

Daniel chapter 10 is an interesting unique chapter in the Bible. It is one of conflict and warfare but not exactly the type you are likely to see on the 6 o'clock news! When you turn on the news you see wars, battles and conflicts. People not getting on, races not getting on, nations not getting on. But Daniel 10 speaks of a war that no man reports for it is one that no man sees. Yet it goes on day after day. Daniel 10 lifts the veil that covers the natural and spiritual realms to reveal a battle that goes on in the invisible angelic realm.

So this study is a reminder of the spiritual battle that goes on around us, and one in which we are in. There are certainly lots of mysteries in this regard and not all answers are given. But this chapter still remains as a fascinating and unique glimpse behind the scenes in the spiritual realm. So let's have a look.

Daniel, who is now in his mid to late 80's, is given another vision and message. It is a message of great conflict and this has been recorded for us in Daniel chapters 11 and 12. It is a message of war between nations and coming persecution for the Israelites. But, as previously mentioned, it is also a message behind the scenes showing the puppet masters pulling the strings. Now we read above that Daniel had been in mourning for three weeks when this prophecy was given to him. We are not told why he was in mourning but he had been doing a partial fast during that time when the vision and message came.



1. Daniel receives his third vision,

- a. At what time in Persian history was this revelation given to Daniel?
 - b. Where was Daniel when he received the vision?
2. The NIV Bible says that Daniel "mourned" for three weeks. Why did Daniel grieve over the plight of Israel? (Hint, read Daniel's prayer to the Lord God in chapter 9)
3. **Prior to receiving the vision Daniel had fasted for three weeks.** Which foods did Daniel abstain from eating?
4. Describe the man the "man" that Daniel saw in his vision.
- a. What was he wearing?
 - b. Describe the messenger's physical body;
 - c. Describe his voice;
5. As Daniel "saw" the vision, describe Daniel's physical response?



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6. Having carefully read verses 10 -14, who do you believe is being referred to in the following verses and why?
- b. V.13,** "But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days." Who was the prince of the Persian kingdom?
- c. V.13,** "Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me..." Who was Michael?
7. Daniel prayed and fasted for twenty-one days, "three weeks", prior to receiving the vision. Read Luke 18:1-8. Despite hindrances to our praying, why should we be persistent in prayer?
8. Having read verses 12-14, do you believe that there either was at the time of Daniel or continues to be angelic conflict?
- a. Read Ephesians 6:10-13.** Describe in your own words the struggle between man and the spiritual forces of evil.
- b. Give another Biblical example of angelic conflict.** (2 Kings 6:8-22)
9. Read Luke 22:39-44. When Jesus is strengthened by an angel in the Garden of Gethsemane, how does Jesus respond and what does Jesus encourage his disciples to do?
10. The "one who looked like a man", presumably an angel, said to Daniel, "Do you know why I have come to you?" Why did the angle appear to Daniel?