

Daniel 10

1-3 Daniel has another revelation. It causes him to mourn. For three weeks he did a Daniel fast - no foods he enjoyed, just subsistence like grain and vegetable and water.

4,5 He begins to describe the vision he sees after the 21 day fast. First he sees and describes this heavenly agent.

6 Sounds like Jesus in Revelation 1:13-17 But I do not think He is, for Jesus could not be detained by the prince of Persia (vs 13), nor would he need Michael's help if He was. Angels look like Jesus? Seems at least some do.

7 This is like the time of Paul's conversion on the Damascus Road. They heard but did not see. As in all supernatural events, people are frightened.

8-10 The touch gives us strength to get up or in this case, kneel. Do we realize how much we need His touch just to kneel? No wonder our bodies must be changed to live in heaven.

11 See him, like Joshua, Isaiah and John - trembling before this awesome one.

12 Angels always have to say, "Do not fear" because their presence is so out of our norm. We don't know how to react - our vulnerable condition and our weakness suddenly is foremost. We realize this life could end in an instant.

When we really set ourselves and truly humble ourselves, God responds.

13 A heavenly battle. This says a whole lot! This world is influenced by the war in the heavenlies. The Satanic forces have genuine power and can detain. Since God is Sovereign they can only do so within His permissive will. They put up a fight. It affects this world. Was he helping the king of Persia make the right choice or was a spiritual power called the prince of Persia resisting him?

14,15 Overwhelmed again. Our earthly bodies have a tough time in the presence of the heavenly. Some accounts seem to use somewhat veiled presence for the person's sake. Remember Samson's parents or Abraham's guests. Other times we have them in their glory and men can hear and speak only with the help of their strengthening touch.

16-18 Another strengthening touch. It seems the angels need to be informed of our condition, for they are not omniscient like God.

19 Another, "do not fear" - Fear saps the strength. Another common word to man. Peace - be in harmony with God. It is emphatic. Be at Peace. Don't resist, flow with what is happening. Be strong twice for emphasis in Hebrew. His word strengthened as well as his touch.

20,21 What is the Book of Truth? This may be the Sovereign will of God. Then he explains how he and Michael have been supporting and protecting Darius the Mede. 11:1 should have been included in this chapter as the last verse.