

# DANIEL 10 vs 1

This chapter and the next two (which conclude this book) make up one entire vision and prophecy, which was communicated to Daniel. This final vision was given to Daniel when he was around 83 years old. Verse 1 is a prologue, establishing what this chapter 10 through chapter 12 is all about.

**<sup>1</sup> In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia (536BC)**

**a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar;**

**and the word was true: a great war.**

**And he understood the word, and discerned the vision.**

**<sup>2</sup> In those days, I, Daniel, mourning for three weeks,**

**<sup>3</sup> I ate no pleasant bread; no meat or wine entered my mouth;**

**I did not anoint myself at all, for three whole weeks.**

**<sup>4</sup> And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I stood by the bank of the great river, (the Tigris) / obviously, God wanted Daniel there in that govt position to complete whatever assignment he had been given, since he was a teenager taken from Judah; so Daniel did not return to rebuild Jerusalem; but he was given 3 weeks to consider what he saw that caused him to pray so earnestly;**

**<sup>5</sup> I lifted up my eyes, and looked,**

**and behold a man clothed in linen with a belt of fine gold of Uphaz around his waist / he looked like he was from Adam's race, dressed in fine clothes like a high priest,**

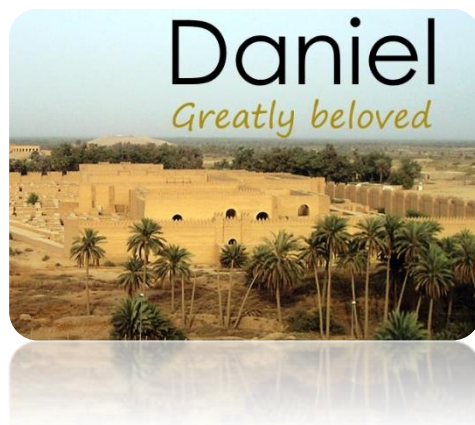
**<sup>6</sup> his body was like the beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning,**

**his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and his feet like polished brass,**

**and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.**

**<sup>7</sup> Now I, Daniel, only saw the vision: for the men who were with me did not see the vision; though a great trembling fell upon them,**

**and they ran to hide themselves.**



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<sup>8</sup> So, I was left alone and saw this great vision with **no** strength left in me: for my face turned deathly pale / my radiance changed to ruin,

and I retained **no** strength.

<sup>9</sup> Yet hearing the voice of his words / this one with flaming eyes; with a roar like 1,000 Niagara Falls: when I heard the voice of his words, then I was asleep on my face, and my face was on the ground / suddenly Daniel collapsed, the next thing Daniel knew; probably wondering: what happened?

<sup>10</sup> And, behold, a hand touched me, and set me trembling on my hands and knees / gently lifting this 83-year-old, greatly beloved by God. In the previous chapter, we learn Gabriel came to instruct Daniel about the coming Messiah; most likely this was a different citizen of eternity maybe on his first task to directly interact with one of God's people. I bet the heavenly hosts scratch their heads in wonder as they see so few like Daniel, and so many knuckleheads like the rest of us that God chooses to work with; it's as if this one thought Daniel would get up and he'd just give the info. Wasn't he surprised? Even so as an emissary assigned by God, he was both powerful and respectful; sent of the Lord God.

<sup>11</sup> And he said to me, O Daniel, greatly beloved / Daniel is the only person in the Bible identified with this designation; and it is said to him repeatedly,

understand the words I speak to you, and stand upright now, for I am sent to you / which is heavenly humor, as these powerful envoys are assigned to the people of God; it's like this one said: Daniel, can you stand up, so we can talk eye to eye? This one wanted to make sure the message was received.

And when he spoke this word to me, I stood trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, **do not fear**, Daniel / so he speaks like God, the language of grace and peace: for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words,

<sup>13</sup> but the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty one days / this envoy came as fast as he could, but it took 3 weeks to get there since a demon -- a fallen angel influencing Persia caused resistance and hindered this one from answering Daniel's prayer:

but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; for I was there with the kings of Persia,

<sup>14</sup> and I came... to make you understand **what will happen to your people in the latter days** / this vision is not only a prophecy for the near future events 2500 years ago... but also reaches to the time when gentile rule ends in our time.

**For the vision is yet for many days to come.**



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<sup>15</sup> When he spoke to me these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was speechless / once again Daniel is overwhelmed by what this envoy said; and Daniel tell us.

<sup>16</sup> Behold, the one like the sons of men touched my lips again.

Then I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who stood before me,

O my lord, by reason of the vision, griefs have come upon me, and I retain **no** strength.

<sup>17</sup> How can I, servant of my Lord, talk with my lord? For now, **no** strength remains in me, and **no** breath is left in me / Daniel could hardly breathe.

<sup>18</sup> The one who looked like a man touched me and strengthened me again.

<sup>19</sup> And he said, O man **greatly beloved**, **do not fear**:

peace be with you, be strong, yes, be strong.

And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said,

Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.

<sup>20</sup> Then he said,

**Do you know why I came to you?** / Gabriel asked him a question; and Daniel probably said, **yes**; because we all know now; he came to make Daniel understand what will happen to [his] people in the latter days — that will conclude with: **a great war**.

**But I will return to fight against the prince of Persia:**

**and when I go, lo, the prince of Greece will come** / Alexander the great was getting ready to enter the stage of world history; but for now...

<sup>21</sup> **I will show you what is inscribed in the Book of Truth.**

**(No one restrains with me, except Michael your prince; and I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood to confirm and to strengthen him.)**

And Gabriel continues his assignment to Daniel beginning in chapter 11: verse 2, instructing Daniel with detailed prophecy to be sealed up in his book, describing the violent, destructive time of the Gentile nations; until Messiah comes in great glory.