

Daniel's Final Vision (Daniel 10-12)

3rd Year of Cyrus 536 B.C.

Kingdom Medo-Persia	Daniel 11 (536 BC)	Daniel 8 (551 BC)	Daniel 7 (553 BC)	Daniel 2 (603-602 BC)
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Daniel 10:1-17

10:1 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. 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. 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.** 4 Now on the **twenty-fourth day of the first month [Nisan/Abib]**, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris, 5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! 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. 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. 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. 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. 10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 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. 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. 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. 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." 15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. 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. 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."

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Who Gave the Revelation to Daniel?

Daniel 10

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Revelation 1

9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 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; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.

But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. 20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

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Dan 10:18-21

18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. 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.**

Daniel 11:1-4

11:1 **"Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.)** 2 And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. 3 Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4 And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these.

Key Points From This Vision:

- 1] Human/earthly kingdoms have spiritual/heavenly "princes"
- 2] IF the herald was the pre-incarnate Son, it reveals a paradox of divine limitations self-imposed upon human government and dominion
- 3] IF the herald was the pre-incarnate Son, it illustrates that divine intervention on earth was incumbent upon human participation AND angelic participation
- 4] In either case, the activity of the kingdom of God in the domain of human affairs is portrayed as WARFARE, STRUGGLE, and CONFLICT
- 5] It was the fighting with the prince [demonic ruler] of Persia that would in turn lead to the fall of the human/earthly kingdom of Persia
- 6] After the prince of Persia, the prince of Greece [the demon that controlled Alexander the Great] would occupy the heavenly "throne" or "principality"
- 7] Michael and Gabriel, the only 2 angels mentioned by name other than Lucifer/Satan, are seen by Daniel: Michael is described as "your" Prince, meaning that Israel had a "chief" angel or "prince"
- 8] IF the herald was the pre-incarnate Son, it illustrates the limitations (self-imposed apparently) of God in the affairs of human beings PRIOR to Calvary and the victory of the cross
- 9] Evidently, demons occupy positions of "power" and "authority" in heavenly (spiritual) realms that ultimately influence the human earthly (physical) realm.
- 10] There is such a thing as territorial dominion exercised by fallen spirits and there also angels of light who exercise dominion over earthly realms [thus producing warfare at times]

The Main Point:

God ultimately directs the affairs of human history, never violating His mandate of human dominion via man's free choice or forcing required obedience under His sovereignty... a divine paradox in and of itself