

"Kingdoms in Conflict" **Daniel 10**

1. The final vision given to Daniel came in the third year of the reign of Cyrus in 536 B.C. Israel's captivity in Babylon had ended and some of the exiles had returned to Jerusalem. The nation seemed to be at peace. But the revelation in this vision must have shattered any hope that Daniel may have had for lasting peace for Israel. What is said about this vision in verse 1?

When Daniel understands the significance of this vision, what does he do for 3 weeks (vv. 2-3)?

2. After 3 weeks, Daniel is visited by a messenger as Daniel is standing by the Tigris River. The messenger is an angel from heaven. How is he dressed and how is his appearance and voice described?

Since Gabriel had previously been sent by God to reveal truth to Daniel in chapter 8, most likely Gabriel is also the visitor on this occasion. What do we read about the response of Daniel's companions to the vision (v.7)?

3. Finding himself alone in the angel's presence, how would you describe Daniel's condition and response (v.8)? What does Daniel do in verse 9?
4. After waking up Daniel, how does Gabriel encourage him in verses 10-12?
5. In verse 14 what is the reason that Gabriel gives as to why he has appeared to Daniel?

How does the angel refer to Daniel in verses 11 and 19?

6. God sent Gabriel with a message for Daniel but Gabriel was hindered by a satanic adversary referred to as "the prince of the kingdom of Persia" (v.13). Evidently, this was a high-ranking demonic representative assigned to Persia. Read Ephesians 6:10-12. What is commanded of believers in these verses? Who is our struggle against?

After 3 weeks of this battle between Gabriel and this demon, who comes to Gabriel's assistance (v.13)?

7. Daniel had been weakened at the appearance of the messenger. Now in verse 15 he is speechless. In verse 16 he is overcome with anguish at the revelation of this vision of Israel's coming sufferings to the point where Daniel is left debilitated and gasping for breath.

Can you think of a time when you have been left speechless at the greatness and wonder of Almighty God?