

DANIEL, Chapter 10

Jesus in Glory!

The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:14

I. Daniel 10: Introduction

A. Timing of Daniel 10:

1. Chapter 7: Christ as King; 1st year of Belshazzar, about 550 B.C.
2. Chapter 8: Christ as Priest; 3rd year of Belshazzar, about 548 B.C.
3. Chapter 9: Christ as Sacrifice, 1st year of Darius, about 539 B.C.
 - i. in captivity about 68 years
 - ii. age possibly 83/84 – 86/87
4. Chapter 10: Christ Glorified; 3rd year of Cyrus, about 535 B.C.

B. Elements of Daniel 10::

1. The *Mareh*, vs. 1 - 8
2. First Encounter with Gabriel, vs. 9 – 15
3. Second Encounter with Gabriel, vs. 16 - 21

II. Daniel 10: Body

A. The *Mareh*: Daniel 10:1 - 8

1. Vs. 1; why the name Belteshazzar in stead of Daniel? _____

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2. “. . .but the time appointed <tsaba'> was long <gadowl> (KJV). How do we understand this statement?

a. *tsaba'*: a mass of persons (or figuratively, things), especially reg. organized for war (an army); by impl., a campaign:--appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, host, soldiers, waiting upon, war(-fare)

c. *gadowl* : great (in any sense); hence, older; also insolent:--+ aloud, elder(-est), + exceeding(-ly), + far, (man of) great (man, matter, thing,-er,-ness), high, long, loud, mighty, more, much, noble, proud thing, X sore, (X) very.

Da 10:1 (NASB) “. . .and the message was true and [one of] great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

(NIV) Its message was true and it concerned a great war.

(ASV) and the thing was true, even a great warfare:

(RSV) And the word was true, and it was a great conflict.

(YLT) and the thing [is] true, and the warfare [is] great

3. “. . . a thing <*dabar*> was revealed unto Daniel”

a. *dabar*; a word; by impl., a matter (as spoken of) or thing;

4. Vs. 2 – 4; Why would Daniel fast for three “full” weeks?

a. A Great Warfare

i. Messiah the Prince was “cut-off” and city and temple destroyed

ii. God’s people scattered

iii. Cyrus’ decree, only 50,000 Jews returned to Jerusalem.

iv. Samaritan opposition brought the temple construction to a halt

Ezra 1, Cyrus Decree

Ezra 2, list of those who returned to Jerusalem

Ezra 3, Work begun, opposition arose

Ezra 4:5 And hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Work stoppage: 536 through 522 B.C.

This was a time of wonderful opportunity for the Jews. The highest agencies of heaven were working on the hearts of kings, and it was for the people of God to labor with the utmost activity to carry out the decree of Cyrus. They should have spared no effort to restore the temple and its services, and to re-establish themselves in their Judean homes. But in the day of God's power many proved unwilling. The opposition of their enemies was strong and determined, and gradually the builders lost heart. Some could not forget the scene at the laying of the cornerstone, when many had given expression to their lack of confidence in the enterprise. And as the Samaritans grew more bold, many of the Jews questioned whether, after all, the time had come to rebuild. The feeling soon became widespread. Many of the workmen, discouraged and disheartened, returned to their homes to take up the ordinary pursuits of life. Prophets and Kings, p. 572

Sensing the need of immediate help from God, the General Conference Committee appointed a four-day season of fasting and prayer, beginning Wednesday, May 9, and continuing to the close of the following Sabbath. Meetings were to be free from discussions, and characterized by humiliation, fasting, and prayer on the part of the church. Business was to be suspended; the members of each church would meet at one o'clock each weekday, and both morning and afternoon on Sabbath. The following counsel was given concerning the fast:

During these days of prayer we recommend on the part of all a very abstemious and simple diet, Daniel 10:3; while some may more or less abstain from food as their health may permit, or their feelings prompt.--Ibid.

The hours were to be spent in meditation, heart searching, and prayer. The General Conference Committee made a special plea, urging: Let us cry to the Lord to revive His cause, remove His rebuke from off His people, restore His servants, and lead on the message to its destined victory. . . . We have reached a crisis in which it seems that the Lord alone can save us; and may we not stand still and see of His salvation. We believe He will be inquired of at our hand, and once more make bare His arm in

behalf of His people.--Ibid. 2 EGW Biography, p. 134

5. Vs. 5 – 8; The *Mareh!*

- a. vs. 5; How is Jesus described here? _____
 - i. Lev 16:4; Daniel 12:6, 7
 - i. Revelation 1:13 – 17
- b. vs. 6; How is He described here? _____
 - i. Ezekiel 1:27, 28
 - ii. Revelation 1:14 – 15
- c. vs. 7, - 9; How did Joshua, Ezekiel, Daniel, John to their *mareh*?
 - i. Joshua 5:13 – 15; Ezekiel 1:28; Daniel 10:8, 8; Revelation 1:17

B. First Encounter with Gabriel; vs. 10 -15

1. Sequence of events:

- a. Vs. 10; _____
- b. Vs. 11; _____
- c. Vs. 12; _____

- d. Vs. 14; _____

2. What is this scenario called? _____

We read again in Daniel: [Daniel 10:12, 13 quoted].

By this we see that heavenly agencies have to contend with hindrances before the purpose of God is fulfilled in its time. The king of Persia was controlled by the highest of all evil angels. He refused, as did Pharaoh, to obey the word of the Lord. Gabriel declared, He withstood me twenty-one

days by his representations against the Jews. But Michael came to his help, and then he remained with the kings of Persia, holding the powers in check, giving right counsel against evil counsel.

Good and evil angels are taking a part in the planning of God in His earthly kingdom. It is God's purpose to carry forward His work in correct lines, in ways that will advance His glory. But Satan is ever trying to counterwork God's purpose. Only by humbling themselves before God can God's servants advance His work. Never are they to depend on their own efforts or on outward display for success.

I call upon those who believe the truth for this time to reform, to purify the heart and humble self. Sincere belief of the truth and earnest prayer are our weapons of warfare. The exercise of all the musical talent among us will not change the hearts of the church members or increase their spirituality. 11MR 99

a. Vs. 15; What was Daniel's response? _____

C. Second Encounter with Gabriel; vs. 16 -21

1. Sequence of events:

a. Vs. 16 – 18;

i. Vs. 16, 18a; _____

ii. Vs. 17, 18b; _____

b. Vs. 19;

2. What is the meaning of verse 20 and how does it relate to verse 1?

3. Vs. 21; who is Michael? _____

a. Daniel 10:13; _____

i. Michael:

Miyka'el; who (is) like God?

ii. “. . .one of the chief princes”
ri'shown; first, in place, time or rank (as adjective or noun):
sar; a head person (of any rank or class):--captain (that had
rule), chief (captain), general, governor, lord, prince
(YLT) “. . . Michael, first of the chief heads,

b. Daniel 10:21; _____

c. Daniel 12:1; _____

d. Jude 9; _____

1 Thessalonians 4:16; _____

Archaggelos; from 757 and 32; a chief angel:--archangel.

archo, a primary verb; to be first (in political rank or
power):--reign (rule) over

aggelos; (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an
"angel"; by implication, a pastor:--angel, messenger.

c. Revelation 12:7; _____