniel to restore him _____.</p>
<p>19 And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." 20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.</p>	<p>Again the angel tried to calm Daniel's fears and encourage him. Daniel was encouraged and strengthened, and urged the angel to speak more. To this the angel said that it was time for him to go back into the spiritual warfare in which he was previously engaged. He would continue his fight with the demonic prince of Persia, and then would have to go and fight with the demonic prince of _____ whose power and authority was increasing. The angel closed with three notes: 1) Only Michael the Archangel would be assisting him in this battle. 2) Michael is both Archangel and the _____ Angel of the Jews (your prince). 3) What the angel has told him is recorded in the Scripture of Truth, the written Word of God in _____. The Psalmist referred to this fact also in Psalm 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is _____ in heaven.</p>