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## WHAT HAPPENED WHEN DANIEL SAW JESUS CHRIST

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL  
NUMBER 23  
DANIEL 10:1-19

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Let us remember in the outset of this study that there is no inspiration involved in chapter and verse divisions in the Bible. These have been added simply to help us locate certain passages. The original Greek and Hebrew and Aramaic scriptures had no such divisions. Chapter 10 is really the prelude to Chapter 11, and the content of Chapter 11 was given to Daniel by Gabriel. Chapter 10 simply tells how the message was given to Daniel and Daniel's reaction to it. Verses 1-9 describes Daniel's vision of Christ. This is a description of Daniel's occupation with Jesus Christ.

DANIEL 10:1 "In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision." The third year of Cyrus is 534 B.C. "A thing" is doctrine, and is actually chapter 11. "The thing" is a vision that began with the time of King Cambyses and covers the history of Israel all the way through the end of the Tribulation. In other words, from King Cambyses to the second advent of Christ. Chapter 11 is a very important chapter for understanding the coming history of Israel right down to the end. These 45 verses are indeed important prophecy. "The thing" was true doctrine.

"The time appointed was long," in other words it was a long message of prophecy and it covered a long period of time.

"He had understanding of the vision." I hope we can say the same which will take us a month or longer.

Understanding this vision turned out to be one of the greatest experiences of Daniel's life. One reason he understood was that he had an excellent teacher, namely, Gabriel.

### The Occasion Of The Vision

Daniel was mourning, and that really means fasting for three full weeks. Now fasting is not going without food. That is dieting. Fasting means taking the time that you usually use for eating and instead using that time for prayer and Bible study. Suppose you spend two hours each day for eating. Now suppose you take those two hours for prayer and Bible study, then that's fasting. Now this is what Daniel did for three full weeks.

DANIEL 10:2 "In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks." From the context we know that the three weeks were devoted to intense study and intense prayer.

DANIEL 10:3 "I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled." He ate no pleasant bread. Pleasant bread means leavened bread. Neither did he eat meat or drink wine. Neither did he take a Persian bath for three full weeks. So the time for eating and caring for his body he spent in prayer and study.

Let us notice how progression in communication is taking place. Back in Daniel 2 and 4 Nebuchadnezzar dreamed and Daniel interpreted his dreams. Then in Daniel 7 Daniel had dreams of his own. Then in Daniel 8 he had a vision while he was awake. Here in this chapter he had a vision and Gabriel is going to teach him the significance of it. Some of the most amazing experiences come to us because we have maximum doctrine in our minds.

DANIEL 10:4 "And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;" This is the location of the vision. Their first month was April. So this vision came to Daniel on April 24, 534 B.C. The great river Hiddekel is the same river we know today as the Tigris River.

### The Content Of The Vision

We will have the content of the vision in verses 5 and 6.

DANIEL 10:5 "Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:" This "certain man" is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. He was clothed in linen. The description of the Lord Jesus Christ here is very similar to the other descriptions we have of him in other passages: Revelation 1:12-13, Ezekiel 1:26-28, Matthew 17:1-2, Acts 9:3-4. His loins were girded with the fine gold of "Uphaz." This is the same as the land of Havilah. No one has ever been able to exactly pinpoint this location. It was probably in Arabia and it was famous for gold.

DANIEL 10:6 "His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude." Beryl is a ruby like topaz. It was translucent in form. Please notice that all these descriptions of Christ are connected with light. His arms and feet were like polished brass and he had a voice of great power. So this is another of those amazing pictures of the Son of God and even though his earthly life, his death on the cross, his resurrection and his ascension had not yet taken place, this picture of him anticipates the glory that will be his in his resurrection and ascension glory. Christ appeared with Gabriel standing beside him and Gabriel is there to teach Daniel the meaning of all of this.

DANIEL 10:7 "And I Daniel alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves." When Daniel saw Jesus Christ he fainted, just like John did as described in Revelation 1. He saw the vision (the description of him fainting comes later) but the men with him saw not the vision. This is very similar to the experience of Paul on the Damascus road when he saw the bright light and saw Christ but those with him didn't.

DANIEL 10:8 "Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength." "There remained no strength in me" is an idiom for fainting. The blood all drained from his head ("My comeliness was turned in me") so Daniel just passed out. Remember, Daniel was 86 at the time of this vision.

DANIEL 10:9 "Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground." The "deep sleep on his face" is a description of his fainting. Quite often when people faint they fall forward on their face.

Now in verses 10-17 we come to the first ministry of the teaching angel Gabriel.

DANIEL 10:10 "And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands." The words really mean that God said to Gabriel, "Go wake this boy up." Daniel woke up gradually and we next see him half way up, on his knees and hands.

DANIEL 10:11 "And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling." Gabriel now said, "O man greatly beloved." This means not simply loved by God, but loved by elect angels as well. Angels watch all believers. They apparently enjoyed watching Daniel because of his great fidelity to the Lord, because of his great loyalty, his great stability and poise under pressure. I am sure the angels enjoyed watching Daniel and the amazing way he conducted himself when he was thrown into the lion's den. I wonder what angels think of us when they watch us? I wonder if some angel goes to the company commander of angels and says, "Don't send me down there to that bird again." (I am sure the elect angels have a very painful time because of some of the clucks to whom they are assigned. I suppose they appeal to the Lord and say, "I've had it! Please give me a transfer.") The emphasis here is this--Understand the words that I speak. Gabriel is going to teach Daniel and it is very important that he understand. Down in verse 14 we read "Iake thee understand" and in verse 20 "Knowest thou?" So the emphasis all the way through here is "Be sure that you know it."

Gabriel commanded Daniel to stand upright. When we want to concentrate and learn, it is important that we be alert and in a good learning position. We learn much better sitting or standing. (In Russia in their churches many times they stand all through the services.) "Unto thee am I now sent." So he told Daniel to get off his hands and knees for he couldn't concentrate in that position. So Daniel stood up trembling. Gabriel had been sent by Christ to teach Daniel. I suppose Daniel was trembling in anticipation over the message he was about to receive.

DANIEL 10:12 "Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words." Then said he, "And this is Gabriel." In other passages in Luke 1, we find that Gabriel taught Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, and he also taught the virgin Mary. "Set thine heart" is an idiom for mental concentration. Prayer demands fantastic concentration. The secret of prayer is concentration. Anyone who tries to pray for any length of time without repeating or without daydreaming comes to realize that praying is very serious business. The dynamics of prayer demand concentration. Daniel had the ability to concentrate for he was one of the greatest men of doctrine of all time. "Chasten thyself before God" is another way to express rebound. Gabriel announced here to Daniel that he had come with the answer to his prayer. The answer involved some teaching. Then also Gabriel had been delayed in getting the answer to Daniel.

DANIEL 10:13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia."

Gabriel had been interrupted by some of the demons of Satan. The prince of the Kingdom of Persia is a name for Satan and a name for some of his chief generals. It is a demon name. This demon is responsible for getting Persia into Satan's plan if he can. Cyrus was a born again man so this demon was assigned to his nation and he was to work in Persia. His job was to get Persia into Satan's fold and he worked in many ways to do this. So here is constant warfare in an unseen battle and these unseen battles go on all the time. (Evidently a big battle has been going on in Washington, D.C. recently and I hope Gabriel is there, as well as Michael and many other of the elect angels.)

Gabriel told Daniel that Satan opposed him one and twenty days. So get this point of doctrine--Satan opposes us when we pray and he does his best to hinder prayer. So Michael came and joined forces with Gabriel and together they fought off the hindrance of Satan.

1. In Ephesians 6:12 (in the Greek) we have an outline of the organization of demon forces of Satan. They include Corps commanders, division commanders, and company commanders. They are involved in confronting and attacking every ruler in the whole world.
2. Demon pressure was at that time concentrating on the Persian court. They led in opposing Zerubbabel in the building of the Temple. They opposed Joshua the High Priest and the reestablishment of worship in the Temple. They didn't want the Jews to come back into the land. The only reason why Zerubbabel and Joshua succeeded was the unseen work of Gabriel and Michael in the court of Persia.
3. The historical results of this demon activity and the results of this angelic victory are recorded in Ezra 4 and following. It tells the story of how the fallen angels did everything they could to keep the temple from being built in Jerusalem and how they tried to hinder the Jews from coming back into the land.
4. The prophetic record of these things is found in Haggai and in Zechariah. So the battle mentioned here is a fantastic battle and it reached its peak in 536 B.C. when Cyrus issued the decree for Haggai and Zechariah and about 50,000 Jews to go back to the land and rebuild. Whenever there are individuals and churches who are trying to honor the Lord by giving the Word of God to the people, just remember there is always a great unseen battle taking place in the background. When doctrine is presented in purity, there is always an unseen battle waged by Satan.
5. This scripture indicates the tremendous power of prayer in shaping world events. The prayer of Daniel had worldwide results. It caused the Jews to go back into the land, to rebuild their temple, to bring the fifth cycle of discipline to an end for the Jews, and to usher in their golden age between 516 B.C. and 323 B.C. All of these things came to pass as a direct answer to Daniel's prayer. I suppose it is impossible for us to know the far-reaching and tremendous results of the power of prayer. Daniel prayed for three weeks and the amazing results of his prayer lasted not only for 200 years, but will last right down to the end of time. Our prayers have a great deal to do with this unseen angelic battle. Prayer is our unseen weapon and how many times we fail to use it. In the recent Korean and Vietnam war we had weapons that we were afraid to use. Prayer is our Christian weapon but so often we are afraid to use it.

6. Prayer headed off a revolt in the Persian Empire. Daniel prayed in 538 B.C. and in 536 B.C. over 50,000 Jews went back to the land. Their golden age would probably never have come to pass had it not been for the prayer life of Daniel. His prayers headed off a revolt and eventually the temple was built.

Michael is the most powerful of the elect angels, just as Satan is the most powerful of the fallen angels. In Daniel 10:21 Michael's power is described. Michael is evidently the only angel that can take on Satan. They fought over the body of Moses in Jude 9. Michael will fight Satan in the Tribulation according to Revelation 12:7. So when we talk about Michael we are talking about the strongest angel of all. From 516 B.C. to 323 B.C. Gabriel is going to be stationed in the court of Persia. The Satanic effort to destroy the Jews was frustrated by Gabriel.

### The Ministry Of Gabriel To Daniel.

DANIEL 10:14 "Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days." He had come to help Daniel to understand the result of his prayers and the doctrine to be derived from this experience. So this vision really covered a very long period of time, from 516 B.C. clear down to the second coming of Christ.

DANIEL 10:15 "And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb." Daniel was so shocked here that he got down on his knees again. Then he became silent so he could learn. You have to be still to learn, you can't be talking all the time and learn. The idea of being silent so you can learn is taught in Zechariah 2:15, Habakkuk 2:20, Ecclesiastes 3:7.

DANIEL 10:16 "And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength." Now at this point Jesus is seen again. So the one who stands here before Daniel is Jesus Christ. Gabriel stepped out of the way and Christ appeared. It brought pain to Daniel and it put great pressure on him. Now between verses 15 and 16 Christ had Gabriel give the complete content of Daniel Chapter 11 to Daniel. It is written down later, but it was given to him right at this point.

DANIEL 10:17 "For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me." The teaching of this passage was so great that it literally took Daniel's breath away.

DANIEL 10:18 "Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me," Here Gabriel came and touched him and strengthened him.

DANIEL 10:19 "And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me."