A Messenger from Heaven

Daniel 10
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Historical Background

- Daniel 10:1,4
  - 3rd year of Cyrus
    - Ezra 3:8-4:5 – The last captives returned to Jerusalem and begin to rebuild the temple.
      - The foundation of the temple being laid. (Ezra 3:10)
      - Beginning of the trouble from “people of the land” (Ezra 4:1-3)
    - Still named Belteshazzar
    - Standing on the bank of the Tigris (v4)
Babylon and Tigris River
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Overview

• Daniel 10:1
  – The word = Chapters 11 and 12
  • True
  • One of great conflict
    – 7:21,25 – War with the saints, speak against the Most High, they [saints] shall be given into his hand
    – 8:24-25 – He will have great power causing destruction, supernatural empowerment, and be deceitful
    – 9:27 – Cause abomination to desolation
    – 8:10-14 – The little horn, the type of antichrist causing death and desolations of the city and sanctuary
  • Daniel had understanding
Daniel’s Condition

• Daniel 10:2-3
  – 21 days of mourning
    • Ending on the 24th day of the 1st month
      – Passover from the 14th to 21st
  – Fasting
    • Did not eat delicacies or meat or drink wine
  – No self-anointing with oil
    • Sign of mourning
The Man and the Messenger

• Daniel 10:5-6

• 3 prevailing views
  – The man is an angel and he speaks with Daniel
  – The Man is the Lord Jesus Pre-incarnate and an angel speaks with Daniel
  – The Man is the Lord Jesus Pre-incarnate and He speaks with Daniel
The Man Daniel Sees and Hears

- Daniel 10:5-6
  - Comes in the likeness of the Lord in Revelation 1
  - Likely candidate is Gabriel because he has already revealed the visions of Chapters 8 and 9
    - Not mentioned by name (8:16, 9:21)
    - Daniels response is similar in 8:17-18
    - We know it cannot be Michael (v13), but an angel of equal rank or the Lord (11:1).
- Main confusion: The events of verse 13.
- Main point: Physical characteristics describing moral qualities
Compared to Revelation 1

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<td>His face like the appearance of lightning</td>
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<td>His arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze</td>
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<td>The sound of his words like the sound of a multitude</td>
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<td>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow</td>
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<td>From His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword</td>
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Daniel’s Reaction

• Daniel 10:7-9
  – Daniel is left alone
    • Only Daniel can see the physical presence of the being
      – Similar response to Paul’s companions
      – They heard the Lord’s voice and saw a light (Acts 9:7; 22:9)
  – Daniel retains no strength
    • If a Divine Being
      – Revelation 1:17 – Falls at His feet as though dead
      – Ezekiel 1:28 – Falls on his face
    • If an Angel
      – Daniel 8:17-18
      – Daniel 9 no such response
My Grace is Sufficient

- **Daniel Strengthened**
  - Daniel 10:10-11
    - Strengthened enough to sit up (1) and then stand (2)
    - Divine Favor
      - greatly loved (v.11,19)
        » 9:23 – “for you are greatly loved”
      - For now I have been sent to you
  - Daniel 10:15-16
    - Strengthened enough to speak (3)
  - Daniel 10:18-19
    - Strengthened enough to hear the message (4)
    - Continually strengthened by his words
      - O man greatly loved, Fear not, Peace be with you, Be strong and of good courage
  - Strength sufficient for each task
    - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
A Man of Prayer

• Daniel 10:12-14
  – From the first day of mourning
    • God’s response to his prayer was immediate, but the answer was delayed
    • Could be delayed, under God’s sovereign will, due to the spiritual struggle in the heavenly places
  – God’s sovereign decree works through His instruments
    • Works all things to the counsel of His will – Eph 1:11
    • God determined the means (i.e. prayer, evangelism, preaching and teaching) used by which God accomplishes His purposes
  – Daniel’s Prayers (2:17-23; 6:10; 9:3-19)
    • Prays for understanding concerning the Lord’s will for His people
    • Prays for a humble heart
An Answer to Prayer

- Daniel 10:13-14, 20-11:1
  - God given insight (taken along with verse 13)
    - Daniel gains understanding
    - Daniel gains comfort as the Lord and His angels contends for Israel
      - The heavenly messenger overcomes the evil forces (v13)
  - There is an unseen battle…
    - Ephesians 6:12 – We fight Rulers, Authorities, Cosmic Powers, Spiritual forces
    - Jeremiah 1:12
      - Israel is protected to the end
Your Prince

• Michael
  – Daniel 10:13
    • One of the chief princes
    • Helps the messenger
  – Daniel 10:21
    • Called your prince, the prince of Israel
    • Other princes referring to princes of nations
    • Contends by the messenger’s side
  – Daniel 12:1
    • The great prince who has charge of your people
  – Jude 9
    • An archangel (chief angel) who contends with Satan
  – Revelation 12:7
    • Will war with and defeat Satan and his angels in heaven
The Spiritual Warfare

• Daniel 10:13
  – If the Pre-Incarnate Lord
    • Temporarily restrains Himself with respect to evil forces – Job 1, Exodus 7:11, 7:22, 8:7
    • Delays judgment – Matthew 8:29
    • Jesus and Apostles reaffirm Satan’s [temporary] power
      – Ruler of this world – John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11
      – Task to blind unbelievers – 2 Cor 4:4
      – The prince of the power of the air – Eph 2:2
      – Given limited power – 1 John 4:4
      – His dominion is the whole world – 1 John 5:19
  
  – Satan’s kingdom
    • Matthew 12:26
    • Matthew 4:8-9
  
  – Organization in the Spiritual Kingdoms
    • Colossians 1:16 – Visible and invisible
    • Ephesians 6:12 – Rulers, Authorities, Cosmic Powers, Spiritual forces
The Spiritual Warfare

• Daniel 10:13
  – The Lord chooses to use the help of angels to defeat the demonic angels
    • Angels minister to Jesus – Matthew 4:11
    • 12 legions of angels – Matthew 26:53
    • Michael defeats Satan – Revelation 12:7-9

– God’s Kingdom
  • Ephesians 3:10
  • Jude 6
  • 1 Peter 3:22