

## **Daniel 10 - Scripture of Truth Part I – Momentarily Unveiling the Spiritual World**

Chapter one of Daniel teaches us the reason that God used Daniel so greatly in Babylon. Daniel's "purpose in his heart" not to defile himself and be obedient to the Word of God prepared him for use in the court of interpreting dreams and prophesying. In chapter 10, Daniel is prepared for the final prophecy of the book, and it looks like the interpretation was made crystal clear to him. The preparation for this prophecy lifted the veil momentarily exposing the spiritual orders invisible to us, but very active in wars and battles of the universe. These principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places taught Daniel what was hindering his answer from God, and gave him the knowledge and strength to understand and persevere through what God was revealing to Daniel.

The key to understanding this chapter and the last two chapters is found in chapter 10:

**Daniel 10:14** Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

These "Latter Days" places us in the last week of Daniel's 70 weeks. The prophecy for which Daniel is being prepared will give so many details of pre-written history or prophecy when written, while much has been fulfilled; there is a great deal of this prophecy that still has not been completely fulfilled yet, in our day. We are taught in the book of Revelation that battles during the Great Tribulation (Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week) will be fought in the heavens first, and then play out on earth, just as we are taught in chapter 10 of Daniel.

Daniel had to first realize the many battles going on in the universe, before he could fully understand the prophecy and be victorious in his battle. Chapter 10 of Daniel partially pulls the veil blocking our view of the many battles raging in the universe that is completely invisible to us otherwise. There are many things going on in the universe that we do not see, but yet these are important for our understanding of God's revelation and our prayer life.

Paul teaches us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the fact that our battles are not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, powers, rulers of darkness; and spiritual wickedness in high places. We also need this realization and instruction to fight and be victorious with our battles while we are on this earth. Let's all get ahold of this and be victorious warriors:

**II Corinthians 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

**II Corinthians 10:4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

**II Corinthians 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**II Corinthians 10:6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

**II Corinthians 10:7** Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

**Ephesians 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

## **I. Time and Place - Daniel Waiting on the Lord for Three Weeks**

**Daniel 10:1** In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

**Daniel 10:2** In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

**Daniel 10:3** I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

**Daniel 10:4** And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;

### **A. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Cyrus – 4 years after 70 Weeks Prophecy**

- 1. Nissan (April 24, 534 BC) – Liberals and scholars have a fit with this – No late date**
- 2. Cyrus had made his decree 2 years before allowing the people to return to Babylon**
- 3. Prophesied by name 300 years before by Isaiah – Before Cyrus was born:**

**Isaiah 44:28** That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

**Isaiah 45:1** Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

**Isaiah 45:2** I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

**Isaiah 45:3** And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

**Isaiah 45:4** For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

**Isaiah 45:5** I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

**Isaiah 45:6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

- 4. Daniel did not return – In his 90's, God still had revelation for Daniel**
- 5. Daniel undoubtedly saddened by the fact so few of his people returned**
- 6. Only about 42,000 (Ezra 1-2) returned with Zerubbabel**
- 7. Ezra and Nehemiah's groups had not left as yet**

### **B. Daniel had not returned, probably because he needed this preparation for revelation**

### **C. Time appointed for the prophecy in chapter 11-12 long – Long time to be fulfilled**

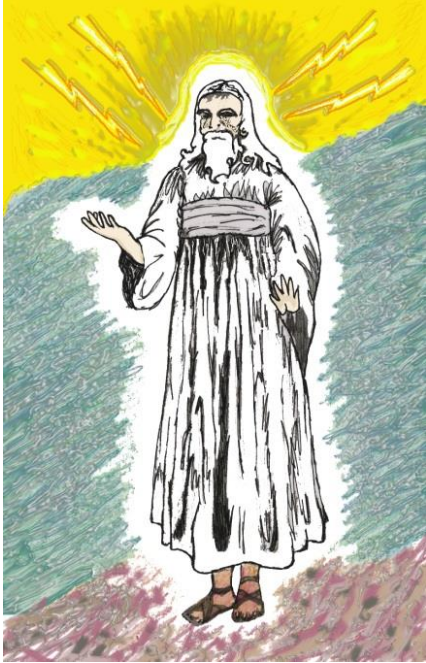
- 1. All was prophetic when given to Daniel**
- 2. Now some fulfilled – Much will be fulfilled in the future "Latter Days"**
- 3. It will be a long time to fulfill this last prophecy**
- 4. Daniel understood the vision because of this spiritual and physical preparation**
- 5. Daniel mourning three weeks**
- 6. Daniel fasted for 3 weeks –**
- 7. No answer from God – Why?**
- 8. Daniel was exhausted – but continued in prayer and Word**
- 9. But Daniel persevered in prayer, denying himself (Luke 9) (Picking up his cross)**
- 10. Did Daniel know what he was doing in prayer?**
- 11. Daniel became a witness of the transfiguration by seeing the Post-Incarnate Christ.**

## II. The Post Incarnate Christ

**Daniel 10:5** Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

**Daniel 10:6** His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

### A. Describing this "Certain Man"

<b>The Post Incarnate Christ- Seen Before and After His Incarnation</b>		
<p><b>Daniel 10:5</b> Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:</p> <p><b>Daniel 10:6</b> His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.</p>		<p><b>Revelation 1:13</b> And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.</p> <p><b>Revelation 1:14</b> His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;</p> <p><b>Revelation 1:15</b> And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.</p> <p><b>Revelation 1:16</b> And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.</p>

### B. John saw this same "One like the "Son of Man"

<b>Daniel 10:4-6</b>	<b>Revelation 1:12-16</b>
Clothed in linen	Clothed with a garment down to the foot
Waist girded with fine gold	Girded about the paps with a golden band
Body was like beryl	
Face like the appearance of lightning	Head and hair were white like wool
Eyes as lamps of fire	Eyes were like a flame of fire
Arms and Feet like polished brass	Feet were like fine brass

voice of his words like the voice of a multitude	Voice as the sound of many waters
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**C. Notice the “Effect” that this “Certain Man” had on Daniel:**

**Daniel 10:7** And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

**Daniel 10:8** Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

1. Daniel’s physical strength gone, but how about those with him?
2. The people that were there with Daniel were scared and left!

**D. I believe Saul saw this same Man:**

**Acts 9:1** And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

**Acts 9:2** And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

**Acts 9:3** And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: **and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:**

**Acts 9:4** And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

**Acts 9:5** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:** it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

**Acts 9:6** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

**Acts 9:7** **And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.**

**Acts 9:8** And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

**Acts 9:9** And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

**Acts 9:10** And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

**Acts 9:11** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

**Acts 9:12** And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

**Acts 9:13** Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

**Acts 9:14** And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

**Acts 9:15** But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

**Acts 9:16** For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

**Acts 9:17** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 9:18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight

forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

E. Daniel heard the “Certain man’s” voice and passed out on the ground

Daniel 10:9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

- 1.) After experiencing this “Certain Man”, Daniel passes out
- 2.) Flat on the ground – face to the Ground

### A Hand Touches Daniel, Wakes Up and Now He Is On His Hands and Knees

Daniel 10:10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

Daniel 10:11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and **stand upright**: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

Daniel 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for **from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.**

Daniel 10:13 **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.**

Daniel 10:14 Now **I am come to make thee understand** what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.



F. A Hand touches Daniel that causes him to rise on his knees and palms of his hands

- 1.) After experiencing this “Certain Man”, Daniel passes out
- 2.) Flat on the ground – face to the Ground
- 3.) Notice Daniel’s reputation in heaven? – A man greatly beloved
  - a. Daniel is not concerned with pleasing men on earth

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- b. Daniel spent his long life striving to please heaven
  - c. Daniel told to stand upright
  - d. Daniel commanded to understand the message from this heavenly messenger.
  - e. This messenger is not the certain man that Daniel saw before he passed out
  - f. This “man” was a heavenly messenger sent by that “Certain Man”
  - g. This “man” was sent as Daniel first began to pray and deny himself he was heard
  - h. Daniel now trembling – told to “fear not” and understand
- G. Daniel’s self-denial and prayer was the “link” between Israel’s victory and the angels battle
- 1.) The heavenly messenger had been detained – By spiritual wickedness in heavens
  - 2.) This “spiritual wickedness” wants to control earthly kingdoms
  - 3.) The “heavenly messenger” had to withstand the wicked one for 21 days
  - 4.) “Invisible war in heaven”
  - 5.) Michael another angel came to help this messenger and they withstood
  - 6.) Now this messenger has come to Daniel to “make thee understand”
    - 1. What will befall thy people in the latter days
    - 2. This vision will take a long time to be fulfilled

Daniel 10:15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

Daniel 10:16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

Daniel 10:17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

Daniel 10:18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

Daniel 10:19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Daniel 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in **the scripture of truth**: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

- 7.) Daniel now understands that important battles are not between “flesh and blood”,
- 8.) They are spiritual battles fought out in heaven, and then appear on earth.
- 9.) There are angels sent by the “Certain Man” to fight in those battles
- 10.) God’s people fight those battles
- 11.) You see the angel was sent on the first day Daniel sought God
- 12.) The answer came on the 21<sup>st</sup> day – 3 full weeks
- 13.) Prayer was the link between the angelic victory holding off the satanic attack
- 14.) Michael was fighting the Prince of Persia in battle in the heavens
- 15.) When the other angel is “gone forth” the prince of Grecia will come
- 16.) What would have happened if Daniel quit on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day?
- 17.) The Prince of Persia and the prince of Grecia empires ruling Israel in the “Times of the Gentiles”
- 18.) Michael is associated with other battles in heaven on behalf of Israel in Scripture:

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Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Revelation 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Revelation 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

H. Is Self-Denial and Perseverance in prayer still important today as in Daniel's time?

1.) We are still in the "Times of the Gentiles"

2.) Are our prayers also links to victory as Daniel's was in the Old Testament?

II Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

II Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

II Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

3.) How about self-denial - Just as important today:

Luke 9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Luke 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Luke 9:25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

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Luke 9:27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

### I. How do we fight these battles in the heavens? –

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Ephesians 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

- 1.) All above “Armor” are defensive tools except one.
- 2.) Without them, Satan’s fiery darts would be able to destroy us.
- 3.) Except one:
  - a. Loins girt about with TRUTH
  - b. Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS
  - c. Feet shod with the preparation of the GOSPEL OF PEACE
  - d. Shield of FAITH
  - e. Helmut of SALVATION
- 4.) All defense except the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
- 5.) The only offense –
- 6.) Use it like Jesus did - Do we know how to use our swords? – Jesus is our example

Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Matthew 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

Matthew 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

Matthew 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, **It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;



Matthew 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. J. But do not forget the ALWAYS part:

Ephesians 6:18 **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

Ephesians 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Ephesians 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

K. This is our job – Just as Daniel was instructed:

## STAND UPRIGHT AND UNDERSTAND THE VISION

L. Obedience is the key:

Philippians 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Philippians 2:3 **Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

Philippians 2:4 **Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**

Philippians 2:5 **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

Philippians 2:6 **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

Philippians 2:7 **But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

Philippians 2:8 **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

Philippians 2:9 **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Philippians 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:**

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