

DANIEL - Chapter TEN

REVIEW: Chapter SEVEN

1) The lion with eagle's wings = 586 - 536

2) The bear with ribs in its mouth = 536 - 333

3) The winged, multi-headed leopard = 333-300

4) The dreadful and terrible beast = 63 – 5 B. C.

Chapter EIGHT

1) The two-horned ram – Daniel 8:20; depicts the kings of Media and Persia -

2. The one-horned male goat – Daniel 8:21; - depicts the kingdom of Greece;

3. The broken horn and four horns that arose in its place – Daniel 8:22;

a. Alexander the Great?

b. His empire was divided between his four generals (Daniel 8:8;) 333-200

Ptolemy - (Egypt) Seleucus I - (Syria) Cassander (Macedonia and Greece) Lysimachus (Thrace and Asia Minor)

4. The little horn that became exceedingly great – Daniel 8:23-25;

Most writers are agreed that this is Antiochus Epiphanies who arose out of Syria, one of the "four kingdoms," B.C. 175-163.

5. The vision of the evenings and mornings – Daniel 8:26;

Daniel 8:26 “The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.” (ESV)

a. The number of days the sacrifices will cease, and the temple desolated.

Daniel 8:14 “And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state.” (ESV)

b. Maybe a literal period (a little over **six years) corresponding to the actual period of time the abomination by Antiochus Epiphanies occurred (171-165 B.C.)**

Chapter NINE

A. The Vision Of The Seventy Weeks (9:20-27)

1. Even as Daniel was confessing his sin and the sin of his people, and making supplication for the holy mountain of God (i.e., Jerusalem) - The Arrival of Gabriel.

2. This was the same person seen in the vision at the beginning - Daniel 8:16;

TO GIVE DANIEL SKILL TO UNDERSTAND...

3. 70 "weeks" are determined for Daniel's people (Israel) and his holy city (Jerusalem) -

4. Weeks of years (i.e., each day representing a year)?

a. To finish the transgression

The idea is that Messiah +, would provide a restraining power and influence which would check the progress of sin (Barnes, Gill) - cf.

b. To make an end of sins

The idea is that sins will be sealed up, or closed, or hidden, so that they will not be seen, or will not develop themselves (Acts 3:19)

c. To make reconciliation for iniquity

Literally, to cover iniquity, Psalms 32:1;

**d. To bring in everlasting righteousness -
the restoration of the normal state
between God and man.**

**Literally, to cause to come and provide a
way by which a man could become
righteous and holy; Romans 3:21-26; 2
Corinthians 5:21;**

e. To seal up the vision and the prophecy

To complete, to finish, meaning the prophecies would be fulfilled (Barnes)

Young suggests that it is referring to OT prophecies, especially those related to the work of the Messiah making an end of sin - cf.; Luke 24:44-47; Hebrews 1:1-4;

f. To anoint the Most Holy

Primarily, to "anoint," or to *consecrate* after its pollution "the Most Holy" *place* but mainly *Messiah*, the antitype to the Most Holy place (JFB).

Some believe it may refer to the baptism of Jesus when the Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove - Matthew 3:16-17;

B. A Specific Description of How This Would Occur...

1. There shall be 7 weeks and 62 weeks - Daniel 9:25;

a. Beginning with the command to restore and build Jerusalem, until Messiah the prince (the street and the wall shall be built, even in troublesome times).

2. After the 62 weeks, certain events will occur - Daniel 9:26-27;

a. Messiah will be cut off, but not for Himself

This refers to the death of Christ, whose death occurs midway during the 70th week.

b. People of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary

Matthew 23:36-39 “Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”(ESV)

c. For 1 week, he shall confirm a covenant with many

Describing the work done by Jesus and His apostles in Israel, before and immediately after His death (Barnes) whose earthly ministry lasted about 3 and half years when the gospel was preached only to Jews for 3-4 years after Pentecost.

d. In the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering

This refers to Jesus who was cut off, but not for Himself (Barnes) who through His death, brought the need for sacrifices to an end -Hebrews 10:12-18;

e. The abomination and desolation to come - Matthew 24:15;

Daniel Chapter Ten

In the third year of Darius (ca. 535 B.C.) Daniel receives a vision that will affect his people (Israel) "in the latter days" (Daniel 10:14), its words to be closed and sealed "till the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9). "The Vision Of The Time Of The End" begins with an appearance of a "glorious man" to Daniel beside the Tigris River (1-9), with an explanation for his delay in coming (10-21). The prophecy of the vision continues in chapters eleven and twelve.

Daniel 10:1-21; “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision. In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) I lifted up my eyes

and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no

strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground. And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up

trembling. Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.” When he

had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, "O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me." Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he

said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.” (ESV)

In the tenth chapter, we find the beginning of the final vision recorded by Daniel...

a. A vision that pertains to what will affect Daniel's people (i.e., Israel) - Daniel 10:14;

b. Describing what will occur "in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come" – Daniel 10:14;

c. Its words were to be closed and sealed "till the time of the end"- Daniel 12:9 -- For such reasons this vision has been called "The Vision of the Time of the End".

d. But what is meant by the expression "the time of the end"?

Is it the end of time as we think of it, when Christ returns or does it refer to the end of God's dealings with Israel as His covenant nation?

I. THE APPEARANCE OF A GLORIOUS MAN

A. THE DATE AND SETTING OF THE VISION...

1. It occurred in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, on the 24th day of the first month (ca. 535 B.C.) – Daniel 10:1,4;

2. Daniel had been in mourning (fasting) for three weeks – Daniel 10:2-3;

3. He was beside the Tigris River – Daniel 10:4;

B. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE GLORIOUS MAN...

1. Daniel saw a certain man – Daniel 10:5-6;
a. Clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz, **b.** With a body like beryl **c.** His face like lightning, his eyes like torches of fire **d.** His arms and feet like burnished bronze in color **e.** His words like the voice of a multitude.

Compare Revelation 1:12-16;

Revelation 1:12-16 “Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.” (ESV)

2. Only Daniel saw the vision -

Daniel 10:7 “And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.”

3. The impact on Daniel -

Daniel 10:8-9 “So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard

the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.” (ESV)

II. THE CONVERSATION WITH THE GLORIOUS MAN

1. A hand touches Daniel, causing him to tremble -

Daniel 10:10 “And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.” (ESV)

2. The man addresses Daniel -

Daniel 10:11 “And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.” (ESV)

3. The man comforts Daniel -

Daniel 10:12 “Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled

yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.” (ESV)

4. The man explains the reason for the delay -

Daniel 10:13 “The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,” (ESV)

a. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood him twenty-one days (the same time during which Daniel had been in mourning - cf. (Daniel 10:2-3))

1) Spiritual warfare seems to have been taking place -

Revelation 12:7; “Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,”

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” **(ESV)**

2) The "prince" (angel? DEMON) of the kingdom of Persia had been withstanding him -

Daniel 11:1 “And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.” (ESV)

b. But Michael came to help him who had been left alone with the kings of Persia.

1) Michael is described as "one of the chief princes.”

2) Later he is called "your prince" and "the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people" -

Daniel 10:21 "But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince." (ESV)

Daniel 12:1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a

nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.”

3) Jude **calls him "the archangel", who contended with the devil over the body of Moses - Michael appears to have served as the guardian of the nation of Israel.**

Jude 1:9 “But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”(ESV)

Yet Michael the archangel, By whom is meant, not a created angel, but an eternal one, the Lord Jesus Christ; as appears from his name Michael, which signifies, "who is as God": and who is as God, or like unto him, but the Son of God, who is equal with God, and from his character as the archangel, or Prince of angels, for Christ is the head of all principality and power; and from what is elsewhere said of Michael, as that he is the great Prince, and on the side of the people of God, and to have angels under him, and at his command; JOHN GILL

5. But now the man has come make Daniel understand -

Daniel 10:14 “and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.” (ESV)

a. What will happen to his people (Israel) "in the latter days", "many days yet to come" -

b. From what follows, the expression "latter days" appears to refer to the time leading up to the coming of the Messiah and into the

Messianic **period (Harkrider)** - cf.

Daniel 2:28 “but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:”

Acts 2:16-17 “But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:
“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and

prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;” (ESV)

B. DANIEL IS STRENGTHENED...

1. Daniel is initially speechless -

Daniel 10:15-17 “When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood

before me, “O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.” (ESV)

2. Daniel is strengthened -

Daniel 10:18-19 “Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.”

And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

C. THE MAN RESUMES HIS WORDS WITH DANIEL...

Daniel 10:20 “Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come.” (ESV)

2. Yet he will tell Daniel what is noted in the Scripture of Truth - _

Daniel 10:21-11:1 “But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince. “And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.” (ESV)

CONCLUSION:

1. At this point (DANIEL 11:2), "The Vision Of The Time Of The End" begins in earnest...describing what will happen "in the latter days" and referring to what will occur "many days yet to come".

2. In these introductory remarks of the vision, we find a glimpse of the spiritual warfare that was going on "behind the scenes"...While there is little we truly

know about this "spiritual warfare", and to what extent it may be going on today, perhaps our study will encourage us to take more seriously Paul's words: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to

withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." – Ephesians 6:12-13;

What are we doing to take up the armor of God, that we might be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might?

QUESTIONS And/or
OBSERVATIONS

Prayer Time

