



The Invisible Warfare

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

As we move into Daniel chapter 10 we will learn more about the conflict between God and Satan. And one of the primary things we learn about Satan is that he is constantly working to counter the plan of God.

Daniel 10

"The Invisible Warfare"

Daniel 10:1-4

¹ *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.*

² *In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks.*

³ *I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.*

⁴ *On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,*

⁵ *I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz.*

⁶ His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

⁷ Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

⁸ So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

⁹ But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

Daniel Mourns For 21 Days... With No Answer To His Prayers

Daniel 10:5-6

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5-6 The Pre-Incarnate Christ came to Daniel in a **THEOPHANY**; ... WITH A FACE OF GLORY.

Then...

in verse 7 there was dread on those with Daniel and they fled.

in verse 8 the face of Daniel was pale and he was alone—
—introduced to the Spiritual Warfare

in verse 7 Daniel heard His words which sounded like *roaring*

Now...

in verses 10 and following ***DANIEL IS COMFORTED***

Daniel 10:10

¹⁰ Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

in verses 10 and following ***DANIEL IS COMFORTED***

10...touched me

The Hebrew gives the idea of hitting — — Daniel was face down to the ground in a *deep sleep* so this angel comes along and really hits him to wake him up.

This is not the pre-incarnate Christ — — This is an angel sent by God (maybe Gabriel) telling him what JESUS CHRIST said that sounded like a multitude of people speaking. In verse 10 he began the preparation of Daniel for learning new prophecy.

He woke him up

Now he continues with preparation for learning. And now that he has his attention, he begins with encouragement.

Daniel 10:11

11 He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

11… He said to me “O Daniel, man of high esteem, *greatly beloved*

What a wonderful thing to happen to any one—born a sinner.

This is not the Incarnate Christ speaking, He has already vanished. This is a high ranking Angel (probably Gabriel;) he touched Daniel to give him strength so he could

get up—

First thing he says to Daniel

11... O Daniel man of high esteem the Hebrew word ***hamad*** refers to one highly esteemed, highly desired, greatly beloved of God .

11... O Daniel man of high esteem

Is this unique to Daniel? **NO!**

You can be highly esteemed, greatly beloved by God.

Look at John 4:20-24

²⁰ Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

*²¹ Jesus *said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.*

²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers

will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

“for such a people God desires” nearly all his life Daniel has been this type of person, there was no Jerusalem, there was no temple, **he had to worship God in Spirit and in Truth!** And while so many deserted Him during this time, Daniel continued to worship **in Spirit and Truth** and was therefore **greatly loved by God.**

*So you, also, can be highly beloved by God,
worship Him in Spirit and Truth.*

Which of course means you have to know how to be Filled with the Holy Spirit by Faith Alone in Holy Spirit Alone— —grow in the Knowledge of Jesus Christ and love as He loved.

What exactly was it that God greatly loved about Daniel?

Daniel’s positive volition for Him...

Under Calvinism, God determines who will love Him, who will seek Him, who will love His word, love His Son. **But under God’s Grace plan**, that is up to each one of you, as to just how much you love and seek Him and His will.

Example

WHOM DO YOU HIGHLY ESTEEM?
WHO DO YOU TREASURE?
THOSE WHO TREASURE YOU!
NOT WORSHIP YOU, YOU DON'T WANT THAT BUT
YOU DO RESPOND WHEN SOMEONE SAYS YOU ARE
THE SPECIAL IN EVERY WAY IN THEIR LIFE...
WELL, THAT IS THE PLACE GOD DESIRES IN OUR
SOULS AND LIVES AND WHEN YOU... YOU ARE
HIGHLY ESTEEMED BY GOD, YOU ARE GREATLY
LOVED BY GOD.

And one more vital point:

While it is true we have no sin mentioned of this Daniel but his sinlessness is not why he was highly esteemed by God.

Remember King David of whom is recorded some of the most serious sins and transgressions against God (from murderer to adulterer) yet God said of him,

Acts 13:22

²² After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'

That David

“a man after my heart who will do all my will”

It is so difficult for so many to grasp such a statement by God of this David. But please remember what God said in...

1 Samuel 16:7

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

7... "...for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" .

So here we have two different men, both highly esteemed by God, and why?

Because their hearts were totally committed to God...

They were men of CONSTANT FAITH

Then the angel went on and said to Daniel...

Daniel 10:11

11... "O Daniel, man of high esteem [by God], understand the words that I am about to tell you..."

What is the angel telling Daniel?

First the command means to discern, understand, THE GREAT ISSUE IS TO UNDERSTAND, not to have some “*experience.*”

Daniel Has Had All The Experience He Can Handle, He Needs Understanding

But it is in the Hiphil which guides us in what he is saying;
the Hiphil is *causative... ..be caused to understand, to discern*
The Hebrew word means to observe, to pay attention.

So the process is... to be *caused by the Holy Spirit*
by paying attention in the Holy Spirit
He will give you discernment
He will give you understanding.

It is amazing how many people think they can understand and discern the Word of God by their own intellect.

And please do not miss...

11... I am about to tell you

All through the Scriptures is the emphasis that God sends a teacher.

Old Testament
New Testament

A Priest or A Prophet
A Pastor-Teacher

Their
FUNCTION

to tell or to teach the Word of God.

To be greatly beloved by God find a teacher who teaches the truth and be caused by the Holy Spirit to listen to pay attention to understand and discern the truth.

Next the teaching angel wants Daniel to stand up, think, pay attention. He cannot do this lying down on the ground. JESUS CHRIST has gone!

11... and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.”

Let's read Daniel 8:17-18

17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.”

18 Now while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me and made me stand upright.

You can't be
sleeping
or playing with your computer
or day-dreaming
and
Concentrating On The Word Of God.

Daniel's response...

¹¹... and when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

Am I in trouble?

The angel continues speaking

¹²... Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel,

Daniel 10:12

¹² Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

The first thing he has to do is to calm Daniel down and remove the fear so that Daniel can concentrate on the message from God.

We should stop for a while here on... ***fear not***

There are a multitude of reasons why believers fear but this one is a little different than most. Daniel is not in fear of judgment, he is not in fear for his life. Daniel has been mourning; for 21 weeks he has been praying for answers; Then all of a sudden JESUS CHRIST Himself appears before him, and he was not able to understand Him. JESUS CHRIST's voice sounds like a noise of a thousand voices, in other words He cannot understand what JESUS CHRIST is saying... He is still trying to understand what is going on...

And now suddenly this top angel appears and starts speaking to him... he is in fear – what is going on? Can you imagine how those shepherds felt when they appeared to announce the birth of JESUS CHRIST?

Whatever your cause of fear... always remember, as I am sure, this came to Daniel

Isaiah 41:10

***¹⁰ 'Do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not anxiously look about you,
for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely I
will help you,
Surely I will uphold you with My
righteous right hand.'***

Daniel 10:12

Do not be afraid Daniel for from the first day that was 21 days ago ***that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God,*** his 3 weeks of fasting and mourning ***your words were heard,*** by God ***and I have come in response to your words.***

God responds to Daniel's prayers--

WAIT A MINUTE...YOU COME NOW IN RESPONSE TO MY PRAYERS?

WHY HAS IT TAKEN YOU 21 DAYS??

Last time Gabriel came ***While I was yet praying!!!*** 9:21

BUT IT HAS TAKEN YOU 21 DAYS???

This angel now tells Daniel why it has been 21 days

Daniel 10:13a

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days;...”

Daniel is about to hear about •**the Spiritual, Invisible war**•
a war of beings of such power and magnitude and intelligence that he
knows is supernatural.
This was introduced in

Daniel 10:1

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia

Eight names were given by God before their births and this Cyrus is one of
them. (Isaiah 44:28) And the book of Ezra teaches of this memorable
third year.

***a message was revealed to Daniel,
..who was named Belteshazzar;
...and the message was true
...and one of great conflict,
...even great warfare***

**Why the answer to Daniel's prayer was delayed 3 weeks?
A glimpse behind the invisible curtain of THE ANGELIC
CONFLICT; of THE INVISIBLE WARFARE will tell us.**
We now move into an area that few Christians know anything about, or
even care about.

But there is a great portion of the Bible that teaches on the Invisible
warfare, of *THE ANGELIC CONFLICT*

THE ANGELIC CONFLICT—that is right... conflict between angels.

And this will concern you!!! So many Christians like to talk about
their **guardian angel** well, you also have an **attacking angel**

The Book of Daniel is a remarkable book.

First you must understand that God could have ended the entire time struggle, had He chosen to do so. If God so decided there would be no evil in existence. **But God has a plan**, a plan that allows His creatures to observe **His omnipotence, Omniscience**, and **His Love** and **Grace** and **Perfect Righteousness**.

All through the bible there are times where Satan has been given power. There are times all through the Bible where God gives to man power over Satan and his demons. JESUS CHRIST often affirmed the God given power and authority to Satan. (John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11; Ephesians 2:2 and Ephesians 6:12)

This giving of power and authority over to Satan does not challenge the Omnipotence of God, but dramatizes that He has a **plan of grace** that allows His creation to decide to respond **by faith** in Him or the One's He has sent.

Daniel 10:13

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

13... "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days:

WHO IS THIS PRINCE OF PERSIA?

He is not human,
he is superhuman,
he is a fallen angel.

This is why all we have studied from Daniel 2,

- 1) on the times of the Gentiles,
- 2) the four kingdoms of the statute,
- 3) and the four wild beast

...portraying **Babylon, Medo-Persian** empires and then comes **Greece** and then **Rome**.

It will be centuries until Greece over takes Persia, under Alexander.

And this messenger angel, will remain as guardian in Persia over some two centuries.

Not talking about a human being Called Prince of Persia.

This angel cannot get past to deliver the message God has sent him to deliver to Daniel and it will take the **Arch-Angel (Michael)** to come and help him, so he could get through to Daniel.

Principle

From the first day Daniel started praying God ordered Gabriel to go to him and answer some of the questions Daniel was asking about the prophecies . But Gabriel could not leave the Kings of Persia unprotected. Gabriel only left when God sent Michael to replace him

until he had finished revealing these things to Daniel. God is in control of all things; **so why did He allow Gabriel to be delayed for 21 days? It was for Daniel's benefit and for ours as well.**

Principle

If you pray for complete understanding of Prophecy and the ability to witness to others and are still having problems, maybe the problem is not with you, but with Satan, trying his best to prevent you from achieving that goal. Keep praying and studying — find others of like mind with which to fellowship!

(sometimes you might get a call from a friend who is having great inner problems, and this very well might be the problem they are having)

The first part of Daniel 10... covers 21 days, — from third of Tishrei to 23 of Tishrei.

Gabriel arrived at the end of the 21 days, which was right after the high holy days .

End time Prophecy

From here on through chapter 12 the angel will reveal events ranging from 536 bc to AD 1948 and on through The Tribulation to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

We are allowed to enter where very few are allowed.

Who is the Prince of Persia that he is talking about here?

And who are the kings of Persia?

The **Prince of Persia** is a supernatural demon, a fallen angel
13...Was withstanding me for 21 days

I hope you see this, here are two high ranking angels engaged in hand to hand combat for 21 days. The war rages in this physical world and the war rages in the Invisible realm.

The Hebrew is much stronger and much more dramatic than simply saying:

was withstanding me or
KJ ***withstood me*** or
NIV ***resisted me*** you get a little better picture in margin of
NASV ***standing opposite!***

For in the Hebrew we have a dramatic Hebrew construction; describing what was going on:

Qal participle of the Hebrew verb ***dmad*** to take your stand, to rise up; to take your stand to stop someone from doing something.

This is followed by the Preposition—indicating some action...

Here it means: standing **Against!**

Took his stand against me to stop me from coming to you!

Satan did not want the message of this final vision given to Daniel.

Took his stand against me in battle for 21 days

Then behold this is drama in the highest realm...something unexpected happened.

Michael, one of the chief princes came to help me!

For I had been left there can be translated *because I was left there, or I withstood,*

The Hebrew word for withstood can mean either to prevent by force or to be in the way of the enemy on a field of battle.

The point is that we are seeing a battle between angels. From Daniel 10:13 and Daniel 10:20 thru 11:1 we learn that Gabriel was left to guard the kings of Persia from a Demonic threat that would try to depose them and nullify the Prophecies, much Like Herod tried to thwart the prophecy of a new born king by killing all babies in Bethlehem.

There is enough material on Angels, on the Angelic Conflict, on the Invisible Warfare to write a very large book and we would all get lost in the details about the Angelic Conflict and about angels.

Seventy Weeks and the Messiah

24 ***“Seventy weeks*** 490 years ***have been decreed*** by God ***for your people*** Jews ***and your holy city,*** Jerusalem to accomplish 6 things →1) ***finish the transgression,*** rebellion against God →2) ***to make an end of sin,*** stop missing the mark of Gods +Righteousness by works of the Law →3) ***to make atonement the*** reconciliation ***for iniquity,*** →4) ***to bring in everlasting righteousness,*** end of the 490 years when the Messiah comes →5) ***to seal up vision and prophecy*** prophet when Messiah comes no need of a prophet ***and*** →6) ***to anoint the most holy*** Jesus Christ ***place.***

25 ***“So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem*** 444 bc ***until Messiah the Prince*** Jesus Christ ***there will be seven weeks*** 49 years (complete the city and the Temple ***and sixty-two weeks:*** 434 years = 483 ***it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.*** World opposition headed by Satan

26 *“Then after the sixty-two weeks* 434 years *the Messiah* Jesus Christ *will be cut off* crucified *and have nothing*, none of the unconditional covenant will be fulfilled—no land, no kingdom *and the people of the prince who is to come* Roman’s *will destroy the city* Jerusalem *and the sanctuary*. The Temple—70 AD *And its end will come with a flood;* millennial invasion *even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined*. Throughout the Church Age.

27 *“And he* the Prince who is to come—dictator of the Revived Roman Empire or the Anti-Christ *will make a firm covenant for* protection *with the many* Jews who desire the covenant help from the Gentiles *for one week*, 7 years *but in the middle of the week* 3½ years *he* Prince who is to come *will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering;* in the Temple *and on the wing* pinnacle of the Temple *of abominations* statue of himself to be worshiped *will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction*, 2nd Advent & battle of Armageddon *one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.*” Anti-Christ. Introduction of the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ.