

DANIEL CHAPTER 10—THE GLORY OF GOD AND DEMONIC WARFARE

Introduction

Chapters 10-12 are a continuous unit of prophecy.

“As Leupold has expressed it, “There is hardly anything in the Bible that is just like these chapters, especially like chapter 11. The word, the vision, and minute prediction are combined in a manner that is found nowhere else in the Scriptures.” The entire content of chapter 10, for instance, is introductory, indicating the extensive character of the prophecy to follow. The introduction actually extends through the first verse of chapter 11. The next section, 11:2-12:4, is divided into two major divisions. The first, 11:2-35 deals with the immediate future, from Darius to Antiochus; and the second, 11:36-12:4, with the far future, the end times just before the second advent of Christ. A final message and revelation is given to Daniel in 12:5-13. The last three chapters constitute the fourth vision of Daniel which gathers together the significant threads of prophecy, especially as they relate to the Holy Land and to the people of Israel.”¹

There is much to investigate about the unseen but powerful spirit world of angels and demons nationally and personally.

1. Dan. 10:1

- Time of vision—536 or 534 BC
- Time appointed long—“the period in view is a long and strenuous one involving great conflict and trouble for the people of God”
- Daniel understood the message and vision

2. Dan. 10:2-3

- Daniel’s preparation for the Vision
- 3 weeks of days
- included the normal week for the Passover season
- the fasting—his grief for Israel—helped to ready Daniel for this great experience

3. The Glorious Vision

- the “man” appears to Daniel NISAN 24th
- Daniel began to pray three weeks before—NISAN 3-Apr. 2 (Dan. 10:4)
- The vision is a Theophany—a pre-incarnate vision of Jesus Christ as the Angel of Jehovah
- Compare Dan. 10:5-6 with Rev. 1:13-18—a post-ascension picture
- Remember Hebrews 13:8
- “The impression given to Daniel was that the entire body of the man in the vision was like a gigantic, transparent jewel reflecting the glory of the rest of the vision.”²

¹ Walvoord, John F. *Daniel The Key to Prophetic Revelation*

² Ibid.

4. **Dan. 10:7-9; 15-18**—the effect on Daniel
 - terrified, helpless
 - his companions fled
 - v. 11 Christ is sent to Daniel (N.T. Christ “sent” 52 x) by Trinity

5. **Dan. 10:10-14**—the purpose of the Angel’s visit
 - v. 10—we are not told who touched him but obviously an angel from supernatural world
 - v. 11—Daniel “greatly beloved”
 - v. 14—Angel sent to give Daniel understanding about what will happen to Israel in the latter days
 - v. 12—Daniel was heard the moment he began to pray

6. **Dan. 10:13**—Cosmic delay
 - Prince of kingdom of Persia withstood 21 days
 - A spiritual conflict
 - Then Michael a chief prince (Archangel) came to help against the Prince of Persia
 - “...it is plain that behind the political and social conditions of the world there is angelic influence—good on the part of the holy angels, evil on the part of the angels under satanic control. This is the struggle to which Paul referred in Ephesians 6:10-18”³
 - “Bad angels, called demons in the New Testament, are, without a doubt referred to here. In the course of time, these demonic powers gained a very strong influence over certain nations and the government of these nations. They became the controlling power. They used whatever resources they could muster to hamper God’s work and to thwart His purposes...We get a rare glimpse behind the scene of world history. These are spiritual forces at work that are far in excess of what men who disregard revelation would suppose. They struggle behind the struggles that are written on the pages of history”⁴
 - Eph. 6:10-17
 - in this passage the Lord shows us that we all have enemies, evil spirits who will do anything to ruin our testimonies
 - we belong to Christ and the devil cannot take our salvation from us but he can test us, harass us and “wrestle” with us
 - remember the ancient world was rampant with demonism
 - each area had its own god or gods and they fully recognized the reality of demon possession
 - we’re to the Devil has schemes against each of us and that demons wrestle with us which means they can be very personal
 - we wrestle against:
 - i) principalities—these are the “5-star generals”
 - ii) powers—colonels
 - iii) world rulers of the darkness of this age—wide influence in governments of Satanic world systems
 - iv) wick spirits in high places—buck privates
 - all these terms have a connotation of territorial significance, territorial spirits

³ Walvoord, John F. *Daniel The Key to Prophetic Revelation*

⁴ Ibid