**The Destiny of Daniel—Chapter 10—A Glimpse into the “Creepy/Crawlies” or “Lifting the Veil of Reality”**

**Daniel 10 sets the stage for the spectacular prophecy (**message**) of Daniel 11, the final vision of the book, which described a time of great persecution and testing for the people of Israel. Daniel 10-12 are all part of the same last vision (this is the longest and most complete prophecy in scripture.) This chapter, then, becomes a lesson on—“The Sphere of the Spectacular and the Spooky….” The vision of Daniel 11 and 12 was focused on the** latter days, **though it also relates to the closer time of Antiochus Epiphanes, as well.**

1. **Review 2 Kings 6:8-23. Review the story. Discuss the “other realm” which is witnessed here.** Tension between Syria and Israel….Elisha is the prophet in the story. Elisha knows what the King of Syria is saying in his bedroom.
	1. **Why was the heart of the King of Syria troubled?**
	2. **Who surrounds Elisha? Who surrounds the Syrian army?**
	3. **What does Elisha ask God to do for his servant?**
	4. **See also the tie-in to 2 Kings 19:35, where overnight 185,000 Assyrians were killed.**
2. **When is the third year of Cyrus? Refer to Ezra 1-2.** In the third year of Cyrus**:** By this time, the first wave of exiles had returned under the leadership of Ezra (Ezra 1-2).
	1. **How long was Daniel’s career?** This is Daniel’s third year after public life….see Daniel 1….Daniel is in retirement.
	2. **What year is this chapter? How old would Daniel be?** 535-536 B.C. 85-88 yrs. old; in retirement, like John on the island of Patmos when he wrote Revelation
3. **“The appointed time was long”—what does that mean about the time frame of this vision?** Tells you that a long period of time, in the far future.
	1. **Reference Isaiah 46: 9-10, 44:7, 41:26, 48:3-8, 43:12 and Genesis 17:7-8.**
4. **In verse 2, Daniel was praying and “mourning.” Why?**
	1. **Read Ezra 4:1-5, 24, and Philippians 4:6-7.**
	2. **Read also Ezra 1:1-11,** mourning over the small amount of Jews that returned to the homeland after Cyrus released them.
5. **Verse 3 refers to “no pleasant food” or “anointing” for three weeks. Explain this type of fast.**
	1. **Is this a different fast than the one mentioned in Daniel 9:3? How?** This is a fast very much like Lent, denying pleasantries like pastries, sweets, etc.
	2. **How long is this fast?** The Biblical idea of fasting is to abstain from food altogether, drinking only water. Daniel definitely practiced a form of self-denial, but it was not fasting.
6. **Did Daniel go back to his homeland when his people were released? Why not?** Daniel did not go back with Ezra's group of exiles because he was about 84+ years old at this time. Daniel could serve the exiles better from his high position in government than he could with them in Jerusalem.
7. **Why was Daniel in mourning for three weeks?** Some think that Daniel was in mourning because so few Jews had returned with Ezra from exile. Others believe it was because Ezra faced severe opposition in rebuilding the temple. This is a weeks of days, the Hebrews said.
8. **What is the setting for Daniel’s vision?** 24th of the first month, Tigress River…50 miles from Babylon.
9. **Does “Lifted my eyes” have a symbolic meaning? See Isaiah 40:26, 51:6, Jeremiah 13:20, John 4:35.**
10. **Who was the “Certain Man” in Verse 5-6?**
	1. **Compare the description to Revelation 1:12-15? Ezekiel 1:13-14, 26-28?**
		1. **Is this Christophany or Theophany? What does His description signify?**
		2. **Could this be Jesus? Refer to Revelation 1:12-16.** A certain man clothed in linen: Commentators divide over the identity of this certain man. Some say this is Jesus, noting that the description is remarkably like what John saw in [Revelation 1:12-16](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+1:12-16&t1=en_nas).
	2. **Could this be an unnamed angel**? Reference Daniel 10:13 and Ezekiel 9:2. A certain man clothed in linen: Some others think that the certain man is an unnamed angel of high rank, noting that Jesus would not need the assistance of Michael, mentioned in [Daniel 10:13](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Daniel+10:13&t1=en_nas).
	3. **See also Joshua 5:13-15, 6:2 (battle of Jericho), Judges 6:11-23 (Gideon), Daniel 3:24-25 (Fiery Furnace), Genesis 14:18-20 (Melchizedek), Genesis 18:25 (Abraham/Sodom and Gomorrah), Genesis 32:28-30 (Jacob), Judges 6:23-24 (Gideon), 2 Kings 19:35 (killed 185,000 soldiers in the Assyrian army), Genesis 37:16-18 (Joseph looking for his brothers), Exodus 3:2 (Moses at burning bush), and I Corinthians 10:1-33 (Jesus was the rock in the wilderness).**
11. **His eyes were like “fire.” What does fire represent in the Bible? Examine Luke 3:16 Psalm 104:4, 2 Chronicles 3:11-15, Jeremiah 23:29, Exodus 3:2, and Numbers 16:35.** Clothing—linen—priestly garment, royalty, white means pure; body—beautiful beyond description; beryl—rare and precious gem, harder and rarer than diamonds, face—radiant, eyes—burning through any pretense, arms—strong to comfort,
	1. **See also Ephesians 1:12, I Corinthians 14:10 and John 4:4**. Bronze feet—enable Him to walk over dangers (Eph. 1:12), voice—too loud to ignore (I Cor. 14:10), John 4:4—people praying to Him.
12. **Verses 7-9, say, “I, Daniel, alone saw the vision.” Compare that “aloneness” to Paul on the Damascus Road in Acts.9:1-9.**
	1. **What happened to the companions that were praying with Daniel? Traveling with Paul?**
	2. **What happened to Daniel’s physical strength? Paul’s?**
13. **What does “deep sleep” mean in Verse 9?**
	1. **Where else is that phrase found in the scripture? Review Isaiah 29:10 and I Thessalonians 5:6-8.**
		1. **Compare also to Genesis 2:21-23 (Adam) and Genesis 15:12-14 (Abraham).** When God has something really important to accomplish, He causes a deep sleep.
14. **What does “lifted up mine eyes” mean?** Verse 5……phrase of emphasis.
	1. **Parallel with King Nebuchadnezzar doing the same act in Daniel 4:34. Discuss.**
15. **Who are the men that are with Daniel, verses 7-8?**
	1. **Is he left alone?**
		1. **Refer also to Saul’s experience on the Damascus Road in Acts 9:7-8.**
16. **Discuss the “beloved” description of Daniel in verse 11.** This is a distinctive of Daniel, as is John. Abraham is a friend; disciples are Jesus’ friends.
	1. **See Daniel 9:23, 10:11 and 19.**
	2. **Compare Daniel 10:11,** Daniel called “beloved,” **with Daniel 9:23.**  O Daniel, man greatly beloved**:** This was the second time Daniel was called greatly beloved ([Daniel 9:23](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Daniel+9:23&t1=en_nas) previous to this). Each time it was in relation to Daniel's being favored with a great and significant revelation of the future.
	3. **Why does God call Daniel “beloved?” What scriptures confirm this?**
		1. **Who else in the Bible is called “Beloved?” See also John 21:7.** John
17. **In Verses 10-11, who is the “hand” that touches Daniel and speaks to him?** Probably Gabriel. ).
	1. **Is he the same entity in Daniel 9:23, Daniel 10:11 and 19?** Note similarities and differences. Could there have been more than one “heavenly being?” Verses 5-6 was a Christophany, Jesus, and verses 10-21 was an angel, probably Gabriel.
18. **Why did the angel in Verse 12 come to Daniel’s aid?** In answer to Daniel’s prayer and fasting.
	1. **Discuss the concept implied in this passage of Daniel-- “Prayer Matters!”**
19. **Look at Verse 14. What does “latter days” and “your people” refer to?** To make you understand what will happen to Your People in the latter days. The Jewish nation in the end times or future.
	1. **Who are “your people?**”
20. **Where else in the Bible do we hear the command, “Do Not Fear?”**
	1. **Compare to Isaiah 41:10. Deuteronomy 31:6, and Isaiah 54:4.**
21. **Discuss the angelic reference in verses 11-12.**
	1. **View Ephesians 1:21, 6:12, Colossians 1:16, and 2:15.** This fits in well with the New Testament idea that angelic ranks are organized and have a hierarchy ([Ephesians 1:21](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ephesians+1:21&t1=en_nas), [Ephesians 6:12](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ephesians+6:12&t1=en_nas), [Colossians 1:16](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Colossians+1:16&t1=en_nas), [Colossians 2:15](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Colossians+2:15&t1=en_nas)). These angelic ranks seem to include both faithful angels and fallen angels.
	2. **How many days did it take for angelic help to arrive to Daniel’s prayer requests?** 21 days
	3. **Do demons have rank? See also John 12:31, 14:30, and 16:11.** Apparently, this was a demon of high rank that opposed the answer to prayer. On three occasions, Jesus referred to Satan as *the prince of this world* ([John 12:31](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=John+12:31&t1=en_nas), [14](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=John+12:14&t1=en_nas):30, and 16:11).
22. **In Verse 13, we get a glimpse of the spiritual world. Who opposes the heavenly angel?**
	1. **Was there more than one “king” that opposed him?**
	2. **Who came to the assistance of Gabriel?** Michael, one of the chief princes. Plural “kings” opposed him.
23. **Where else do we see Michael? See Revelation 12:7-9, Jude 9, and Daniel 12:1.**
	1. **What is Michael’s “Chief Job?”** Protecting Israel
	2. **Why is Michael referred to as “YOUR prince?”**
		1. **Refer to Daniel 12:1, Revelation 12:7-9, and Jude 9.**
	3. **See also I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Hebrews 1:14, and Revelation 19:10.**
24. **What was Daniel’s demeanor in verses 15-17?**
25. **Compare “Touched my lips” in verse 15 to Isaiah’s experience in Isaiah 6:6-7.**
26. **Who is the “being” in Verse 16? Have we seen him before?**
	1. **Who strengthened Daniel?**
	2. **Why did the angel come to Daniel?**
27. **Discuss the use of the word, “sorrows,” in verse 16.** Because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me**:** The ancient Hebrew word translated sorrows has the thought of twisting or writhing pain. It is used in several places in the Old Testament for labor pains in childbirth. Daniel was so severely affected by this vision that he could barely breathe, much less could he deal with prophetic complexities.
28. **Why does Daniel feel so inadequate?**
29. **What was the angel’s command to Daniel?** Be Strong
30. **Who is the Prince of Persia? Greece?** Before this, Daniel did not know about the spiritual battles
	1. **Is there a relationship with the order of kingdoms, Persia then Greece, as seen earlier in Nebuchadnezzar’s statue vision?**
31. **What is “Scripture of truth?” Look at Daniel 11:2 and Isaiah 46:9-11.**
32. **Sum-up the foundational truth of Daniel 10. Be sure to consider the “spiritual realm” which Daniel encountered.**

**Finding Jesus in Chapters 1-12 of Daniel**

1. **Chapter 1—Daniel’s Gift of wisdom and understanding**
2. **Chapter 2--Stone cut without hands**
3. **Chapter 3—4th Man in the fiery furnace**
4. **Chapter 4—Redemption of a sinner**
5. **Chapter 5—Hand Writing on the Wall**
6. **Chapter 6—Angel who shut the lions’ mouths**
7. **Chapter 7—Son of Man, Everlasting Kingdom**
8. **Chapter 8—Prince of Princes**
9. **Chapter 9—Anointed one, cut off**
10. **Chapter 10—“Certain Man” clothed in linen**
11. **Chapter 11-12—Him who lives forever**

**Spiritual Warfare scriptures…..**

1. **Elisha—2 Kings 6:8-23**
2. **I Peter 5:8, Matthew 18:18-20, Isaiah 54:7**
3. **2 Corinthians 10:3, 2 Corinthians 11:14**
4. **I John 5:4, how to overcome**
5. **Acts 12:5-17, Peter freed from prison**
6. **Angel strengthened Jesus, Luke 22:43**
7. **Ministering Spirits, Hebrews 1:13-14**
8. **John 8:44, father of lies is Satan**
9. **Ephesians 6:10-24, His power *(Ephesians 6:12, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”)***
10. **2 Kings 19:35, angel of the Lord killed 185,000**
11. **Isaiah 14:11-32….List the five “I Wills” Satan tries to accomplish in Verses 13-14.**
12. **Ezekiel 28:1-26…..when does this change to a “spiritual reference?’**
13. **Luke 9:28-36—the transfiguration**

**Spiritual Bodies**

* 1. **Spiritual resurrected bodies, 2 Corinthians 5:1-8, I John 3:2**
	2. **I Corinthians 15:4-8—Jesus’ resurrected body**
	3. **Angels were present at Creation, Job 38:4, 6-7**
	4. **Some angels have more power and authority than others—Ephesians 1:21**

**“Anti Christ” in the Bible**

**1 John 2:18-22** – He is antichrist that denies Jesus is Christ. In John’s time there were many antichrists.**1 John 4:1-3** – Test the Spirits. Every spirit that denies Jesus came in the flesh is the spirit of antichrist.  **2 2John 1-11** – Those that deny Jesus came in the flesh are a deceiver and antichrist.

**Antichrist** = “against Christ” or in “place of Christ” as it is in this case with the Pope. Attacking Christ’s character (Gnosticism), specifically with regard to love expressed in obedience to God’s Ten Commandments.

**The Promise…**

**Romans 8:38-39, “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, northing present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

**Some “Nuggets”…**

**Psalm 22:11-22, bulls, lions, surround the cross (demons)**

**Remember…**

* 1. **Read Amos 3:7-8; discuss. Amos 3:7-8, “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?**
	2. **Examine 2 Peter 1:21, “21for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”**
	3. **2 Peter 3: 3-8, “3Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.5For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:6Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:7But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.8But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”**
	4. **2 Peter 1: 19-20, “19We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:20Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”**
	5. **LUKE 21:24, emphasis mine, “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all nations and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, UNTIL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES BE FULFILLED.”**
	6. **Historical—Chapters 1-6**
		1. **Chapter 1—Daniel deported as a teenager--Hebrew**
		2. **Chapter 2—Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream, statue--Aramaic**
		3. **Chapter 3—The Fiery Furnace--Aramaic**
		4. **Chapter 4—Nebuchadnezzar’s Pride--Aramaic**
		5. **Chapter 5—Fall of Babylon--Aramaic**
		6. **Chapter 6—Revolt of the Magi, the Lion’s Den--Aramaic**
	7. **Prophetical—Visions of Daniel—Chapters 7-12**
		1. **Chapter 7—Daniel’s Vision of Four Beasts--Aramaic**
		2. **Chapter 8—The Ram and the He-Goat--Hebrew**
		3. **Chapter 9—The Seventy Weeks--Hebrew**
		4. **Chapter 10—A Glimpse of the Dark Side--Hebrew**
		5. **Chapter 11—The “Silent Years” in Advance—Hebrew (four hundred years between the O.T. and the N.T.)**
		6. **Chapter 12—The Final Wrap-up of All Things--Hebrew**
	8. **Chronological Order of Daniel**
		1. **Babylonian Captivity—606 B.C.—chapter 1**
		2. **Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream—602 B.C.—chapter 2**
		3. **Nebuchadnezzar’s Image—602 B.C.—chapter 3**
		4. **Nebuchadnezzar’s Pride—602 B.C.—chapter 4**
		5. **The Vision of the 4 beasts—556 B.C.—chapter 7**
		6. **Ram the He-goat vision—554 B.C.—chapter 8**
		7. **Babylon falls to the Persians—539 B.C.—chapter 5**
		8. **Vision of seventy weeks—538 B.C.—chapter 9**
		9. **The Lions’ Den—chapter 6**
		10. **Closing Visions—chapters 10-12**