This is aimed at the Jews. In Daniel 9:26 they are told that their history would see nothing but wars **and** desolations. What we are going to study in **Daniel, chapters** 10 thru 12, is written to give courage, **and** hope to the Jews throughout the ages, right up to today. Satan does not want them to have this hope. He wants them to break down **and** give up. Therefore, he seeks to stop this message from getting to **Daniel**.

One of the most remarkable stories through history of the Gentiles is how the Jews come out even stronger on every attack to destroy them. This hope is grounded in many of them.

13 But the Prince of the kingdom of Persia—(one of the high ranking angels in the army of Satan) was withstanding me—took his stand to oppose me for 21 days (of angelic hand to hand combat.)

Then behold Michael. one of the chief princes, (Michael, is an arch-angel assigned by God to guard over Israel.) He comes and supplies a way for this messenger angel to get though the angelic lined and make to Daniel, to give Daniel this vitally important message from God.

13 then behold Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me (Does God <u>need</u> the help of angels to accomplish His Plan on earth?)

These things are reported to us that we might see what cannot be seen by the eye. Not just *The Angelic Conflict* but how these angelic forces are operating right now on planet earth.

People, I know that to most of the world, these are babblings of a fool. But to those of us who believe this book is the inspired, **inerrant**

Word of God, these are real. These are truthful facts that are going on and will go on until Jesus Christ returns to his earth.

One more vital point about *The Angelic Conflict*. It is allowed by God. If God did not want *The Angelic Conflict* to continue, it would be over. But God allows demons to operate, just as God allows your volition to choose against Him. So we are learning so much, about **The Invisible Conflict** and about God, Himself. We learn so much about God, Himself, as we study **The Invisible War**.

God has a plan and He temporally sets aside His Sovereignty over all the decisions of His creatures. (*The Angelic Conflict*; human sins; and evil) God has a plan for the history of angelic beings and human. It is He who allows the forces of Darkness to work.

Luke 22:53

⁵³ While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

AND WE LEARN ABOUT OURSELVES—ARE YOU GOING TO TRUST HIM?
THOUGH YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND NOR KNOW
ARE YOU GOING TO TRUST HIM?

The Angelic Conflict is about God, angels, mankind... and ourselves.

HOW ARE PRAYERS TRANSMITTED? HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THAT?

They are not by radio signals nor by light beams— that would take forever! Our prayers are heard in heaven *as we think them*! This is how close God is to each of us.

13 for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. This means this angel was left there in a position of preeminence in a strategic position on field of battle.

People, whether you realize it or not, you are positioned by God in a position of pre-eminence in this Spiritual Warfare.

I know that it may be difficult for you to grasp this;

"oh, I am not that important"...

And... that is exactly what Satan wants you to think.

You are a believer in Jesus Christ.

YOU HAVE BEEN LEFT HERE BY GOD FOR A PURPOSE IN THE PLAN OF GOD.

What you do about God...
What you do about Jesus Christ...
What you do about the Holy Spirit...
What you do about the Word of God...

is vital to fulfilling God's plan for your life.

Yes, it is Invisible! You see it **IF** you "Live by Faith."

14 "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days,

What is it about? Israel.

When is, in the latter days! for the vision pertains to the days yet future"

Dominion theologians, Replacement theologians take close note—The Church is not the people of Daniel. **Israel**, **is!** And they have a guaranteed Prophetic Future - an exciting future, declared by God!

He is talking about his physical heritage... of Abram. Isaac and Jacob and what would happen to them in the latter days So this is a prophecy that will extend through all the **Church Age** to when the Church is snatched up off the earth—**The Rapture**.

Note the purpose for Divine Information (The Bible / to give you understanding- actually this is a causative Hiphil... to cause you to understand.

To understand Spiritual things, requires 3 interacting dynamics:

- The Word of God
- 2. The Holy Spirit
- 3. Your Faith

You're opening your ears to hear what the Holy Spirit has to say...

This is up to you.

I like the way it is stated in Revelation 2-3--- to the Seven churches:

he who has an ear this does not refer to a physical ear but to positive volition to Word of God.

let him hear this means you make yourself available to the Word of God.

what the Spirit says This is not Shakespeare, this is not some history book, nor a novel, that you can read and work yourself through,

This is The Word of God and it demands the function of the Holy Spirit, and your faith reception from the Holy Spirit.

And that is what this angel is saying to Daniel.

Now I have come to cause you to have understanding

I do not want you to miss all that God is going through to get His Word to Daniel.

He sends an angel with the message;

the angel encounters demonic opposition and

Israel's high ranking Archangel, Michael, has to come and help fight off these demonic angels and

then this angelic messenger makes it to Daniel to give Daniel this information; and

it is imperative that Daniel be alert, and listens and learns what God wants him to learn.

Here is Wisdom of the Book of Daniel.

You desire wisdom? Study the Word of God in the Filling of the Holy Spirit.

We don't have an angel; we have the written WORD and the FILLING of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Effect of these words on Daniel.

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

Look back to verses 8-9... This is the second shock to Daniel's body.

Remember that Daniel's body is closing in on 90 years of age, his body is old – he looked at the ground and became speechless.

You may not lose your strength but I hope all of you experience
The powerful effect of the Word of God on your bodies. When you are
under pressure, suffering, tribulation and you sit down and take in
the Word of God and a supernatural peace falls over you!

Daniel cannot learn while disoriented, so another angel comes to render Daniel capable of thinking and learning and understanding.

We have seen in this one chapter 10 several categories of angels.

We have seen **The Angel of Jehovah** – **Jesus Christ pre-incarnate**; We have seen **The Messenger Angel** who came to bring God's message to Daniel. Then we were introduced to *The Demonic Angels* who fought this angel from bringing the Word of God to Daniel. Then came **The Archangel Michael** to fight The Demonic Angels. Now we have an angel who comes to cause Daniel to regain his strength.

16 And behold, these things are happening to Daniel one thing after another... one who resembled a human being this angel took the form of a human was touching my lips; first aid

before me,

Something that has been pointed out by others that all throughout Scripture, angels do not minister to people on earth-'spiritually' this is something that only The Holy Spirit does.

He ministers to us spiritually.

But we do have all through Scripture angels ministering to us **physically**.

In Exodus they provided Elijah with food, and angels provided Jesus Christ with food. Angels got Peter out of jail, etc., but never do we find an angel providing spiritually.

SO WHEN YOU ARE DOWN, DO NOT PRAY TO OR FOR AN ANGEL; GO TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BY FAITH. HE IS THE ONE WHO GIVES KNOWLEDGE, PEACE, JOY, AND COURAGE, ETC.

then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing

"O my lord, It is interesting to study John's interaction with angels in Revelation. This is simply a matter of respect for the authority and rank of an angel.

as a result of the vision, anguish The Hebrew word means that the vision has caused a feeling of distress and even hopelessness

has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. Something has happened to this old man's body and I doubt any doctor is going to be able to help him.

"For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? Bonified humility! As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me."

This is really affecting Daniel physically

18 Then this one with human appearance touched me this

angel administers supernatural first aid.

again and strengthened me.

This is some kind of a medical angel; he restores Daniel's breathing and physically strengthens Daniel's aging body.

19 He said, "O man of high esteem, greatly beloved

Said of David...a man after God's own heart
Said of Abraham...a friend of God and
you should know that these things can be said of you.

What is so special about these men?

Certainly not sinlessness; but these were believers who lived by faith. Now the angel gives 3 instructions to Daniel and they are 'wisdom' for each of us in times of Tribulation.

- 1. Do Not Be Afraid
- 2. Peace Be With You
- 3. Take Courage and Be Courageous!

Each one of these is a study in itself. And People, the first thing you need to realize is that you cannot do these things in **the flesh**, by the **energy of the flesh**. Whatever we do by **the flesh** is not acceptable to God.

All three of these are A Ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Daniel 10:19

He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and

said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

Po Not Be Afraid. Peace Be With You; Take Courage and Be Courageous!"

Each one of these is a study in itself.... and ...

- The **first** thing we need to realize is that you cannot do these things in **The Flesh**; by the **Energy of The Flesh**. Whatever we do by **The Flesh** is not acceptable to God.
- II. All three of these are a ministry of God the Holy Spirit. So you have to know how to be Filled with the Holy Spirit by Grace through Faith and stay there regardless of the circumstances. Those circumstances may get worst or they may calm down but you have to continue to Live by Faith.
- This is Wisdom for every believer regardless of the Dispensation. No matter the circumstances, here is

your course of action: **Fear Pot, Be At Peace, Take Courage** from God's Holy Spirit and **Be Courageous** in the Storm.

IV. These are in Specific Order:

You cannot be **Courageous** if you are in **Fear**. **The Absence of Fear is Faith. Faith** leads to **Peace** which in turns makes the believer able to be **Courageous**.

V. Very important point on observation:

This exhortation is similar to what God told Joshua before he led the people. But, remember here in Daniel he is an old man at 85 years of age. Daniel is not going into any physical battle; ...nothing that would cause him to be **Courageous Physically**.

So what is going on with this old man?

He is in the Angelic Conflict; He is in an Invisible Har!

He is getting ready to HEAR THE WORD OF GOD!! And, people, sometimes... often before you HEAR THE WORD

OF GOD you have to get rid of Fear, and have Heace in your Soul and Be Courageous as you learn.

It may be some great crisis in your life, in your family, the death of someone, etc. It may be a financial crisis. To the Jews it may be going through the Holocaust! It may be something in your environment; it might be related to your nation. I cannot even begin to name all the tribulations that may happen in your lives. They may be different for each individual or it may be something we all have to suffer through.

But no matter the tribulation, we must go to the Word of God and BEFORE WE GO TO THE WORD OF GOD, WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR WHATEVER THE WORD OF GOD SAYS TO US. We have to be free of personal Fear, and have PCACC IN OUR SOULS.

You cannot grasp Scripture when in Fear. And we must be able to take *Courage* and *Be Courageous*, Not In Regard To The Crisis But In Regard To The Word Of God.

We start off with a list of some of the descriptions of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

- ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Haggai 2:5

S'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!

Zechariah 4:6

- ⁶ Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

 Isaiah 11:2
- ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Do Not Be Afraid.

Fear is of **The Flesh**, when **The Flesh** is threatened, we are afraid of what may happen to us or to those we love.

There is fear of the <u>unknown</u>; especially in **The Invisible Warfare**. But **not be Atrain**, no one, not man nor angel can do anything to you for which God is not prepared. The Holy Spirit is never threatened so the exhortation not to be Afraid is not an appeal to **The Flesh** but to **Faith**.

Peace Be With You

Peace... that all things are going to work out for His Glory and your reflected glory. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit! Supernatural Peace. In The Angelic Conflict, The Invisible Warfare, you can have this wonderful Peace, no matter what is going on outside of you; because inside is Peace.

You already have **Peace** with God for all eternity, now you can have The **Peace** of God in times of tribulations.

Take Courage and Be Courageous

You will notice there are two exhortations here.

Take Courage Qal. imperative of the verb meaning to be courageous or take strength... followed by the same verb. And Be Courageous

Take or receive courage from the Holy Spirit and you will be Courageous in Understanding the Vision.

There are times in our lives when we just have to have **Courage** in what is being revealed in Scripture.

Courage in what is happening in our lives, especially if we do not understand why or from where this is coming.

19 He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!"

Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

I hope you see it.

AS HE STARTED RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD,
DANIEL WAS STRENGTHENED.

AND PEOPLE,
THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU
AS YOU LIVE/WALK BY FAITH
IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND
START RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

THROUGH THE WORD

WILL START STRENGTHENING YOUR SOUL.