Daniel 10

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Ch 10 prologue or introduction to establish background & context of what follows=Daniel's vision of ch 11. The thing revealed was the truth Satan a liar hates truth So a conflict or warfare ensued w/ activation of demonic forces. Always a spiritual struggle w/ demonic powers that operate in government world systems.

Daniel prays & fasts 3 week challenging wicked demonic forces of world's system controlled by Satan's…*who is god of this world 2cor 4:4*. ***Eph 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.*** These are evil spiritual forces connected w/ governmental administrations to hinder God's plan for His people Israel & ultimately prevent the establishment of Kingdom age under Messiah, Jesus reign. We see the battle taking place in Daniels prayer.

Two years after decree of Cyrus for Jews to return to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel & HP Joshua 42,360 plus 7,337 servants & singers went, 2nd wave under Ezra 458 BC to rebuild temple; 3rd wave under Nehemiah 445 BC to build walls…God shows Daniel what was taking place in the heavenly realm while all this was happening…even out to the end M reign.

Spiritual battle in heaven to hinder God & Daniels prayer w/ God & His angels to counter & bring to pass His will & Daniel's prayers. This presence darkness—Piercing the darkness dramatization of spiritual warfare

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.

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Cyrus became king 539 BC three years later 536 BC Daniel 85 to 90 yrs old. Captive 605 BC as teen. Fourth & final vision greatest ch 10,11,12.

Belteshazzar Bel protect the king…old names die hard…Daniel 'God is my judge' Stony 3 yrs since Babylon overthrown 70 yr Dan name id w/ Nebu

Three times *message*…true w/ great conflict 3 x's revealed, understood. Word from spiritual realm…it's true :1 Dan bears witness to its content ***1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. Jn 15:26,27 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me,27 and you will bear witness also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.*** Great conflict…*spiritual warfare*…words of warning and words of welfare *Understanding* double meaning…near & far. Fasting deny body appetites flesh no tasty food, not bath, no deodorant—humiliation of flesh before Lord

4 And 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.

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; 13 and in the middle of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle. 14 And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire; 15 and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. 16 And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

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Christophany Abraham S/G---Joshua Captian of Lord of Host---Manoah (Samson) 'Angel of Lord'….seen God and lived

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.

Fled at Gods presence…Isaiah ***'I saw the Lord high and lifted up…woe is me I am ruined…unclean lips Is 6:5***

Ps 90:8 'You have placed our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy presence' 24:3,4 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up is soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully

Light and darkness cannot co-exist…we need spiritual heart surgery. ***Matt 6:22 "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.***

Man from Glad

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.

Spiritual warfare is exhausting one hour preaching 8 hour of labor--BG…"There are limits of human capacity to absorb heavenly wonder" It can drain you & take the very life force out of you emotionally and physically.

What Daniel experienced or if you go to prayer w/ this kind of intensity will be most exhausting experience you have ever had…it is battling in the spiritual realm w/ demonic powers.

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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. 10 Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11 And 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.

Christophany served His purpose now left and Angel touched him. Gabriel? *Highly esteemed*—great encouragement or greatly desired—You are known in heaven, it's called the Lambs book of life..All the days God has ordained for you are there…His thought toward us are recorded ***Ps 139:17,18 How precious also are Thy thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with Thee.*** In heaven no intro needed when get there….we will know even as we are known

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. 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.

Split screen earth and heaven—Cosmic conflict battling forces to answer Dan prayer…good and evil powers waring…what if Dan gave up? Pray w/o ceasing 1Thes 5:17….***Matt 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. 8"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. 9"Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? 10"Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? 11"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!***

Persistent widow ***Lk 8:1-8 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, 2saying, "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God, and did not respect man. 3"And there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' 4"And for a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, 5yet because this widow***

bothers me, I will give her legal protection, lest by continually coming she wear me out.'" 6And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; 7now shall not God bring about justice for His elect, who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? 8"I tell you that He will bring about justice for them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

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

Key your people Israel, Jews…latter days, final judgment 70th week last 7 year period….time of great tribulation Rev 6-19….days yet future or many days a long period of time for it's fulfillment & before vision is finalized….AE 167 BC to Antichrist

15 And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. 16And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. 17"For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me." 18 Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. 19And 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." 20Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. 21"However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince.

Dan to receive ans to is prayer but the battle was not over for heavenly messenger first battle prince of Persia then prince of Greece God looking out for his people behind the scenes. Michael warrior angel battling for Israel. What looks weak on earth has heavens mighty forces behind it.