

DANIEL

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“We are moving into a very eerie section. Maybe you would call it weird or strange. The veil of the spiritual world is partially and momentarily pulled aside and we get a look into the unseen world. There is nothing here to satisfy the morbid curiosity of an idle spectator. However, there is enough to produce a beneficial and sobering effect upon the humble believer similar to the effect that it produced upon Daniel.” - J. Vernon McGee, Thru the Bible – Daniel

I. THE HISTORICAL SETTING, (10:1-4)

- A. The vision took place in the third year of Cyrus' reign (536 B.C.).
- B. This was three years after _____, (Ezra 1:1-4).
- C. Daniel was close to ninety.
- D. Daniel understood that he was receiving a vision that would not be fulfilled for a long time.
- E. Daniel had been in mourning for three weeks. Perhaps he was burdened for the challenges the returnees' were facing, (Ezra 4:4).

II. THE FIRST VISITOR, (10:5-9)

- A. Daniel saw a man. If he is the same as the man in v.13, he must be an angel. However, based upon his description, this _____. Compare v.5-6 with Rev. 1:13-18.

“Who was this certain man? He was no other than the Lord of Glory.” - Clarence Larkin, The Book of Daniel, p.220.

- B. Daniel saw the vision but his companions didn't - they were overcome with fear, v.7. Compare this to the experience of Paul and his companions (Acts 9:3-7).
- C. Daniel was overcome by the vision of Christ. He fell into a deep sleep, (v.7-9).

III. THE SECOND VISITOR, (10:10-20).

- A. Daniel is awakened by an angel, (v.10).
- B. Twice the angel refers to Daniel as a man greatly beloved, (v.11,19).
- C. Daniel was frightened by the angel.
- D. Daniel is told to fear not.

E. Verses 12 and 13 give a great insight to the great spiritual war that goes on invisibly all around us.

1. The angel had been trying to respond to Daniel's prayer for three weeks.

2. A demon spirit _____
had been resisting the angel. In Eze. 26-28, we find Satan associated with Tyre.

3. Michael, one of the chief angels, came to help this angel, (see also Dan.12:1; Jude 9; and Rev.12:7).

F. The angel came to reveal the vision (chapters 11 and 12) of the future to Daniel, (v.13).

G. Daniel is frightened and collapses again.

H. One of the angels touched his mouth and he was able to speak again, (v.16). (see Isa. 6:5-7).

I. Daniel questions how this can be happening to him, (v.17).

J. Daniel is touched by an angel again and is strengthened to speak, (v.18-19).

K. The angel informs him that he is returning to battle with, (v.20).

L. He will show the vision before he goes. _____,
(v.21).

IV. THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH, (10:21).

The visions given to Daniel in chapters 11 and 12 are already written (Scripture - holy writings) before they are given to Daniel. The Scripture _____
Ps.119:89 apart from any human authors. God dictates it to men (inspiration) and they write it down (holy writings).

There is no greater proof of this process than the book of Daniel. As M.R. DeHaan writes, "Those who reject the supernatural inspiration and infallible dictation of the Scriptures must somehow do away with Prophet Daniel in order to disprove the Bible, for Daniel wrote concerning things of the future which would occur after the days of Daniel." - Daniel the Prophet, p.18 –