

Daniel 10

Continuing Introduction to The Invisible Warfare

Angels are real !

They are supernatural creatures created by God.

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IX. **THE TRIAL**

1. **God responds to this challenge by creating a creature lower and inferior to angels, call mankind, and placed them on the only planet designed for habitation –planet earth Hebrews 2:7 Hebrews 1 and 2 are more in depth study of angels and *The Angelic Conflict*.**
2. **Man's volition is tested under two systems:**
 - a. **Before the Fall of mankind: In innocence (not perfect Righteousness) he was ignorant of sin, he**

had no sin nature but man did have volition just as the angels had volition.

- b. The test was a tree, the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden.
Man failed this test and sinned—failed to trust God and Submit by faith, he failed to keep on trusting God.
- c. At this point Satan thinks he has won! Two things Satan does not understand, and hates: The Grace of God and the Love of God.
- d. After the fall: in sinfulness mankind has a sin nature, which is passed on to every human being born into the human race with the exception of Jesus Christ. This sin nature is now called Inherited Sin Nature yet each individual still possesses free will. The test this time was a new tree--the *Cross*. This time man could trust God and the One He sent—His Son or choose not to trust God (that is to believe in Jesus Christ).

3. While it is wonderful every time a member of human race believes in Jesus Christ, the very offering of Salvation of the Imputation of Perfect Righteousness by Grace through Faith, this resolves *The Angelic Conflict*.

4. Therefore, in this ongoing trial (-battle-), Satan seeks to keep every man from believing in Jesus Christ and he seeks to keep ever believer from living in Spirit Filled Life by the Filling of the Holy Spirit and from growing in the Knowledge of Jesus Christ.

And Satan does everything he can to keep believers from glorifying God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

- 5. Mankind is now under angelic observation. Angels are watching you all the time, you and all unbelievers and believers. They are learning about God, about Grace and Divine Love by watching the human racer. Luke 15:7, 10; Ephesians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:21; 1 Peter 1:12; 1 Corinthians 4:9; 6:3; and 11:10**

- 6. You are in The Invisible Warfare everyday of your life.**

Through the fall of man, Satan gained control of this planet. Faith in Jesus Christ not only frees man from the Law and from his Inherited Sin Nature, but from the power of Satan. Ephesians 2:1-7

You are in The invisible Warfare...

Ephesians 2:1-7

*¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*

³ *Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*
⁴ *But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,*
⁵ *even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together ^[a]with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*
⁶ *and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*
⁷ *so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

As powerful as angels are, God has given to every believer of the Church Age everything necessary for our part in this battle. First He has given to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And He has given us an armor...

“The Whole Armor of God!”

Ephesian 6:10-17 The Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

¹² 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.

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

¹⁵ and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;

¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Note carefully twice we are instructed to stand firm. We are not to take them on in battle. Even Michael could not 'take on' Satan. Jude 1.

- 7. While the trial, the conflict goes on, the major outcome has already been decided.**
 - a. Jesus Christ became man through the virgin birth**
 - b. By this birth Jesus was lower than the angels.**

- c. The humanity of Jesus Christ is now higher than as He sits at the Right Hand of God
- d. By our faith in Jesus Christ we are placed 'in Christ' and therefore, positionally we are at the ***Right Hand of God***. Therefore, we are positionally higher than angels Hebrews 1:4-14

Daniel 10:13

1. From here (Daniel 10:13) on to end at Daniel 12:13 gives the history of Israel under Gentile rule
2. This time period is described in *Daniel 9:26* *even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined*
3. This is remarkable—this again proves that our God is the only God who can tell what is going to happen in history. This should give everyone the proof that the Bible is accurate **and** truthful **and** trustworthy. Not only in regards to history but also creation, **and**, also, Salvation.
4. This is a summary description of history of Israel; war **and** desolation—out of the land. And as we look back at some 2500 years of history, this describes what the history of Israel has been like—war, when they are in the land **and** desolation out of

the land. This takes it up right to today **and** it is not going to get any better until the 490 years are over **and** Messiah returns to the earth, to establish His kingdom. Only then will there be peace in the land of Israel. This is why knowledgeable Jews are waiting for the coming (return) of the Messiah, so they can experience this peace.

5. **Daniel, chapters** 10 thru 11, gives a description of the war **and** desolation suffered by Israel under Gentile rule. Even today, while Israel is a recognized nation, they are still under the United Nations and under the United State **and** what they do is determined by nations **and** people around them.
6. But when the times of the Gentiles is over, at the end of 490 years **and** the Promised Messiah is come...Jesus...they will be at peace **and** they will rule the world. The Nations of the world will come to Israel for judicial, political **and** economic decisions.
7. To get some idea how your theology **and** eschatology shape how you interpret Bible, let us look at various ways of interpreting this passage.

--as to statement in verse *14*:

what will happen to your people in the latter days

Replacement Theology **and** the Amillennialist believe that the Church has replaced Israel **and** therefore see the fulfillment of all **Daniel's** prophecy in reference to the church. The "thy people" is not Israel but the Church. Therefore, they 'spiritualize' all these latter times as to the church. But,

of course, all these prophecies have to do with the Jews.

13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

Look at Persia for its importance to **Daniel and** to us in understanding how nations have demons over them.

1. The ancient Media-Persian empire had a demon over it.

There was one chief demon put over Persian (*as we will see every nation has a demon over it to destroy any Christian influence*).

This chief demon was assigned by Satan, with God's approval.

Deuteronomy 4:19

¹⁹ And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.





2. This is the one who is said to be the prince of the kingdom of Persia in **Daniel 10:13**
3. This is the importance of the first combat between Jesus and Satan. Because of the fall of man in the garden, God gave Satan rule of the world **and** in Matthew 4, Satan offered back to Jesus the rule of the world.
If Jesus would bow down **and** worship him. So by refusing this offer from Satan, Jesus recognized that Satan indeed had this authority to give to Him.
4. Now here in **Daniel 10** the angel informs **Daniel and** us of something that we are not aware **and** certainly cannot see with our eyes. That there is a demon in charge of demons assigned to the Kingdom of Persia. And these demons actually engage in combat with Elect Angels commissioned by God to enter into the human realm as servants of God. Here to take a message from God to **Daniel**.

It is unknown to human history of the affect of *The Angelic Conflict* on nations. This explains some of the most unbelievable events that have arisen in history of the world. Success of Alexander the Great; How a corporal named Hitler became one of the most powerful men in history; How one man can enter history out of nowhere **and** win total leadership over a nation.

The question is asked by other students of the Bible, “why?”;

Why do you think this prince of Persia was so determined to stop this message from getting to **Daniel**?

While we are not told, we do have some insight to *The Angelic Conflict* related to nations **and** the Word of God. In military strategy they may have learned a lesson from Chapter 9, where they allowed the all-important mystery prophecy of **Daniel’s** 70th week to get by, **and** they are now determined to prevent any more of these prophecies to come to man. We can only imagine the combat that took place against America in past years getting the Word of God all over the world. Stopping the spreading of the Word of God or preventing people from understanding the Word of God by covering their eyes to it, blinding their eyes as recorded in 2 Corinthians 3 **and** 4. Let me assure you Satan has all kinds of schemes to keep you away from the study of Word of God.

It will not be a surprise at all to learn that demons learned a big lesson from **Daniel** getting the message from God in **Daniel 9**.

Next, and this is aimed at the Jews. In Daniel 9:26 they are told that their history would see nothing but wars **and** desolations. What we are going to study in **Daniel, chapters** 10 thru 12, is written to give courage, **and** hope to the Jews throughout the ages, right up to today. Satan does not want them to have this hope. He wants them to break down **and** give up. Therefore, he seeks to stop this message from getting to **Daniel**.

One of the most remarkable stories through history of the Gentiles is how the Jews come out even stronger on every attack to destroy them. This hope is grounded in many of them.

13 But the Prince of the kingdom of Persia—(one of the high ranking angels in the army of Satan) was withstanding me—took his stand to oppose me for 21 days (of angelic hand to hand combat.)

Then behold Michael. one of the chief princes, (Michael, is an arch-angel assigned by God to guard over Israel.) He comes **and** supplies a way for this messenger angel to get though the angelic lined **and** make to Daniel, to give Daniel this vitally important message from God.

13 then behold Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me (Does God need the help of angels to accomplish His Plan on earth?)

These things are reported to us that we might see what cannot be seen by the eye. Not just *The Angelic Conflict* but how these angelic forces are operating right now on planet earth.

People, I know that to most of the world, these are babblings of a fool. But to those of us who believe this book is the inspired, **inerrant Word of God**, these are real. These are truthful facts that are going on and will go on until Jesus Christ returns to his earth.

One more vital point about *The Angelic Conflict*. It is allowed by God. If God did not want *The Angelic Conflict* to continue, it would be over. But God allows demons to operate, just as God allows your volition to choose against Him. So we are learning so much, about The Invisible Conflict and about God, Himself. We learn so much about God, Himself, as we study The Invisible War.

God has a plan and He temporally sets aside His Sovereignty over all the decisions of His creatures. (*The Angelic Conflict*; **human sins**; and **evil**) God has a plan for the history of angelic beings and human. It is He who allows the forces of Darkness to work.

Luke 22:53

⁵³ While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

**AND WE LEARN ABOUT OURSELVES—ARE YOU GOING TO TRUST HIM?
THOUGH YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND NOR KNOW
ARE YOU GOING TO TRUST HIM?**

The Angelic Conflict is about God, angels, mankind...
and ourselves.

**HOW ARE PRAYERS TRANSMITTED?
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THAT?**

They are not by radio signals nor by light beams— that would take forever! Our prayers are heard in heaven *as we think them!* This is how close God is to each of us.

13 for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. This means this angel was left there in a position of pre-eminence in a strategic position on field of battle.

People, whether you realize it or not, you are positioned by God in a position of pre-eminence in this Spiritual Warfare.

I know that it may be difficult for you to grasp this;
“oh, I am not that important”...
And... that is exactly what Satan wants you to think.

You are a believer in Jesus Christ.

YOU HAVE BEEN LEFT HERE BY GOD FOR A PURPOSE IN THE PLAN OF GOD.

What you do about God...
What you do about Jesus Christ...
What you do about the Holy Spirit...
What you do about the Word of God...

is vital to fulfilling God’s plan for your life.

Yes, it is Invisible!

You see it IF you “Live by Faith.”

14 “Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days,

What is it about?
Israel.

*When is, **in the latter days!** for the vision pertains to the days yet future”*

Dominian theologians, Replacement theologians take close note—The Church is not the people of Daniel. **Israel, is!** And they have a guaranteed Prophetic Future - an exciting future, declared by God!

He is talking about his physical heritage... of Abram. Isaac and Jacob and what would happen to them in the latter days So this is a prophecy that will extend through all the **Church Age** to when the Church is snatched up off the earth—The Rapture.

Note the purpose for Divine Information (**The Bible**) *to give you understanding-* actually this is a causative Hiphil... to cause you to understand.

To understand Spiritual things, requires 3 interacting dynamics:

1. The Word of God
2. The Holy Spirit
3. Your faith

Your opening your ears to hear what the Holy Spirit has to say...

This is up to you.

I like the way it is stated in Revelation 2-3--- to the Seven churches:

he who has an ear this does not refer to a physical ear but to positive vol. to Word of God.

let him hear this means you make yourself available to the Word of God.

what the Spirit says This is not Shakespeare, this is not some history book, nor a novel, that you can read and work yourself through,

This is The Word of God and it demands **the function of the Holy Spirit,** and **your faith reception from the Holy Spirit.**

And that is what this angel is saying to Daniel.

Now I have come to cause you to have understanding

I do not want you to miss all that God is going through to get His Word to Daniel.

He sends an angel with the message;

the angel encounters demonic opposition and

Israel's high ranking Archangel, Michael,
has to come and help fight off these demonic angels and

then this angelic messenger makes it to Daniel
to give Daniel this information; and

it is imperative that Daniel be alert,
and listens and learns what God wants him to learn.

Here is Wisdom of the Book of Daniel.

You desire wisdom?

Study the Word of God in the Filling of the Holy Spirit.

We don't have an angel, we have the written WORD and the FILLING of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Effect of these words on Daniel.

15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

Look back to verses 8-9... This is the second shock to Daniel's body. Remember that Daniel's body is closing in on 90 years of age, his body is old – he looked at the ground and became speechless.

You may not lose your strength but I hope all of you experience
The powerful effect of the Word of God on your bodies. When you are
under pressure, suffering, tribulation and you sit down and take in
the Word of God and a supernatural peace falls over you!

Daniel cannot learn while disoriented, so another angel comes to render
Daniel capable of thinking and learning and understanding.

We have seen in this one chapter 10 several categories of angels.

We have seen The Angel of *Jehovah* – **Jesus Christ pre-incarnate**;
We have seen **The Messenger Angel** who came to bring God’s message
to Daniel. Then we were introduced to *The Demonic Angels* who fought
this angel from bringing the Word of God to Daniel. Then came **The
Archangel Michael** to fight The Demonic Angels. Now we have an angel
who comes to cause Daniel to regain his strength.

16 And behold, these things are happening to Daniel one thing after
another... *one who resembled a human being this angel
took the form of a human was touching my lips;* first aid

before me,

Something that has been pointed out by others that all throughout
Scripture, angels do not minister to people on earth-‘spiritually’ this is
something that only The Holy Spirit does.

He ministers to us spiritually.

But we do have all through Scripture angels ministering to us **physically**.

In Exodus they provided Elijah with food, and angels provided Jesus Christ with food. Angels got Peter out of jail, etc., but never do we find an angel providing spiritually.

SO WHEN YOU ARE DOWN, DO NOT PRAY TO OR FOR AN ANGEL; GO TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BY FAITH. HE IS THE ONE WHO GIVES KNOWLEDGE, PEACE, JOY, AND COURAGE, ETC.

then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing

“O my lord, It is interesting to study John’s interaction with angels in Revelation. This is simply a matter of respect for the authority and rank of an angel.

as a result of the vision, anguish The Hebrew word means that the vision has caused a feeling of distress and even hopelessness

has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

Something has happened to this old man’s body and I doubt any doctor is going to be able to help him.

17 *“For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? Bonified humility! As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.”*

This is really affecting Daniel physically

18 *Then this one with human appearance touched me this*

angel administers supernatural first aid.

again and strengthened me.

This is some kind of a medical angel; he restores Daniel’s breathing and physically strengthens Daniel’s aging body.

19 *He said, “O man of high esteem,* greatly beloved

Said of David...a man after God’s own heart

Said of Abraham...a friend of God and

you should know that these things can be said of you.

What is so special about these men?

Certainly not sinlessness;
but these were believers who lived by faith.

Now the angel gives 3 instructions to Daniel and they are 'wisdom' for each of us in times of Tribulation.

1. *Do Not Be Afraid*
2. *Peace Be With You*
3. *Take Courage and Be Courageous!*

Each one of these is a study in itself. And People, the first thing we need to realize is that you cannot do these thing in the flesh, by the energy of the flesh. Whatever we do by the flesh is not acceptable to God.

All three of these are A Ministry of the Holy Spirit.