

SERMON: DANIEL CHAPTER 10

[2] The title of the sermon today is "DANIEL CHAPTER 10."

- As always, I'll do a quick summary of the last Chapter before we move into Daniel Chapter 10.
- In Daniel Chapter 9, we see Daniel in the first year of King Darius the Mede.
- We see Daniel reading and studying the book of Jeremiah.
- From Jeremiah, we see that after 70 years of desolation Jerusalem would be rebuilt.
- Daniel knows that the time is near for this to happen. So, what does Daniel do?

He goes to the Lord in prayer, supplication, fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

- Daniel asks forgiveness for all his people who have sinned against God.
- Job also did that for his sons and daughters. When you pray, do you just pray for yourself?
- Hopefully not. Daniel is teaching us here how prayer and fasting should work.
- He's asking forgiveness not only for himself but for all the children of Israel.

[3] Daniel 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

- Daniel is asking this also for the Lord's sake because they are his people.
- And Daniel asks God to please forgive them not because of their righteousness but because of his mercy.
- We're so happy we have a merciful God. He's merciful to us when we don't deserve it at all.
- We see how important praying is to God. There is a spiritual war going on and praying is a part of it.
- While Daniel is praying to God and confessing the sin of his people Israel, Gabriel shows up.
- Daniel had seen this Gabriel during a vision he had in Daniel Chapter 8 years ago.

[4] Daniel 9:21-22 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

- Gabriel comes to give Daniel skill and understanding. He's going to tell Daniel what happens in the future.
- We learned about the 70 weeks and how those 70 weeks are split up into 3 periods of time.
- 7 weeks is the first period. 62 weeks is the second period. And 1 week is Daniel's 70th week.
- 7 weeks to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. Another 62 weeks until the Messiah is cut off.
- And then 1 week to finish and complete the transgression against God.

We learned how these things already happened, but they will happen again.

- We know Daniel's 70th week will happen again because we have the Book of Revelation.
- We learned about the 7 year Jewish-Roman War from 66 AD to 73 AD.
- In 70 AD, in the midst of the war, Jerusalem is conquered and made desolate by Vespasian.
- He was the Emperor of Rome at that time. He causes the daily sacrifice to stop.
- We know he is a picture of the antichrist. We know there's many different antichrists, but he's one.

[5] 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

[6] 1 John 2:22 *Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

[7] 2 John 7 *For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

- We saw the King of Greece Antiochus (AN-TY-O-CHUS) Epiphanes as a picture of the antichrist.
- He stopped the daily sacrifice long before Vespasian. We saw Jerusalem is rebuilt in Ezra and Nehemiah.
- And now Vespasian comes along and conquers Jerusalem and stops the daily sacrifice.
- The antichrist or the beast from Revelation will do the same. He will stop the daily sacrifice.
- And remember, JESUS CHRIST is the LAMB OF GOD who is our sacrifice.
- The antichrist will act as if he is God. That's what these antichrists do and the antichrist will do the same.
- He will do miracles and people will follow after him thinking he is the savior.
- Let's start there in verse 1 of Daniel Chapter 10.

[8] Daniel 10:1 *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.*

- Now, we're in the THIRD YEAR of Cyrus King of Persia. We're in Daniel Chapter 10.
- Let's do a quick timeline of the Book of Daniel and when each chapter happens.
- We see 5 different kings in the timeline of the Book of Daniel.
- 1) Jehoiakim King of Judah, 2) Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon, 3) Belshazzar King of Babylon
- 4) Darius King of Media, and 5) Cyrus King of Persia

Daniel Chapter 1 is the 3rd Year of Jehoiakim King of Judah.

- Daniel Chapter 2 starts with the 2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon.
- Daniel Chapter 3 and 4 continue during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar.
- Daniel Chapter 5 is the last year of Belshazzar King of Babylon.
- Daniel Chapter 6 is the 1st year of Darius King of the Medes.
- Then, we see the Book of Daniel go back in time starting in Daniel Chapter 7.
- This is similar to the Book of Revelation being cut in half. Revelation 1 – 11 and 12 – 22.
- Daniel 1 – 6 and 7 – 12. Now, let's see the order of Daniel Chapters 7 through 12.

Daniel Chapter 7 is the 1st year of King Belshazzar. So this goes back before Daniel Chapter 5.

- Daniel Chapter 5 is the last year of King Belshazzar and Daniel Chapter 7 is the 1st year of this king.
- Daniel Chapter 8 is the 3rd year of Belshazzar King of Babylon so that happens before Daniel Chapter 5.
- Daniel Chapter 9 is the 1st year of Darius King of the Medes. Daniel Chapter 10 also jumps forward in time.
- Daniel Chapter 10 is the 3rd year of Cyrus King of Persia. That's we are right now.
- Daniel Chapters 11 and 12 go back to the 1st year of Darius King of Media but continue from Chapter 10.
- In chronological order, the Book of Daniel goes like this:
- Daniel Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12.
- So, today, we're going over the Daniel Chapter 10. And these last 3 chapters go together.

[9] Daniel 10:1 *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.*

- Daniel has understanding of the vision, but it's not going to happen for a long time.
- Daniel Chapter 10 is an introduction to Daniel Chapter 11, which is very detailed and difficult.
- Daniel Chapter 12 is the ending of this vision. So, Chapter 10 introduction. Chapter 11 is the details.
- Chapter 12 is the ending. And remember, God didn't give Daniel these things in order.
- Daniel received Chapter 11 and 12 before he received Daniel Chapter 10.
- When he received Chapter 10 during the reign of Cyrus King of Persia, he understood all.
- Daniel went after understanding with all that he had. God doesn't just give it to anyone.
- Daniel studied, prayed, fasted, and asked God for understanding. And God found him worthy.

[10] Luke 11:9 *And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*

[11] John 16:24 *Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

[12] Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

- The Book of Daniel is not easy. If you want to understand, ask God for that understanding.
- Read the Book of Daniel over and over again. You can read it in about an hour.
- At normal speed, you can listen to the audio Bible on our website in about an hour.
- Look, the Book of Daniel, especially Chapters 10, 11, and 12 are spiritual meat.
- Watch what Daniel did so he could understand. He prayed and fasted.

[13] Daniel 10:2-3 *In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.*

- Daniel took 3 full weeks and mourned or grieved before God Almighty. He wanted to understand.
- He didn't eat anything pleasant. He didn't eat any meat. He knew the word of God is the meat.
- He didn't drink any wine or fruit juice. He didn't wash, trim his beard, or anoint his head.
- He mourned in front of God. In today's world, we wouldn't be caught dead doing anything like that.
- Why? Because it's not fun. We need fun. We need happiness all the time. We wouldn't dare mourn.

[14] Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

[15] Ecclesiastes 3:5-8 *A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

- So, there is a time to mourn and a time to dance. The opposite of mourning is dancing.

[16] James 4:8-10 *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

- During mourning, you don't make yourself happy with anything. Humble yourself before God.
- If you do, God will lift you up. Doesn't that sound good? GOD WILL LIFT YOU UP!!!
- Daniel did this for 3 weeks. God sees what you're doing. You don't need to do it in front of others.

[17] Daniel 10:4 *And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;*

- Daniel is there on 1/24. Remember, in the first month there is the Passover on the 14th.
- The days of unleavened bread are 7 days following the Passover. So Daniel is past those feasts.
- It appears that Daniel fasted through the Passover and days of unleavened bread.
- The Jews may have not been keeping the feasts at that time. That's just a note to think about.
- But mourning and fasting is called denying your flesh. You don't have to make your flesh happy.
- And it's something voluntary. God doesn't command you to do it. If you want, you do it.
- And Daniel is doing this because he wants to. No one made him do it. He wants understanding that bad.
- Daniel is standing beside the great river Hiddekel. This river is only mentioned one other time in the Bible.

[18] Genesis 2:14 *And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.*

- The Hiddekel River is one of the 4 river heads that came out of the garden of Eden.
- Hiddekel is the current day Tigris River in Iraq and this makes sense.
- The word Hiddekel means sharp and swift, which makes sense with Tigris which means dart.
- As we continue, remember that Daniel is standing by this great river.

[19] Daniel 10:5-6 *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

- Daniel looks up and sees this man. He has linen and his loins are girded with fine gold. Imagine that.
- His body is like a precious stone. His face is like lightning. His eyes as lamps of fire.
- His arms and feet are like polished brass. And when he spoke, you knew it. His voice is like a multitude.

This reminds me of the differences in a MAN and a WOMAN. With our children, Pam can tell them:

- "Hey, don't do that." And it doesn't come with much power behind it. But when I say:
- "HEY, DON'T DO THAT!!!" They straighten up because they hear the power behind my voice.
- That's why God gave us men and women. The women are more delicate as they were designed to be.
- The men were made with more strength and power as they were designed to be.
- And the men in today's world need to wake up and be the men God designed them to be.
- STOP BEING FEMININE. Put the Hollywood influences away and be a man. Go do some physical work.

And stop worrying how pretty you are. BE A MAN. You see this strength in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- You see this STRENGTH right here in Daniel Chapter 10. You see that this man strikes fear in people.
- As a man, we are no where near the Lord Jesus Christ but we are made in HIS IMAGE.
- So, wake up, be a MAN because you're made in the image of GOD. Act like it.
- His face was like lightning. LIGHTNING is scary and shocking. Do you understand that?
- You better fear our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He doesn't have long hair, and he doesn't wear a dress.

[20] Psalm 33:6-9 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

- If you read the Bible cover to cover, again and again, you will not think God is a pushover.
- When I get back into the world, I start to take things a little easier. "Oh, it's okay if you do this."
- "Oh, it's okay if you do that." Then read the Bible. It's not okay. God is fearful. His voice is like thunders.
- GREAT THUNDERS!!! His face is like lightning. His eyes are like flames. You should be scared.
- I was scared recently when I was on a plane, and I realized how small I am. I felt like a little ant.
- And that ant was being thrown around like nothing. That's when you realize how BIG GOD is.
- That's when you go to God. That's what you do when you're truly scared. And you hope God answers.

[21] Proverbs 1:24-26 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

[22] Proverbs 1:27-29 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

[23] Proverbs 1:30-32 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

- Let's not be fools any more. We need understand who God is and FEAR HIM with all that we have.
- He's here right now, and you don't want to mess with him. He's not easy going. He's FIERCE.

[24] Daniel 10:7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

- There were other men around when Daniel saw this vision. They didn't see it.
- A great quaking fell upon them. They ran and hid. When a great earthquake comes, you'll do the same.
- I've felt one smaller earthquake in my life, 4.6 for about 10 seconds in California.
- And I could feel the power under me, and that was a small one. THAT'S GOD'S POWER!!!

[25] Daniel 10:8 *Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.*

- Daniel lost all his strength. Do you understand God can take it all away any time he wants?

[26] Daniel 10:9 *Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.*

- Again, we see Daniel straight on his face on the ground. That's what happens with God.
- We fear so much, we lose all our strength, and we fall to the ground.
- Daniel hears the voice of his words and is in a deep sleep on the ground.
- Have you ever had a dream where you can't move? You've lost all your strength? I have.
- Once in my life, I laid in bed like I was asleep, was conscious, and couldn't move.
- It's scary. That's what I imagine when see this here in Daniel Chapter 9.

[27] Daniel 10:10 *And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.*

- No matter how tough we think we are and no matter how powerful we think we are:
- We are nothing compared to God's strength and power. We need him alone to lift us up.
- This man that Daniel sees is an angel from God, and you can see God's power with this angel.
- This hand touches Daniel, lifts him, and sets him upon his knees and on the palms of his hands.

[28] Daniel 10:11 *And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.*

- Wouldn't it be great to hear that you are GREATLY BELOVED by God?
- If you've believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you and him alone, you are beloved by God.
- Your goal in this life should be to please God. You should want to become GREATLY BELOVED BY GOD.
- If you're constantly doing your best to please God, you will be greatly beloved.

This man tells Daniel to stand upright and understand the words that he's saying.

- He says, "For unto thee am I now sent." Wouldn't that be amazing? GOD SENDS SOMEONE TO YOU.
- Yes, it would be amazing. And he did that already. God sent his son Jesus Christ to die for YOU.
- That means he must care about and love you if he sent his one and only son to die for you.
- And Jesus Christ, who is God, sacrificed himself for you because of his great love to you.
- Daniel hears his words, and he stands up. But he's trembling with fear. You would be too.

Everyday that we wake up, we should stand and tremble in fear of God. He's there.

- We should fear him so much that all we want to do each day is whatever he wants us to do.
- God is a fearful God, and he's not this false god who loves everyone no matter what they do.
- Oh no, he is not happy with us when we sin. He hates sin of all types. He's not happy with sin.
- He gets angry. And you'll see that when you read the Bible cover to cover and over and over again.

[29] Numbers 25:3-5 *And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. 5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.*

- That's just one little example concerning fornication, whoredom, and worshipping false gods.
- GOD GETS ANGRY. He's not different now. He's the same God as he was right there in Numbers.
- "TAKE THE HEADS OF THE PEOPLE AND HANG THEM UP BEFORE THE LORD."
- Does that make you fear God or not? That's just one little example in the Bible. They're everywhere.
- This isn't a fairy tale either. That actually happened. 23,000 died that day (1 Cor 10).
- When we sin, we should tremble in fear of God. We should ask forgiveness immediately.

[30] 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

- If you've believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, you're saved, BUT you still sin in your flesh. Not your soul.
- When you sin, you need to go to God and confess those sins. And tremble before him with fear.
- He can make your life on this earth a living hell because he is a good Father and he will punish you.
- If you continue to do things purposely when you know they're wrong, he's coming for you.
- Be like Daniel. Go to him in prayer and in fear. Tremble before him and humble yourself before God.
- When you do, you're showing God that you understand his greatness and what he can do.
- He holds your breath in his hands. Do not mess with God. Daniel stands there trembling in verse 11.

[31] Daniel 10:12 *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*

- This messenger or angel from God tells Daniel to FEAR NOT. Why shouldn't he fear?
- Because Daniel set his heart to understand the Bible, the Book of Jeremiah, and the visions from God.
- Daniel also CHASTENED himself before God. He punished himself before God. How did he do that?

[32] Psalm 69:10 *When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.*

- Daniel did so with mourning and fasting. He wasn't pleasing himself with all the good things in life.
- He was sorry for his sins and for the sins of his people. He asked forgiveness.
- This angel tells Daniel that his words were heard. His prayers were heard. And for that, DO NOT FEAR.
- That angel could have been coming for Daniel to punish him, to take him out. You never know.

So the angel says, "Calm down Daniel. I'm here to help. I'm not here to hurt you."

- In verse 12, the angel tells Daniel that "you were heard from the FIRST DAY."
- It's taken a few days, but now I'm here. That's why we need to be patient when we wait for God's answer.
- It might take longer that we want, but I guarantee you he will answer when the time is perfect.
- But understand that Daniel didn't stop seeking God. He continued to seek God while he waited.
- God does all things perfectly. So, calm down, seek God, pray to God, ask God, and he will answer.
- There is a spiritual battle going in every day, and you can see this within Daniel Chapter 10.

[33] Daniel 10:13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

- We see this prince of the kingdom of Persia withstanding the spiritual angel from God.
- So we see this is a spiritual battle between forces of light and forces of darkness.
- This prince of darkness within the kingdom of Persia withstood this same angel 21 days.

[34] Ephesians 6:10-12 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

- Daniel Chapter 10 is giving us a perfect example of what Ephesians Chapter 6 is talking about.
- This angel is fighting against the dark prince of the kingdom of Persia.
- Satan himself is called the prince of the power of the air in Ephesians Chapter 2.
- This prince of the kingdom of Persia in Daniel 10:13 is an evil spirit or demon resisting the good angel.
- Now, let's read it again and see if this makes more sense.

[35] Daniel 10:13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

- So, this isn't talking about the flesh and blood ruler of Persia. It's talking about a spiritual dark prince.
- And we don't know so much about the spiritual world because we can't see it. But it's there.
- We see MICHAEL, one of the CHIEF PRINCES on the good side, comes to help this angel.

[36] Jude 9 *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

- Michael is one of the chief princes or an archangel. He's a leader within the ranks of the angels.
- The angel that Daniel sees in Daniel Chapter 10 calls for backup from Michael the archangel.
- Michael comes to help this angel against the evil demon from the kingdom of Persia.
- And that angel remained there with the kings of Persia and ministering unto those kings spiritually.
- And yes, we have ministering spirits or angels all around us. We don't see the spiritual world.

[37] Daniel 10:14-15 *Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days. 15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.*

- Daniel is standing there while the angel speaks with him. The angel comes to help Daniel understand.
- He's going to help him understand what will happen to God's people in the latter days.
- He tells Daniel that this vision won't come to pass for MANY DAYS.
- Daniel again sets his face to the ground and he became as dumb the Bible says.

[38] Daniel 10:16 *And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.*

- One that is like a man touched Daniel's lips so he would speak.
- Daniel speaks to this angel that stands before him. Because of the vision, Daniel is sorrowful.
- And he has no strength. The visions are very troubling to Daniel.

[39] Daniel 10:17 *For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.*

- Daniel is now saying, "How can someone who is a servant of the Lord talk to me?"
- Daniel is a very humble man who doesn't think highly of himself. He knows the greatness of God.
- He sees the greatness of God in this angel who is talking with him.
- Daniel lost all his strength, and he's having trouble breathing. He's in awe and shocked.
- This is the same Daniel who went up against kings. He went into the lion's den. He wasn't scared.
- So this should tell you how shocking one of these angels can be.
- And it should really tell you what's going to happen when you finally see the Lord Jesus Christ one day.

[40] Revelation 1:12-14 *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;*

[41] Revelation 1:15-17 *And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

- John sees Jesus in the Book of Revelation and falls at his feet AS DEAD. That's what's going to happen.
- We know the angel in Daniel isn't Jesus even though the description is similar.
- Why? Because this angel calls for backup from Michael. Jesus doesn't need backup.
- Jesus doesn't have a struggle with the powers of darkness. The angels battle each other.
- But Jesus Christ doesn't have an actual struggle with anyone or anything. He speaks and it's done.
- Yes, here on earth, he went through a lot because he was made a little lower than the angels.
- This was done on purpose so he could become the SAVIOR. He is God manifest in the flesh.
- So, we see Daniel is very scared of this angel because God sent him. He's shocked and in awe of this angel.

[42] Daniel 10:18-19 *Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, 19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.*

- This angel who looks like a man touches Daniel and strengthens him again.
- But notice what he says, "Daniel you are a man who is greatly loved. Fear not!!! Peace be unto you."
- He tells Daniel to "BE STRONG!!! YEA, BE STRONG!!!" When he spoke, Daniel got his strength back.
- Daniel says, "Let my Lord speak for thou hast strengthened me."
- When we're scared and fearful, ask God for strength. He can give you that strength you need.

[43] Psalm 138:3 *In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.*

- God strengthens you in your soul. If you've trusted on the Lord Jesus Christ, you're saved. It's over.
- Your soul is strengthened and saved with everlasting life. That should give you strength.
- When we're weak in our flesh, God can make us strong.

[44] 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 *And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

- Paul was weak in the flesh. He prayed for boldness to God. He was fearful in his flesh.
- But God made him strong. Why? So he could preach with boldness.
- And remember, outside of church, we are all to be preachers of God's word.
- We are to share the Gospel with all no matter what. BE BOLD. Be not afraid. Ask God for strength.
- Yes, there is a spiritual battle. Allow God to take over so you win that battle.

[45] Daniel 10:20 *Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.*

- He says, "Daniel, do you understand why I've come unto you?" He answers that in the next verse.
- But he also says, "I've got to go back and fight with this prince of Persia."
- He's going to go fight this spiritual battle with this ruler of darkness. There's always a battle going on.
- And I guarantee you that there are powers of darkness in the United States right now.
- And I guarantee you that God's angels are there battling in the United States right now.

This angel tells Daniel that when he goes forth, the prince of Grecia shall come.

- We know that the Grecians conquer the Persians. He's telling Daniel that they're next.
- He's got a battle to fight with the Persians and after the Persians it's the Grecians next.
- And then we know after the Grecians, we see the Romans and so on.
- And remember, Cyrus of Persia is king right now as Daniel lives during Daniel Chapter 10.
- Daniel knows that the Grecians are going to take over next because of the visions and this angel.

[46] Daniel 10:21 *But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.*

- This angel has come to show Daniel this revelation of the vision he has received.
- We're going to see this in Daniel Chapter 11. We'll see a very detailed vision.
- And Daniel Chapter 11 is probably one of the toughest chapters in the entire Bible.
- But Daniel understands it because of this angel who comes and visits Daniel in Daniel Chapter 10.
- And Daniel Chapter 12 is a continuance of this vision where we see more about the end times.
- We learn about the tribulation, and we're given the exact number of days for end time events.
- So, Michael the archangel and this angel is holding these things and fighting these dark powers.

We know that Satan is behind all of these dark powers and demons who are deceiving the nations.

- Satan even tried to tempt Jesus by giving him power over the kingdoms of this world.

[47] Luke 4:5-7 *And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*

- Notice what Satan tells Jesus. When will he give him power over all the kingdoms?
- "IF THOU WILT THEREFORE WORSHIP ME." What's that tell you about many rulers in this world?
- I can guarantee that many of them have bowed down and worshipped Satan.
- When you choose anything over God, you are worshipping Satan. Don't put anything above God.
- Satan is behind all of these evil and wicked forces in our world today.
- He has spiritual forces and he has flesh and blood helping him today.
- We see that in the Book of Daniel, and we see God has good angels fighting back.
- They do this so that God's will is fulfilled. God always wins. Whatever he wants, happens.
- But Satan is always pushing back, but he'll never win. He should just give it up, but he won't.

In Daniel Chapter 11, we'll see this same angel telling Daniel that he strengthened Darius the Mede.

- Remember, Darius the Mede is the one who loved Daniel and was a friend of Daniel.
- Without this angel there strengthening him spiritually, that probably wouldn't have happened.

[48] Daniel 11:1 *Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.*

- That angel is there strengthening Darius the Mede in his first year of reigning.
- Remember, Darius is the first king after Belshazzar of Babylon is conquered.
- This angel must know Daniel very well. He knows that God loves Daniel.
- He tells Daniel that God loves him over and over again.
- And this angel comes to give Daniel understanding.

[49] Daniel 11:2 *And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.*

- Daniel Chapter 11 is a long chapter that we'll do next. We'll get all the details of Daniel's vision.
- Today, I hope you've seen the importance of prayer in the spiritual battle. There is a battle going on.
- First, you need to be saved. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you and that's it.
- Nothing else saves you. Believe that HE ALONE is the SAVIOR. You receive eternal life at that moment.
- That's a HUGE SPIRITUAL WIN right there. After that, you need to do your best to obey God.
- Read and study the Bible to understand God and to know what he wants. Increase your faith.
- You do that by reading and studying the Bible. You do that by coming to church and learning with us.
- Pray every day for as long as you need. You can't pray enough. Talk to God within all day long.
- Humble yourself before God. Learn to resist the flesh and all the things that you want.
- Give those things up. When you do, you're winning battles for God. You're making things easier for him.
- Let's not make it so hard on our amazing, fearful, and merciful God.

Let's pray.