

Chapter 10

“Daniel’s Preparation”

Summary

- Chapters 10, 11, and 12 are part of one vision
- Chapter 10 is preparation for what follows in Chapters 11 and 12
- The overall subject of the vision fills in details of Persia, Greece, and end times events.

Outline

- I. Setting - vs. 1-4
- II. Vision of Christ - vs. 5-9
- III. The Delayed Angel - vs. 10-14
- IV. Daniel’s Reaction - vs. 15-19
- V. The Angel’s Mission - vs. 20-21

Notes

- vs. 1 - “third year of Cyrus” = 534 B.C. Daniel is about 90 years old.
- vs. 2 - The cause for Daniel’s mourning is not given. J. Vernon McGee speculates that it is because the Jews are now free to return to Israel, but few are choosing to do so. Nehemiah and Ezra have yet to return to Israel.
- vs. 4 - The time is April. Hiddekel is another name for the Tigris River.
- vs. 5-6 - compare the description to Revelation 1:12-16
- vs. 7 - the reaction is similar to Paul on the Damascus Road - Acts 9:7-8
- vs. 8 - compare Daniel’s reaction to Isaiah 6:5-8
- vs. 12 - God answered Daniel’s prayer immediately, the delivery was delayed
- vs. 14 - Three characteristics about the upcoming vision:
 - “thy people” - it revolves around Israel
 - “latter days” - part of it concerns the End Times
 - “for many days” - much time before it is fulfilled

Spiritual Warfare

- One of the striking features of this chapter is the small glimpse we see into the spiritual realm of angels, mostly in vs. 12-13.
- Paul knew our greatest battles were not physical, but spiritual - Ephesians 6:11-12
- The Christian life can be described as a spiritual war - II Corinthians 10:3-5