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The End Time Vision Daniel 10

I. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VISION (Vs. 1-3)

- This vision was given to Daniel after the captives had started to return to Jerusalem during the Persian rule of King Cyrus (*Dan.1:21; 6:28; Ezra 1:1*).
- The vision concerned a future great conflict (*vs.1*).
- Daniel's response was to mourn in prayer and fasting for what was to happen (*verses 2 & 3*).

II. COMMUNICATION OF THE VISION (Vs 4-21)

- From the Pre-incarnate Christ similar to the visions of John and Ezekiel (*vs.5-9; Rev.1:13-15; Ezek.1:26-28*).
- From three separate angels who each strengthened Daniel in view of the terrible events of the future (*Angel #1 - vs.10-15; Angel #2 – vs. 16-17; Angel #3 – vs.8-21*).

III. CONFLICT BEHIND THE VISION (Vs.13,20-21)

- There was a spiritual battle underway all during Daniel's 21 days of prayer and fasting (*vs.13*).
- The 1st angel battled the satanic angel of Persia and was helped to victory by Michael the archangel (*vs.13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev.12:7*).
- After the completion of the revelations of chapters 11 & 12 there will be a future battle between the 3rd angel assisted by Michael and the satanic angels of the kingdoms of both Persia and Greece (*vs.20,21*).

Application

- ✦ This is a story of human weakness and divine enablement.
- ✦ One entire chapter is devoted to God's preparation of Daniel to reveal God's purposes in the world.
- ✦ The nature and control of the evil kingdoms of the world, down to our present day, is revealed.
- ✦ Worldly kingdoms rise and fall based on their honour for Biblical truth.
- ✦ Departure from this truth enables satanic activity.
- ✦ Daniel lived during two past evil worldly kingdoms but he remained true to the Lord and His word.
- ✦ Daniel was aware of the evil forces behind the world rulers of his time.
- ✦ We need the same discernment today.