

## Daniel, Lesson 11: From Battle to Victory

The Study of Daniel Chapter 10

(Mission Report of Australia Trip)

### Memory Verse

**Daniel 10:19 (NKJV)** “ ‘O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!’ ”

**Eph. 6:12, Daniel 10, Ezra 4:1–5, Josh. 5:13–15, Rev. 1:12–18, Col. 2:15, Rom. 8:37–39.**

### Fasting and Prayer, Once Again

**Daniel 10:1–3 (NKJV)** *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.* 535 BC Chapter 10 begins the last section of Daniel and the longest and most intricate prophecy in the Bible. Daniel is now about 90 years of age.

**Daniel 1:21 (NKJV)** *Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.* Probably means she continued in public service until the first year.

<sup>2</sup> *In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.*

Margin, “weeks of days.” Hebrew, “Three sevens of days.”

**Ezra 4:1–5 (NKJV)** *Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the descendants of the captivity were building the temple of the Lord God of Israel, <sup>2</sup> they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the fathers’ houses, and said to them, “Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you do; and we have sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here.” <sup>3</sup> But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers’ houses of Israel said to them, “You may do nothing with us to build a house for our God; but we alone will build to the Lord God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us.” <sup>4</sup> Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building, <sup>5</sup> and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.*

**Daniel 9:25** *The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.*

**Psalms 42:9** *I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?*

**Daniel 10:13** *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days:*

<sup>3</sup> *I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.*

**Nehemiah 1:4–6 (NKJV)** *So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “I pray, Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments, <sup>6</sup> please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father’s house and I have sinned.*

### When It Happened

**Daniel 10:4–9 (NKJV)** *Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, Daniel’s fast began on the third day of the month, and lasted to the twenty fourth, in which time was the Jewish Passover;*

### Where It Happened

*...as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,*

**Daniel 12:5** *Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.*

*There are places where the Tigris and Euphrates are only 22 miles apart.*

### A Vision of the Prince

#### What Happened

**Daniel 10 :5** *I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! <sup>6</sup> His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

**Revelation 1:13–15 (NKJV)** *and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. <sup>14</sup> His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;*

**Ezekiel 1:26–28** (NKJV) *And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.* <sup>27</sup> *Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around.* <sup>28</sup> *Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. **With Who It Happened***

<sup>7</sup> *And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.*

**Acts 22:9** *And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.*

<sup>8</sup> *Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.* <sup>9</sup> *Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.*

**What similarities do we find between Daniel's vision of the Son of God in Daniel 10 and those in Joshua 5:13–15 and Revelation 1:12–18?**

### **Touched by an Angel**

#### **Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece**

**Daniel 10:10–19** (NKJV) <sup>10</sup> *Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.* <sup>11</sup> *And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.* <sup>12</sup> *Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.*

#### **God comes through Prayer**

<sup>13</sup> *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.*

**Isaiah 14:12** (NKJV) *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

**Ezekiel 28:11–14** (NKJV) *Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,* <sup>12</sup> *"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.* <sup>13</sup> *You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.* <sup>14</sup> *"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.*

**Revelation 12:4** (NKJV) *His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.*

**[Read Daniel 10:14-19](#)**

### **A Great Conflict**

**Daniel 10:20–21** (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> *Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.*

<sup>21</sup> *But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.*

"For three weeks Gabriel wrestled with the powers of darkness, seeking to counteract the influences at work on the mind of Cyrus. . . . All that heaven could do in behalf of the people of God was done. The victory was finally gained; the forces of the enemy were held in check all the days of Cyrus, and all the days of his son Cambyses."—Ellen G. White, *Prophets and Kings*, p. 572.

### **A Victorious Prince**

**Book Who is Michael the Archangel?**

*The first of the chief princes, **Daniel 10:13***

**Melanchthon**, Luther's partner, insisted that **Michael is Christ**.

Called in the New Testament an Archangel, the Prince of angels, the Head of all principality and power; and is no other than Christ the Son of God, an uncreated Angel; who is "one", or "the first of the chief Princes" superior to angels, in nature, name, and office; he came to "help" Gabriel, not as a creature, but as the Lord of hosts; - John Gill Michael - Michael here is commonly supposed to mean Christ. I remained -To counter work their designs against the people of God. – John Wesley