

DANIEL

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Our Involvement in the Unseen, Cosmic War Daniel 10

Overview

Responding to Daniel's determined seeking, a heavenly messenger brings understanding of Israel's future. **Dan. 10:10** *And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words... 14 to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."*

Insight into the Cosmic Conflict in Daniel 1-10

- God's Heavenly Realm and Earthly Realm overlap and interact (vv. 1:1-2, 4:23-24)
- Yahweh is matchless in knowledge, power, authority and justice (vv. 2:47, 3:29b, 4:35,37)
- Yahweh values partnership in his rule, granting authority to lesser spirits (vv. 4:17, 7:9-10)
- Rule over the nations will be given to an honored human figure in Heaven's Court (vv. 7:13-14)
- Territorial "princes" in the heavenly realm correspond to beastly human rulers in opposing Yahweh **Dan. 10:20** *Then he said...But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.*

Filling in Details from the Biblical Record

- A treacherous Usurper instigates a murderous conflict. (Gen. 3:14-15, John 8:44a)
- After the Babel rebellion, God deputized heavenly governors over the other nations. (Deut. 32:8-9)
- These heavenly deputies became corrupted and were subsequently judged by God. (Ps. 82:1-2)
- God promised to one day give his Son, rule over the nations. (Ps. 2:7-8, Dan. 2:44, Is. 49:56)
- God's Son entered the fray, triumphing over the rebel powers in a surprising victory. (Col. 2:15, see also 1 John 3:8, Eph. 2:1-6, Heb. 2:14)
- Through allegiance to Christ, everyone can receive a new citizenship in His Kingdom. (Col. 1:13)

As citizen-soldiers, we engage in the ongoing war of heaven & earth by...

1. ...remembering people are not the enemy.
Eph. 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against...the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
2. ...understanding that a Spiritual war is a war of thoughts and emotions.
1 Thess. 2:2 But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.
2 Cor. 2:10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive... **11** so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.
2 Cor. 4: 4 In their case the god of this [age] has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
3. ...maintaining our objective to depopulate the dark domain by proclaiming King Jesus's victory.
2 Cor. 2:14 ...Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.
4. ...standing firm in our "G.I. gear": truth, approval, peace, faith, salvation, the word of God, access.
Eph. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might...**13**...take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.
5. ...continually seeking God's provision for one another in the fight.
Eph. 6:18b To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, **19** and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

Reflection/Discussion

1. Ephesians 6:10-20 describes the armor of God and the purpose for "putting it on". Since the enemy we fight is intent on preventing people from responding to the proclamation of Jesus as King of All (2 Cor. 4:4), how does each piece of armor and purpose relate to guarding us from intimidation and deception?

SONGS

"YES I WILL" - Eddie Hoagland, Jonathan Smith, and Mia Fieldes

"10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)" - Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

"GOODNESS OF GOD" - Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson

"O PRAISE THE NAME (ANASTASIS)" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, and Benjamin Hastings

"WORTHY OF IT ALL" - David Brymer, David Brymer, Ryan Hall, and Ryan Hall

BUDGET

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