

# Daniel 10

## “The Invisible Warfare”

Daniel 9 is so vital in understanding Daniel 70<sup>th</sup> Week,

and

Daniel 10 is so vital in understanding **the** Invisible Warfare that goes on everyday...

in the world and in your life!

Eph. 6:12

***<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

*(We could spend an entire year on Daniel 10 and be greatly benefited)*

DANIEL 10 INTRODUCES THE LAST GREAT VISION OF DANIEL.

—The Last Great Vision of the Later Days—

To rightly grasp the last vision, we should study chapter 10 thru 12 as one unit. (*which, of course, we cannot do in one hour a week*)

**CHAPTER 10** does not contain any of the last prophecy but it does introduce the great invisible warfare behind the last vision. And verse 14 introduces what the final vision is about.

**CHAPTER 11** begins the prophecies of this last vision, of Gentile rule beginning with the first year of Darius, all the way to beginning of Tribulation to coming of Jesus Christ.

**CHAPTER 12** completes the final vision and adds information about the period of Tribulation and Jesus Christ setting up His Righteous Kingdom on earth, called the Millennium.

The prophecy of Daniel 11:1-35 has already occurred in history, while Daniel 11:36 thru 12:13 is yet future events to be literally fulfilled after The Church has been Raptured.

## The Book of DANIEL Chapter-by-Chapter

Chapter 1	Exile
Chapter 2	Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statute — <i>times of the Gentiles</i> —
Chapter 3	Nebuchadnezzar's golden image and fiery furnace

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Chapter 10	The Invisible Warfare

As we move into chapter 10 we will learn more about the conflict between God and Satan. And one of the primary things we learn about Satan is that he is constantly working to counter the plan of God.

**We well know how Satan has Three Great Objectives.**

- 1 **Counter God's plan** for the birth of Jesus Christ
- 2 **Counter God's plan** of the salvation of all mankind. He does this by trying to prevent the whole plan by crucifying Jesus Christ, and in so doing allowed it to be fulfilled. Then he tries to blind the eyes of man of the gospel. [ 1 Corinthians 4:3-4 ] And he perverts, distorts, the gospel by making it a salvation by works. [ Galatians 1:6-7 ]
- 3 **Counter God's plan** for the Jews. First by stopping them from giving birth to the Messiah; (Revelation 12) and this is the study of the time of the Gentiles, throughout history. Then by stopping the glorification of Israel in the Tribulation and the Millennium.

And now, in Daniel 10, we see just how much Satan will do to keep Daniel from seeing this prophecy. Failing to do this, Satan now continually attacks the Book of Daniel and he does all he can to prevent believers in Jesus Christ from growing in the Truth of Scripture.

He has a multitude of false teachers teaching in the pulpits, across the world during all the Church Age:

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

*<sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.*

*<sup>14</sup> No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

*<sup>15</sup> Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds*

Daniel 10:

*<sup>1</sup> IN THE THIRD YEAR OF CYRUS KING OF PERSIA*

When God gives an historical marker it is important to the understanding of events. Many people give little credit to the importance of these historical markers. But as we have seen already and will continue to see the third official year of Cyrus began in April of 536 bc.

Two years have passed since Gabriel revealed Daniel 70 weeks.

Cyrus started the command for the Jews to return to Judah.

Those Jews who had returned to Judea with Zerubabel and Joshua, were laying the foundation for the Second Temple. **Ezra 3** is a report to Daniel of the difficulty they were facing.

By giving us this date marker we can go to other scriptures and see what is going in the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia.

**We will also learn what was troubling Daniel.**

If we turn to **Ezra 1** we will learn what was happening in the third year of Cyrus. The Book of Ezra was written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Cyrus. We will notice just a few verses that will help us to understand why Daniel is so troubled.

Ezra 1:1-3

*<sup>1</sup> Now when the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.*

*<sup>2</sup> Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers arose and built the altar of the God of Israel to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.*

*<sup>3</sup> So they set up the altar on its foundation, for they were terrified because of the peoples of the lands; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.*

In 1<sup>st</sup> year of Cyrus, the decree to return to the land was given.

So, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> third year, the people have had time to return to the land, and even started getting word back to Daniel.

## What was going on in Judah?

Ezra 3:1 *\*(This is during the First Year)*

***<sup>1</sup> Now when the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.***

Ezra 3:8

***<sup>8</sup> Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began the work and appointed the Levites from twenty years and older to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.***

This is the second year that they are back in the land and this is the **Second Temple**. The **First Temple** was laid out by David and built by Solomon.

No sooner had they started than the reason for the mourning of Daniel began.

*Ezra 4:1-3*

*<sup>1</sup> Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel,*

*<sup>2</sup> they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."*

*<sup>3</sup> But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel said to them, "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us."*

[ The Appeal to Authority ]



Today's religions would all *get together in the NAME OF UNITY*; but Israel understood the importance of exclusiveness.

These caused the rise of lawsuits to Cyrus filed by those opposed to Israel and to the building of the Temple.

(Ezra 4:4-20)

**This caused Cyrus to decree that all building should stop.**

*Ezra 4:21*

*<sup>21</sup> So, now issue a decree to make these men stop work, that this city may not be rebuilt until a decree is issued by me.*

So by the time of our study in Daniel 10, that is by the third year of Cyrus, the entire Jewish rebuilding movement had come to a stop. **THIS IS WHY DANIEL WAS IN MOURNING.** This all sounds like what is going on Israel today, with multitude of people fighting every building program. Daniel knows the prophecy that they were to return to Judah so Daniel prays “why Lord has all the building stopped?”

**PRINCIPLE:** This is much like many believers all through Church Age right up today;

**“Cry out to God—I Am Trying to Grow in the Word, to Walk by Faith, and it Seems as though YOU are Not Listening.”**

This is why **“Walking by Faith”** is so vital.

Daniel 10:1

*In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia, a message was revealed to Daniel (verbal revelation) who was named Belteshazzar; [Daniel still carried this Babylonian name he was given some 70 years earlier] and the MESSAGE WAS TRUE and ONE of GREAT CONFLICT. but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision. [ Daniel had already learned of future conflicts his people would suffer. ]*

( DANIEL 7:21, 25; DANIEL 8:10-14; 24-25; and DANIEL 9:27 )

Daniel 7:21

*<sup>21</sup> I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them*

Daniel 7:25

*<sup>25</sup> He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*

Daniel 8:10-14

*<sup>10</sup> It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.  
<sup>11</sup> It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.*

<sup>12</sup> *And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.*

<sup>13</sup> *Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?"*

<sup>14</sup> *He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."*

Daniel 8:24-25

<sup>24</sup> *"His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.*

*<sup>25</sup> “And through his shrewdness  
He will cause deceit to succeed by  
his influence;  
And he will magnify himself in his heart,  
And he will destroy many while they are at ease.  
He will even oppose the Prince of princes,  
But he will be broken without  
human agency.*

*Daniel 9:27*

*<sup>27</sup> And he will make a firm covenant  
with the many for one week, but in  
the middle of the week he will put  
a stop to sacrifice and grain  
offering; and on the wing of  
abominations will come one who  
makes desolate, even until a  
complete destruction, one that is  
decreed, is poured out on the one  
who makes desolate.”*

*Daniel 10:1*

*<sup>1</sup> In the third year of Cyrus king of  
Persia a message was revealed to  
Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar;*

*and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.*

But Daniel is getting ready to learn some previously unknown truth about an **INVISIBLE CONFLICT**.

<sup>1</sup> *But he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.*

This is the first time Daniel has said this through all these visions.

### **Daniel mourns for 3 weeks**

*Daniel 10:2*

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

**Since Daniel understood the vision,  
why did Daniel mourn for 3 weeks?**

We saw why in Ezra 1, 3, and 4.

First, the people have encountered strong opposition and secondly, Cyrus stopped the building.

Note two areas of the conflict against Israel...

**enemies in their land...**

**and a ruling power...**

*Not that much unlike today with the Muslims and  
Palestinians and the barriers of the United Nations rules.*

Daniel was concerned about the people who had returned to Judah and were receiving great opposition and tribulation.

He was probably mourning over all those who chose not to go to Judah but remained behind. He loved God's land and temple, and these people **chose** to just remain home in Babylonian safety.

*I hear people mourning about what is happening to America!  
Well, have you mourned over what is happening to the Church?  
(And to the Body of Christ?)*

*Have you ever mourned at how few truly love the Word of God?  
And how few truly desire to grow in the Knowledge of Jesus Christ?*

*There is a lot of interest in the lack of knowledge  
and concern for the American Constitution.*

***Well have you ever taken to fervent prayer about the  
lack of interest by Christians for the Word of God?***

The prophecy was... that after 70 years captivity the people would return to Judah. Now they have started their return but things are not going to well there and Daniel is under great soul pressure for his people;...

They have not been able to do very and were under severe pressure. The word has come to and he is very burdened on how to understand this prophecy.

He did not fully grasp the stages of the prophecy.

## **The People and The Land**

In 605 bc Nebuchadnezzar came in and took captives back to Babylon—this began the captivity of **THE PEOPLE**, but it was not until 20 years later (around 586) that **JERUSALEM** was destroyed.

God caused the captivity of the people to end in 70 years 535 bc, but it would be 20 years later that the end of the desolation of Jerusalem would begin to end—to start rebuilding the city and Temple.



Captivity of the people would end the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Cyrus, but 20 years before the city would begin.

*Daniel 10:3*

*<sup>3</sup> I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment [Anoint] at all until the entire three weeks were completed.*

*Tasty food, meat or wine* —food of royalty.

First we know by this that Daniel was used to eating Royal food, meat and wine, but now he has taken leave of the palace for three weeks so he could give full concentration to pray-bible study and meditation.

Besides they are having court sessions about whether to allow The Jews to continue rebuilding the city.

**He needs to get away and pray!**

*nor did I use any ointment* Often in the age of Israel a person would dress the way they were feeling spiritually, tear their clothes, not shave and if really in mourning .. not clean with nice rich oil and not shave.

*at all until the entire three weeks were completed.*

Let's make one thing clear Daniel was not falling apart crying,

*“oh God why me...how long..etc. But Lord there must be a reason, there must be a design to all these visions and what is going....I will trust you!”*

*Daniel 10:4*

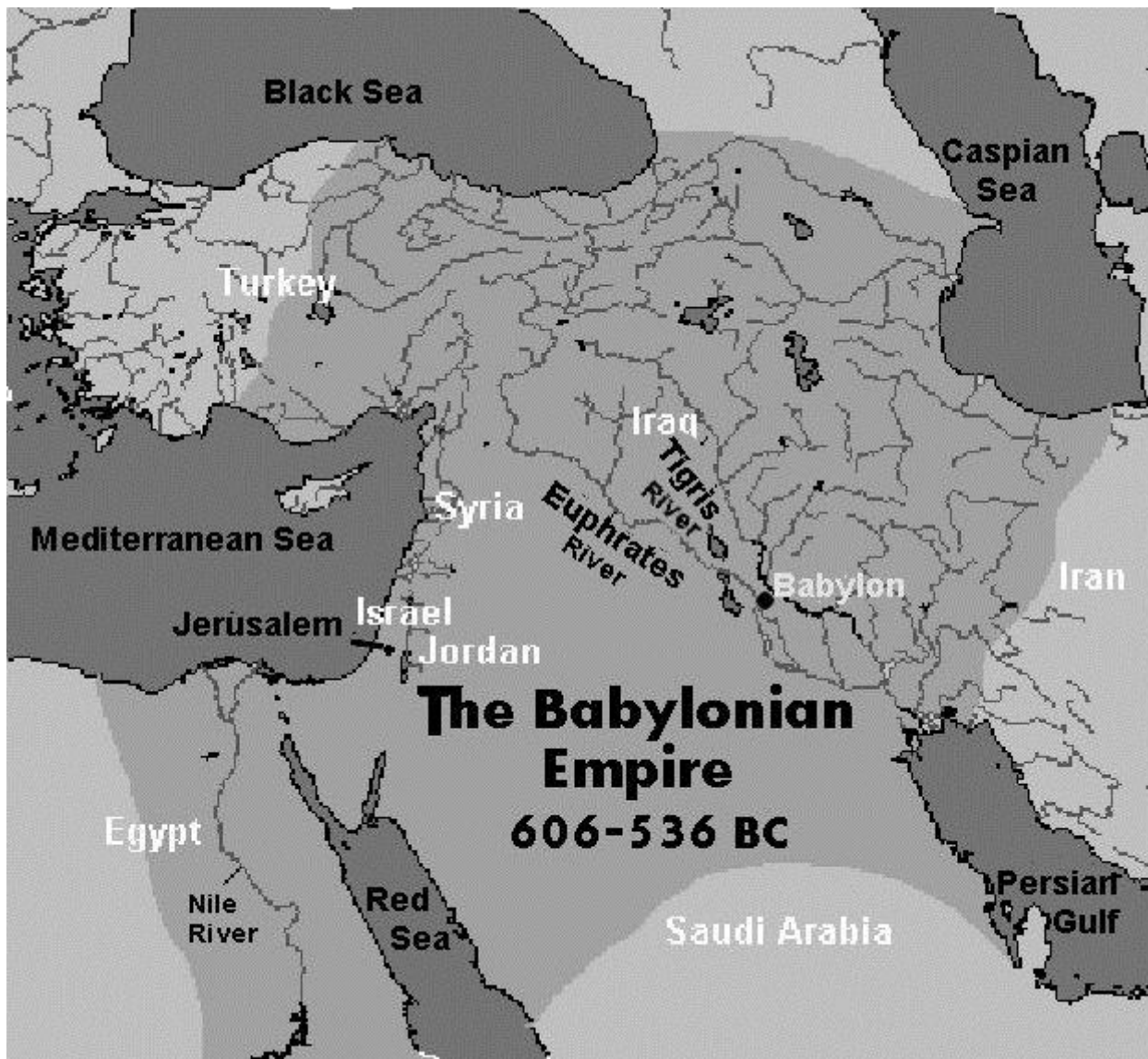
*<sup>4</sup> On the twenty-fourth day*

[ 24 April . In chapter 9 –weeks of years, but here he wants to be sure we know this is 3 weeks of days, that he contemplated what all was going on. Weeks in chapter 9 were Sabbatical years] *of the first month,*

*while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,*

[ Daniel did not just stay there, moping, he got up and moved on with his responsibilities. ]

The Tigris ran through the city of Babylon while he was in prayer. Daniel did not get an answer from God, but... after the 21 days of fasting, a vision appeared



In Daniel 10:4-6 **Daniel sees the Pre-incarnate Christ**

Daniel 10:5-6

<sup>5</sup> I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with *a belt of pure gold of Uphaz*.

<sup>6</sup> *His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.*

<sup>7</sup> *Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.*

<sup>8</sup> *So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.*

<sup>9</sup> *But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard*

*the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.*

This is a **THEOPHANY** of Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> *Now above the expanse that was over their heads there was something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man.*

<sup>27</sup> *Then I noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something like glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like fire; and there was a radiance around Him.*

<sup>28</sup> *As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.*

Rev. 1:12-16

<sup>12</sup> *Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; <sup>13</sup> and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. <sup>14</sup> His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.*

*<sup>15</sup> His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.*

*Almost exact description of Christ.*

Daniel saw a **‘theophany’** of the pre-incarnate Christ.

[ An appearance of Jesus Christ before His Incarnation. ]

In Revelation Jesus Christ appeared to John, also a very old man, on island of Patmos, in His Resurrected body.

**Think about this, Daniel was greatly loved by God, and he was around 90 years old, and Jesus Christ came to him.**

**But don’t forget we have seen Jesus Christ in Daniel before. He was the fourth man with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Or by their Jewish names: Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah) and you will recall that Nebuchadnezzar saw 4 men in the fiery furnace.**

**That fourth man was Jesus Christ.**

At the age of 90, Daniel has the great blessing of seeing GOD THE SON PRE-INCARNATE.

**So Awesome... that Daniel could not take it,  
he (Daniel) fell to the ground.**

## **Very special privilege –**

In Acts 9:7 the men who traveled with *Saul* (Paul) heard the voice of Jesus Christ speaking with Paul, but they did not understand the voice. (Acts 22:9). They saw the light (Act 22:9) but they saw no one. (Acts 9:7) And when God the Father spoke audibly to His Son, those standing by heard but thought it was thunder. (John 12:29)

In the case with Daniel we are not told if those with him saw anything or heard anything, only that a great dread fell on them and they ran away; most likely supernaturally caused dread (*or watching what was happening to Daniel*).

**This appearance by Jesus Christ is what is called a  
THEOPHANY OF GOD.**

1 **A THEOPHANY is an appearance of Jesus Christ before His incarnation; that is, when God became man at His Christmas birth.**

2 **Jesus Christ is the only visible member of the God-head.**

**John 1:18;**

**<sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.**

**John 6:46**



<sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

3 The primary THEOPHANY of Jesus Christ is as the *angel of the Lord*.

- a. As the angel of God, Jesus Christ was in the pillar of the cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night to lead Israel through the desert.  
Exodus 13:21; 14:19;  
23:20-23; 32:34 and Isaiah 63:9.
- b. Jesus Christ as the angel of the Lord, Jesus Christ as the God of Israel warned the judges of Israel in Judges 2:1-4

4 But He also appeared in a THEOPHANY *as a man*.

- a. He appeared to Abraham as a man  
Genesis 18:1-33
- b. He came and wrestled with Jacob  
Genesis 32:24-32
- c. He appeared as a man in the fiery furnace in Daniel 3.
- d. As a man to Daniel in Daniel 10

5 Termination of Theophany appearances. When God came in the form of man in Hypostatic union as the God-man, Jesus the Christ there was no longer any need for any other appearances.

One other point on Daniel meeting Jesus Christ face to face—in Daniel 10:8-9 Daniel fell to the ground.

What is interesting is that the same thing happened to John in Revelation 1:17 when Jesus Christ came to him on the island of Patmos.

Daniel 10:9

*<sup>9</sup> I heard the sound of His words.—the noise of His words.*

[ John described what he heard at the voice of Jesus; ]

*like the voice of many waters.*

# Daniel Comforted

Daniel 10:10

*<sup>10</sup> Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.*

*Touched me* The Hebrew gives the idea of hitting—Daniel was face down to the ground in a *deep sleep* so this angel comes along and really hits him to wake him up.

This is not the pre-incarnate –This is an angel—maybe Gabriel,  
telling him what Jesus Christ said that sounded like a noise

**Daniel 10:10 thru Daniel 11:1**  
**will reveal**  
**The Invisible Warfare**