

Lesson 10: Chapter 10 – Daniel’s Vision of a Man and His Encounter with an Angel

The remaining final three chapters of the book comprise one vision, and should be considered as one unit, rather than three distinct parts. Daniel’s final vision is in view here, presented in remarkable detail.

Day 1: This vision of Daniel takes place around 536 to 535 B.C., close to the time of Daniel’s deliverance from the lions. Read Daniel 10:1-6.

1. How does Daniel describe the revelation he is about to reveal (v. 1)?
2. Describe the appearance of the man that Daniel sees in v. 4-6.
3. Read Revelation 1:12-16. Compare John’s description of Christ there with the description of the man in Daniel’s vision. Do you think they are the same?

Day 2: Read Daniel 10:7-11.

1. Daniel records that, although only he was able to see the vision of the man, those with him were terrified and fled. Now read Acts 9:1-9. Do you note any similarities between the reaction of Daniel’s companions and those of Paul?
2. After this vision of Daniel’s, he reports that he falls into a deep sleep, only to be awoken by the touch of another angel. What effect does the angel have on Daniel (v. 11)?

Day 3: Read Daniel 10:12-14.

1. What is the first thing the angel tells Daniel (v. 10)?
2. At this point, the angel describes how he had been sent to answer Daniel’s pray for understanding by God, but that he was delayed. What does the angel explain is the cause of his delay in delivering God’s message to Daniel?
3. In v. 13, the angel refers to Michael, one of the chief princes. Who is this Michael (hint – see Jude 1:9 and Revelation 12:7)?

Day 4: Read Daniel 10:15-19.

1. Daniel is still obviously overwhelmed by the heavenly messenger before him. Daniel’s reaction is reminiscent of that of the prophet Isaiah as he has a vision of the Lord in Isaiah 6:1-7. What does Isaiah exclaim in Isaiah 6:5?
2. What words of strength does the angel offer Daniel in v. 18?

Day 5: As the chapter finishes, Daniel's angelic messenger again speaks of the spiritual battle he is engaged in; although the details are perhaps difficult to conceive of, we learn four facts about angels through this passage. Read Daniel 10:12-21 and consider these facts about angels.

- Angels are real (v. 13)
- Angels can be either good or evil (v. 13, 20)
- Angels are engaged in spiritual warfare of which the human world is either wholly unaware of, or only dimly aware of (v. 13, 20)
- Angels can influence the business of humans – fallen angels for the purposes of frustrating God and holy angels for the purpose of protecting believers (v. 13, 20, 21)

