



DANIEL 10

ANGELIC VISIONS



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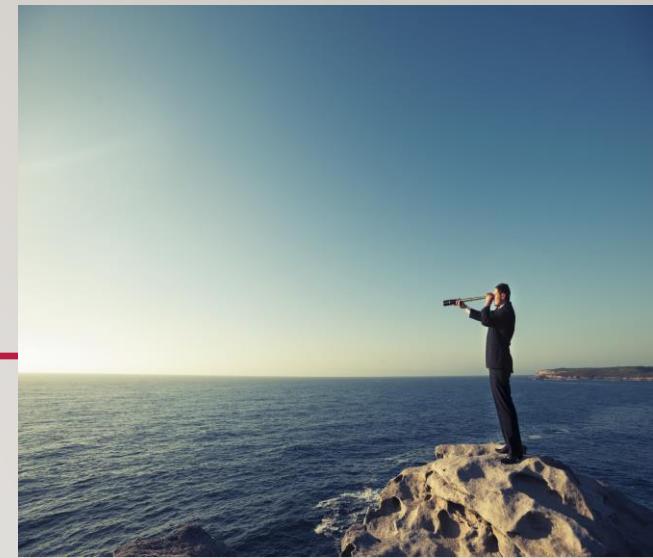
- In the, first year of Darius, Daniel prays to God after confessing, fasting and donning sackcloth and ashes. He confessed the sins of Israel.
- He asked that God might “shine” on the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. He was praying for mercy for Israel.

3 AN ANGEL ANSWERS DANIEL'S PRAYER WITH PROPHECY

- **But it is not the answer Daniel had hoped for.**
- Gabriel explained it would not be 70 years but 490 years (7 X 70) until the desolation in Jerusalem would come to an end.
- Another 49 years would pass until there was an anointed leader.
- 434 years until another anointed one is cut down.
- Another 7 years and sacrifice in the Temple would be abolished.

4 LOOKING AHEAD

- **Chapter 10 is an introduction to the next apocalyptic vision.** Chapters 11 and 12 are actually one long prophecy of the end times. These three chapters should be read together for the best understanding.



5 DANIEL 10

- This vision begins in the third year of Cyrus, or three years later.
- Daniel begins a three week fast in preparation for another vision or for “mystical knowledge.”
- “The revelation was certain: a great war; he understood this from the vision. ² In those days, I, Daniel, mourned three full weeks. ³ I ate no savory food, took no meat or wine, and did not anoint myself at all until the end of the three weeks.” (Dan 10:1-3.)

6 DANIEL PREPARES FOR YET ANOTHER VISION

- Daniel's preparations and fasting, are similar to those one would make before the Day of Atonement.
- He fasts, he avoids rich foods of any kind, and he drinks no wine, and he uses no lotions or oils on his body.
- He goes to the river with companions, yet when his vision arrives his friends run and hide. Daniel finds himself alone with his angel messenger.

7 DANIEL 10:1-3

- The third year of King Cyrus, the Great of Persia, sets the date at around 536 BC. The time of the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem is eagerly expected and does begin that year with exiles beginning to return to Jerusalem.
- Daniel is on the banks of the Tigris River.
- He has a vision of a divine “man”. His companions cannot see or hear it, yet they sense that there is something frightening present. They flee in terror, leaving Daniel alone with this vision of Gabriel.

ANGELIC VISION FOR DANIEL ALONE

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- “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.”
- Frightened, Daniel becomes pale, powerless and faints.
- The angel’s touch revives him.

WHAT DOES THE ANGEL TELL US ABOUT HIMSELF?

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- Vs. 11 “I have now been sent **to you.**” (He was sent by God.)
- Vs 12 “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..**” (**Daniels prayers are being answered.**)
- Vs 13 – The prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me 21 days.
 - (Angels can only be in one place at a time. Another angel delayed him)
- Vs 13 Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me...

10 MORE ABOUT THE ANGEL

Vs 14 -“I have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days.” (Understanding is a gift of the HS)

Vs 9 – I (fell into a trance, fainted or lost consciousness) and **he raised me to my hands and knees.** (The touch of an angel can heal.)

Vs 16 - I was unable to talk; **he touched my lips and I opened my mouth to speak.** (paraphrased)

Vs 18 [He] **touched me and strengthened me”**

|| STILL MORE INFO ON THIS ANGEL-

- Vs 19 -When he spoke to me, I was strengthened. (just a word!)
- Vs 20 “Do you know,” he asked, “why I have come to you? Soon I must fight the prince of Persia again.
- Vs 20 -21 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,

12 HE DID NOT GIVE US HIS NAME, ONLY CLUES

- 11:1 and in the first year of Darius the Mede I stood to strengthen him and be his refuge.

This would have been in 539 BC – three years before this vision began. It is assumed that this is Gabriel because he had appeared to Daniel in chapters 8 and 9, both of which included visions of the end of time and the fall of empires.

Darius was king in Daniel 6- The Lion's Den.



500 YEARS LATER

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- Gabriel brings good news to Zechariah that he and Elizabeth are to become parents to John. (Luke 1:13).
- “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because **your prayer has been heard**. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord.” “I am Gabriel, **who stands in the presence of God**, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings” (Luke 1:19).



GABRIEL BRINGS GOOD NEWS TO MARY

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- Gabriel told Mary that she, too, would miraculously conceive and that she would give birth.
- “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, ³³ and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:30-33

15 PRINCE OF PERSIA, PRINCE OF GREECE AND YOUR PRINCE MICHAEL?

“Princes” in this text are angels of God. It was long believed that each nation was appointed an angel. **Deuteronomy 32:8** :

When the Most High allotted each nation its heritage,
when he separated out human beings,
He set up the boundaries of the peoples
after the number of the divine beings...

Michael is still considered the patron angel of Israel.



16 DANIEL 10:20- 11:1

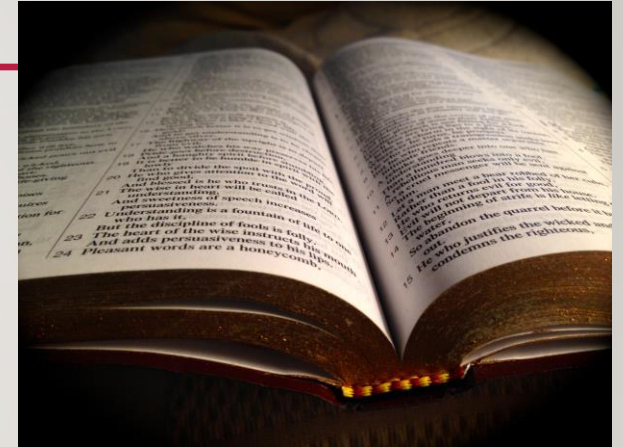
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17 BATTLE OF PRINCES/ ANGELS

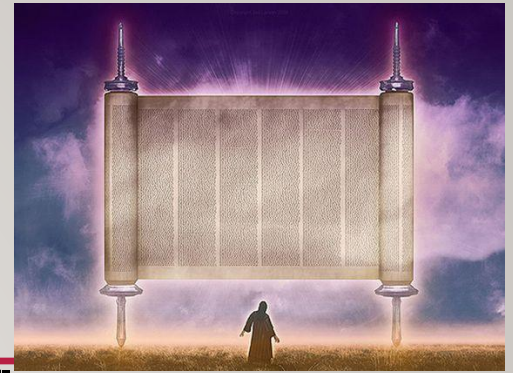
- There seems to be an on-going battle between spiritual creatures here.
- Adversarial princes or “angels’ are attempting to interfere with God’s divine plan for humanity. God uses his angels to intervene in human events. The ultimate goal is to redeem humanity.
- Gabriel is a messenger of God. Michael is associated with judgment and leads God’s army.

18 WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF TRUTH?

- Find out in Chapter 11!
- The Book contains divine decrees for the future.
- Psalm 139:16
- Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in ***your book*** before one of them came to be.



19 THE BOOK OF TRUTH?



- Ezekiel 5:1-4 ¹ Then I raised my eyes again and saw a flying **scroll**. ² He asked me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a flying scroll, twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide.” ³ Then he said to me: “This is the curse which is to go forth over the whole land. According to it, every thief and every perjurer will be expelled. ⁴ I will send it forth—oracle of the LORD of hosts—so that it will come to the house of the thief, and into the house of the one who swears falsely by my name. It shall lodge within each house, consuming it, timber and stones.”

20 WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT ANGELS?



- They are created.
- **Genesis 2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all *their multitude*.² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested
- **Nehemiah 9:6** ⁶ You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their *starry host*, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the *multitudes of heaven worship you*.
- Paul tells us in **Colossians 1:16** that God created all things; “visible and invisible” .

21 DIFFERENT KINDS OF ANGELS

Cherubim – Genesis 3:24 He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Exodus 25:22 There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the covenant, I will deliver to you all my commands for the Israelites.

22 SERAPHIM

- Only mentioned once in the Bible
- In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings. Two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another and saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.



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23 A THIRD CATEGORY OF ANGELS *LIVING CREATURES*

- They appear in both Ezekiel and Revelation. Their appearance is described in various ways; they sometimes resemble animals such as the lion, ox, eagle, humans, and birds. They worship God continuously. Ezekiel's description includes wings, wheels and multiple eyes.

- **Their faces were like this: each of the four had a human face, and on the right the face of a lion, and on the left, the face of an ox, and each had the face of an eagle. ¹¹ Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. On each one, two wings touched one another, and the other two wings covered the body. Ezekiel 1: 10-11.**
- I saw wheels on the ground, one alongside each of the four living creatures. ¹⁶ The wheels and their construction sparkled like yellow topaz, and all four of them looked the same: their construction seemed as though one wheel was inside the other. ¹⁷ When they moved, they went in any of the four directions without veering as they moved. ¹⁸ The four of them had rims, high and fearsome—eyes filled the four rims all around.....
- **Ezekiel 1:15-18**

25 NAMED ANGELS IN THE BIBLE

- There are only three named holy angels in the Bible.
- Gabriel, Michael and Raphael.
- Raphael is mentioned in Tobit. Raphael is one of the seven Angels of the Presence, specially designated intercessors who present prayers to God. He is referred to as an archangel, but not in the Bible. He is known as a healer.
- Michael is referred to as an “archangel” in I Thessalonians 4:16 and in Jude 1:9. This is a title of authority over other angels. In Daniel he is called “one of the chief princes”. 10:13

26 ANGELS IN THE CATECHISM



- 329 St. Augustine says: "'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel.'" With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word".

27 ANGELS IN CATECHISM



- **330** As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.
- **336** From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

28 LESSONS TO RECALL FROM DANIEL 10.

- God answers prayers of those seeking him with humble hearts and sincerity.
- God has a plan for humanity and sometimes uses his angels to intercede in the events of history.
- Angels have power to impart gifts of healing, courage, understanding and comfort when it is God's will to do so.
- Angels are created beings and each is unique.

LET US PRAY

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Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly
pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly Host -
by the Divine Power of God -
cast into hell, satan and all the evil
spirits,
who roam throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.