

DANIEL 10

Spiritual Warfare

DANIEL OUTLINE



HEBREW	1. HISTORY OF DANIEL	Third Person "Daniel"	CHAPTERS	DATE	AGE
	Daniel & Friends Taken Captive		CHAPTER 1	605 B.C.	15
ARAMAIC (starts 2:4b)	2. PROPHETIC PLAN FOR THE GENTILES	Third Person "Daniel"	CHAPTERS 2-7		
	The Great Image - 5 Kingdoms		CHAPTER 2		
	The Fiery Furnace		CHAPTER 3		
	The Pride of Nebuchadnezzar - Vision of Tree		CHAPTER 4		
	The Handwriting on the Wall		CHAPTER 5	539 B.C.	81
	The Den of Lions		CHAPTER 6	537 B.C.	83
HEBREW	3. PROPHETIC PLAN FOR ISRAEL	First Person "I"	CHAPTERS 8-12		
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	Daniel's Prayer and the 70 Weeks		CHAPTER 9	536 B.C.	84
	The Message of Last Things		CHAPTER 10-12	535 B.C.	85

DANIEL OUTLINE BASED ON LANGUAGE

Nebuchadnezzar (Babylonian)				Belshazzar (Babylonian)	Darius (Median)	Belshazzar (Babylonian)	Darius (Median)	Cyrus (Persian)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10—12
Hebrew Introduction	Aramaic Gentile Nations						Hebrew Israel		

DANIEL 10 INTRODUCTION



This is Daniel's final vision (536 B.C.).



Prior to this vision, Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem, but Daniel stayed in Babylon.



Why did Daniel not return to Jerusalem?

- He may have been too old for the hazardous journey (over 80)
- His government duties may have prevented him
- Maybe God told him to stay behind and continue to work from there





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a message was revealed to Daniel,
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understanding of the vision.**

DANIEL 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.” (Da.10:1)



Chronologically Darius (Da.9) and Cyrus (Da.10) are the same because they ruled jointly when they took possession of Babylon.



The revelation in the vision given to Daniel shattered any hope that Israel would enjoy her new freedom and peace for long.



**In those days I, Daniel,
was mourning three full
weeks.**

DANIEL 10:2





“In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.” (Da.10:2)



Because Daniel understood the significance of the vision, he fasted for three weeks (21 days).



Fasting or making of vows was not required as a general practice under the law of Moses.



Daniel put on a three week fast because of his concern for his people who had been formerly released from the Babylonian captivity.



**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.**



DANIEL 10:3





“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.” (Da.10:3)



Ate no pleasant bread means he abstained from the food of his choice and ate only what was necessary to support an existence.



People often used aromatic ointments on their bodies for its pleasant odor. But Daniel chose to not use these.



**Now on the twenty-fourth day
of the first month, as I was by
the side of the great river, that
is, the Tigris,**



DANIEL 10:4





“Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,” (Da.10:4)



The date was Nisan 24.



This date reveals that Daniel fasted through the Feast of Passover (Nisan 14) and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Nisan 18; (Ex.12; Hg.1:15).



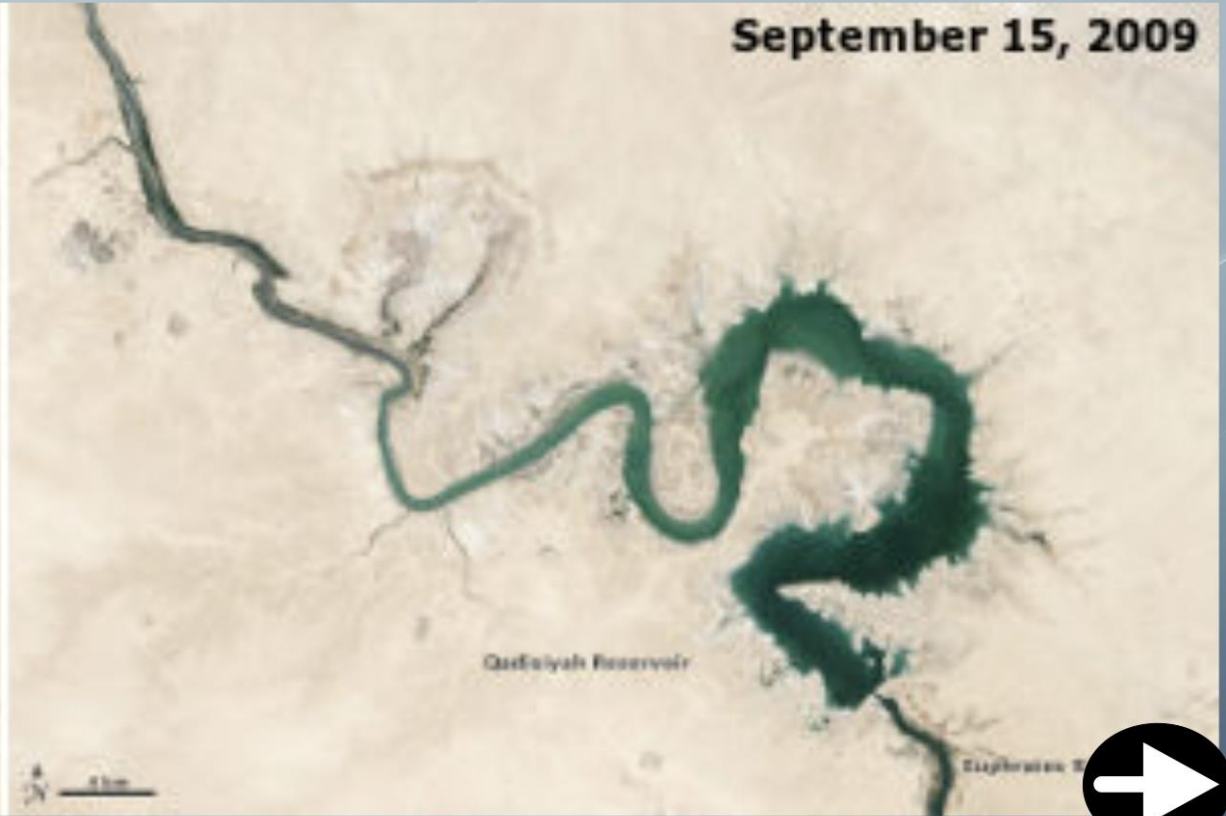
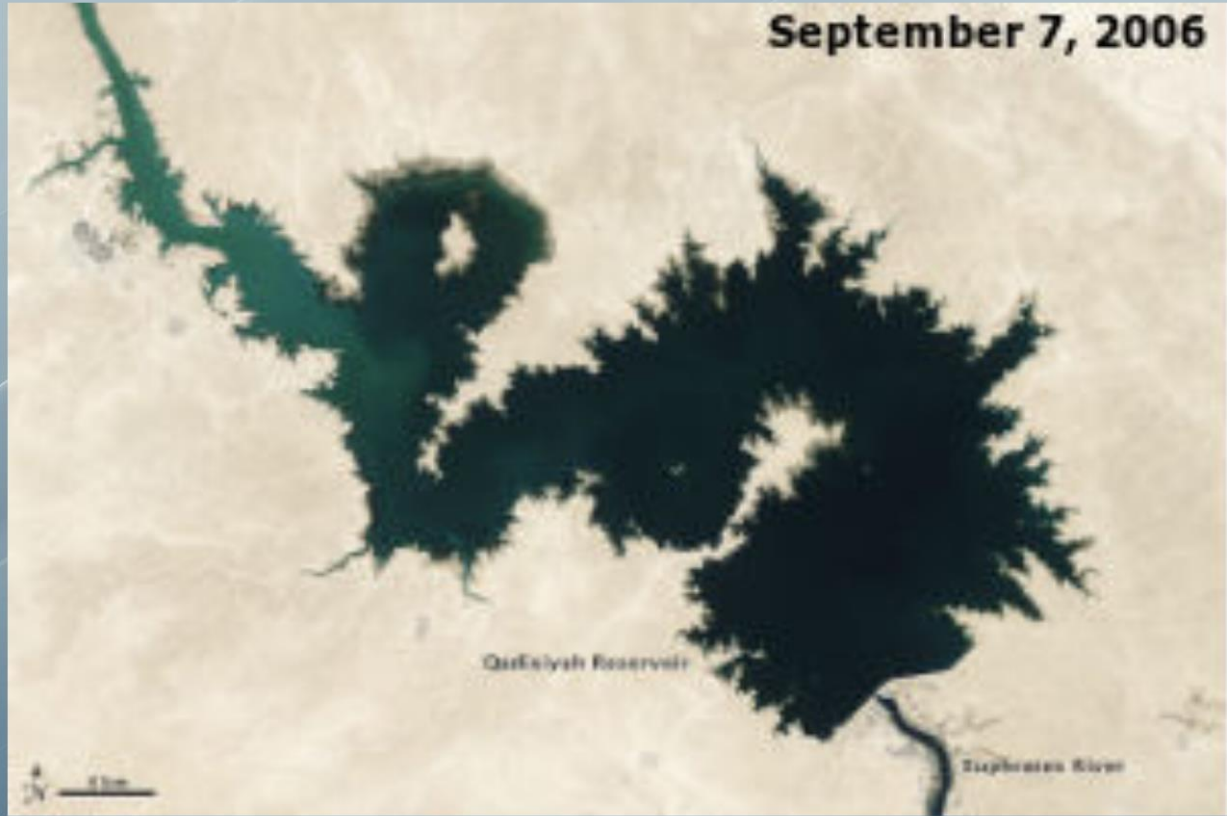
Daniel was on the bank of the river Tigris.



Since Gabriel previously had been sent by God to reveal truth to Daniel (Da.8:16), probably Gabriel was also the visitor on this occasion.



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Rivers Euphrates & Tigris Dry Up - Dams of Turkey

In a headlong rush to generate electricity and create arable land, the Turkish government has been on a dam-building boom for two generations. In 1974 the Keban Dam was opened on the Upper Euphrates. The Ataturk Dam was finished in 1990. The ongoing Southeastern Anatolia Project, a \$32 billion scheme to build 22 dams and 19 hydroelectric plants on both the Tigris and the Euphrates, will eventually provide nearly one-quarter of Turkey's electricity. Syria, meanwhile, built the Tabqa Dam upstream from Raqqa in the 1970s, and added a few more dams on the Euphrates and its tributaries before the civil war ground development to a halt. Since the Turkish and Syrian dams began operating in the 1970s, the water flow into Iraq has dropped by nearly two-thirds.

Source: Smithsonian here <https://bit.ly/2UtUloc>

Revelation 12:9, 13:1,
11, 16:10-12

**I lifted my eyes and looked, and
behold, a certain man clothed
in linen, whose waist was girded
with gold of Uphaz!**

DANIEL 10:5





“I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!” (Da.10:5)



The messenger was an angel from heaven, not a human being.



Some believe this is Christ preincarnate because of similar description to Revelation 1:13-16.

- **Christ would not be hindered by a prince demon of Persia (10:13).**
- **Christ would not need the help of the angel Michael.**










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.

DANIEL 10:6




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SIMILARITIES OR DIFFERENCES?

		Daniel 10:4-6	Revelation 1:12-16
CLOTHING		Short linen garment (arms/legs exposed)	Long robe reaching to His feet (only hands/feet exposed)
BODY		Arms/legs burnished bronze (polished, indicates finished shining work)	Feet, bronze glowing in a furnace (still heated, very hot/bright)
ACCESSORY		Golden belt around waist	Golden sash around chest
VOICE		Sound of a multitude (people)	Sound of rushing waters
FACE		Like lightning	The sun shining in all its brilliance
EYES		Blazing torches	Blazing fire







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WHY THE ‘MAN’ IS NOT JESUS


-  **Christ would not be hindered by a prince demon of Persia (10:13).**
-  **Christ would not need the help of the angel Michael (10:13).**




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.



DANIEL 10:7





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(Da.10:7)**



-  Daniel's companions evidently saw the brilliance of the light without seeing the visitor and they fled to hide from its shining.
-  Of course they could not see the vision if they were hiding from it.





**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 10:8





**“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.”
(Da.10:8)**

 **Daniel did not flee as the other men with him did.**

 **Though Daniel was weak this did not interfere with his ability to hear the activity.**




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 10:9





“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.” (Da.10:9)



Daniel remained alone in the angel’s presence and, being weak, Daniel prostrated himself before the messenger.



In that position Daniel fell asleep.



Daniel heard the voice of the man which caused him to fall upon his face to the ground.



**Suddenly, a hand touched
me, which made me tremble
on my knees and on the
palms of my hands.**



DANIEL 10:10






“Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.” (Da.10:10)



 He was then aroused from his sleep by the angel so he might receive the revelation.


 Before continuing the communication, the man caused Daniel to have a bodily posture of resting on his hands and knees.




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.

DANIEL 10:11





“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.” (Da.10:11)



The angel, calling the prophet highly esteemed (Da.9:23; 10:19), declared, I have now been sent to you by God, who had heard Daniel’s request for understanding.



While in this position the prophet received assurance that no harm was intended against him for he was greatly beloved.





Daniel was told to stand up and he obeyed but he was still trembling.





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."

DANIEL 10:12





“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.” (Da.10:12)



-  This “man” encourages Daniel and acknowledges the three week fast that he had observed.
-  He assures him that his words of prayer were heard from the beginning, and that it was because of them he had come.



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.

DANIEL 10:13





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(Da.10:13)



Gabriel explained the reason for the delay in God’s answer to Daniel’s prayer.



When Daniel first began fasting and praying in response to the vision (Da.10:1-2), God had dispatched Gabriel with a message for him.





But Gabriel was hindered by the prince of the Persian kingdom.



The prince referred to here must have been a satanic adversary.





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(Da.10:13)**



The prince of the Persian kingdom was a satanic representative assigned to Persia.



To seek to prevent Gabriel’s message from getting to Daniel, the demonic prince attacked Gabriel as he embarked on his mission.



The battle between Gabriel and the prince (demon) of Persia continued for three weeks until Michael, one of the chief princes of the angelic realm (Da.10:21; 12:1), came to Gabriel’s assistance.



While the king of Persia was fighting Michael, Gabriel was able to bring a message to Daniel concerning the future of Israel.



ANGELS IN RANKS

- God has arranged the angelic realm in differing ranks referred to as “principality, power, might, and dominion” (Ep.1:21).
- Gabriel and Michael have been assigned authority over angels who administer God’s affairs for the nation Israel (Da.10:21; 12:1; Jd.1:9).
- In imitation Satan has also apparently assigned high-ranking demons to positions of authority over each kingdom.
- This gives insight into the nature of the warfare fought in the heavenlies between God’s angels and Satan’s demons to which Paul referred (Ep.6:12). Our struggle is not with flesh and blood.
- Answers to our prayers may be hindered by unseen forces.



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."

DANIEL 10:14





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It was to be a revelation of the warfare (Da.10:1) between Israel and her neighbors until Israel is given peace by the coming Prince of peace.



This vision contains the most detailed prophetic revelation in the Book of Daniel.





This vision is for “many days yet to come” and will be given in the next chapter.



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

DANIEL 10:15





“When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.” (Da.10:15)



Daniel was again overcome by the presence and communication of this messenger.



He was rendered speechless but it did not affect his body. Otherwise, and he could only bend his head toward the ground.




Daniel was also speechless at learning of the angelic-demonic conflict that delayed the answer to his prayer.




**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.**




DANIEL 10:16





“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.” (Da.10:16)



-  Daniel was overwhelmed at the content of the vision of Israel's coming sufferings.
-  In addressing the messenger as my lord (Da.10:19; 12:8) Daniel was using a title of respect something like the modern-day “Sir.”
-  After regaining his power of speech, Daniel told the angel of his sorrow and its effect upon his body.



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."

DANIEL 10:17





“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.”” (Da.10:17)



Daniel felt humiliated and inferior in the presence of the person whom he called my lord.



Neither is there breath left in me is figurative as to its extent. It means that the prophet was virtually exhausted by the vision.



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

DANIEL 10:18





**“Then again, the one having the likeness of
a man touched me and strengthened me.”
(Da.10:18)**



**The same man or angel again contacted Daniel
for the purpose of further strengthening him
and making him feel assured.**



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."

DANIEL 10:19





“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."” (Da.10:19)



Being comforted and strengthened by the angel, Daniel requested him to speak, which indicated that he felt prepared in body and mind to give attention.






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."

DANIEL 10:20









“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.” (Da.10:20)

-  **When the messenger returns to fight against the prince of Persia (Da.10:13), the prince of Greece would come.**
-  **Persia and Greece were two major nations discussed in detail in Daniel 11:1-45 (Persia, 11:2-4; Greece, 11:5-35).**
-  **The messenger was about to tell Daniel God’s plans for Israel under Persia and Greece (11:2-35) and later during the 70th Week (11:36-45).**





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-  This angelic being has been attacked, rescued and now goes back into the spiritual fray. The spiritual conflict continues.
-  The conflict involves world powers, historical empires, but also spiritual beings.
-  God's sovereignty controls history (10:21), but there is still tension in this period of fallenness, both in the physical and spiritual realms.
-  Persia and Greece have their own national angels. It cannot simply be one, because Greece will divide into two regions.



**But I will tell you what is noted
in the Scripture of Truth. (No
one upholds me against these,
except Michael your prince.**

DANIEL 10:21





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The angel assures Daniel that what he is going to reveal to him will be in harmony with what the scriptures had previously foretold.



The contents of this book contain the revelation of chapters 11-12.



Michael is Daniel’s prince in the sense that he has a special relationship to Israel (12:1).



PRAYER & SPIRITUAL WARFARE



We need to be more conscious of the fact that we are engaged in a spiritual warfare.



“³For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2Co.10:3-5)



For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ep.6:12)

