

Daniel Chapter Ten

- The third year of Cyrus, King of Persia, was 536 B.C. [10:1].
 - This is also the third year of Darius the Mede.
 - This is two years after the vision of chapter 9.
- Daniel received a message/vision [10:1].
 - This is the fourth of four visions Daniel received.
 - The message was true and concerns great conflict.
- Daniel reacted to the message of the vision with mourning and fasting for three weeks [10:2-3].
- By the bank of the Tigris River, Daniel received a personal visit from the Lord [10:4-6].
 - A certain man, dressed in linens.
 - His waist girded with the gold of Uphaz.
 - His body 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.
 - The sound of His words like the sound of a tumult.
- Compare this description to the one the Apostle John gives in Rev 1:13-17.
 - One like the son of man, dressed in a robe.
 - Girded across His chest with a golden sash.
 - His head and hair were like white wool, like snow.
 - His eyes were like a flame of fire.
 - His feet were like burnished bronze.
 - His voice was like the sound of many waters.
 - Out of His mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword.
 - His face was like the shining sun.
- Daniel was the only one who saw the vision, but his friends reacted with fear [10:7] (cp with Acts 9:7).

- After seeing the vision, Daniel lost all his strength and fell to the ground [10:8-9] (cp with Rev 1:17).
- Gabriel arrived to strengthen Daniel at the end of the three weeks of mourning/fasting [10:10-13].
 - Gabriel's hand touched Daniel, knocking him to his hands and knees [10:10].
 - Gabriel spoke to Daniel, asking him to stand up and explaining that he had been sent to him [10:11].
 - Gabriel said that he had been sent at the beginning of Daniel's period of mourning/fasting, but had been delayed by angelic warfare [10:12-13].
 - The prince of Persia is the title of a fallen angel.
 - Another fallen angel is mentioned in this chapter – the prince of Greece [10:20].
 - These fallen angels are part of the Satanic power behind all Gentile nations [Matt 4:8-9; Eph 6:12].
 - The holy angel Michael is the prince of Israel [10:21; 12:1] and he came to help Gabriel in the angelic battle.
- Gabriel told Daniel that the vision applied to his people [10:14] leaving him speechless [10:15].
- Gabriel then appeared before Daniel and continued to strengthen him [10:16-19].
 - Gabriel restored Daniel's speech [10:16].
 - Daniel explained that he had no strength [10:16-17].
 - Gabriel restored Daniel's strength [10:18-19].
- Gabriel explained that he must return to the angelic battle, but will give Daniel his explanation [10:20-21].