**Daniel 10 – 11:1**

**Angelic Vision**

**Lesson 12**

***In Chapter nine*** *Daniel had visions of the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem only for it to be desecrated and destroyed again by a new leader. He also received a prophecy of terrible wars. Gabriel provided these visions and also an interpretation of Jeremiah’s prophecy.*

***In this chapter*** *Daniel has visions of 2 angels and additional insights into wars with Persia and Greece.*

1. **When did you feel closest to God in the past week? Or, was there a particular verse or message in our study of Daniel this week that you found inspiring?**
2. **Daniel has a physical response to the appearance of the Angel Gabriel. What is it? Compare his reaction to Saul, (Paul’s) response to seeing the vision of Jesus Christ in Acts 9:3-9.**

**Daniel 10:5-9 5**As I looked up, I saw a man dressed in linen with a belt of fine gold around his waist. **6**His body was like chrysolite, his face shone like lightning, his eyes were like fiery torches, his arms and feet looked like burnished bronze, and the sound of his voice was like the roar of a multitude. **7**I alone, Daniel, saw the vision; but great fear seized those who were with me; they fled and hid themselves, although they did not see the vision. **8**So I was left alone to see this great vision. No strength remained in me; I turned the color of death and was powerless. **9**When I heard the sound of his voice, I fell face forward unconscious.

**Acts 9:3-9 3**On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him.**4**He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” **5**He said, “Who are you, sir?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6**Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.” **7**The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, for they heard the voice but could see no one. **8**Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing;[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+9&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-31544c)] so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus. **9**For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.

1. **What is the role of the angel Gabriel in 9:22, 10:11-12, 10:14, and 10:18-19?**

**Dan 9:22**

 **22**He instructed me in these words: “Daniel, I have now come to give you understanding.

**Dan 10:11-12**

**1**“Daniel, beloved,” he said to me, “understand the words which I am speaking to you; stand up, for my mission now is to you.” When he said this to me, I stood up trembling. **12**“Do not fear, Daniel,” he continued; “from the first day you made up your mind to acquire understanding and humble yourself before God, your prayer was heard. Because of it I started out,

**Dan 10:14**

**14**and came to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the last days; for there is yet a vision concerning those days.

 **Dan 10:18-19**

**18**The one who looked like a man touched me again and strengthened me, saying, **19**“Do not fear, beloved. Peace! Take courage and be strong.” When he spoke to me, I grew strong and said, “Speak, my lord, for you have strengthened me.”

1. **How is Gabriel’s role in Daniel similar, and how is it different from his appearance in Luke 1:26-33?**

 **Luke 1:26-33**

**26**In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27**to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. **28**The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

**29**Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30**But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31**You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **32**He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33**and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

1. **The Angel Michael seems to work side by side with Gabriel. How is Michael’s role different from Gabriel’s? See Dan 10:13, 10:20-21 and Revelation 12:7-9.**

 **Dan 10:13 13**but the prince of the kingdom of Persiastood in my way for twenty-one days, until finally Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me. I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia,

**Dan 10:20-21 20**“Do you know,” he asked, “why I have come to you? Soon I must fight the prince of Persia again. When I leave, the prince of Greece will come; **21**but I shall tell you what is written in the book of truth. No one supports me against these except Michael, your prince, **1**and in the first year of Darius the Mede I stood to strengthen him and be his refuge.

**Rev 12:7-9 7**Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, **8**but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. **9**The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

1. **Daniel is “touched by an angel” three times. How does this affect him?**

**See Dan 10:9-10 and 10:15-19.**

 **Dan 10:9-10**

**9**When I heard the sound of his voice, I fell face forward unconscious.

**10**But then a hand touched me, raising me to my hands and knees.

**Dan 10:15-19**

While he was speaking thus to me, I fell forward and kept silent. **16**Then something like a hand touched my lips; I opened my mouth and said to the one standing before me, “My lord, I was seized with pangs at the vision and I was powerless. **17**How can my lord’s servant speak with you, my lord? For now no strength or even breath is left in me.” **18**The one who looked like a man touched me again and strengthened me, saying, **19**“Do not fear, beloved. Peace! Take courage and be strong.” When he spoke to me, I grew strong and said, “Speak, my lord, for you have strengthened me.”

1. **Reflect on the meaning of verse 10:12. What does this tell us about prayer?**

**Dan 10:12**

**12“Do not fear, Daniel,” he continued; “*from the first day you made up your mind to acquire understanding and humble yourself before God, your prayer was heard*. Because of it I started out.**

1. **How important is humility before God? See Luke 18:9-14, Numbers 12:3, and Proverbs 22:4.**

 **Luke 18:9-14 9**He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. **10**“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’ **13**But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ **14**I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**Numbers 12:3 3**Now the man Moses was very humble, more than anyone else on earth.

**Proverbs 22:4** The result of humility and fear of the Lord is riches, honor and life.