

Daniel 10

Introduction to The Invisible Warfare

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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.

14 "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people (this is about the Jews not the Church) in the latter days, (last 7 years or Daniel 70th week or the Tribulation) for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

Introduction to The Invisible Warfare:

Daniel 10: 1-13

- 1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia (**April 536 bc**) 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.
- 2 In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. (**Daniel mourned for 21 days**)
- 3 I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment (**after bathing**) at all until the entire three weeks were completed.
- 4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, (**24 April 536 bc**) while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, (**Daniel now sees the Pre-Incarnate Christ**)

- 5 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*.
- 6 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 leam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.

Daniel Comforted

- 10 Then behold, a hand touched (**hit me, this is not the pre-incarnate Christ**) me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.
- 11 He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, (**greatly loved by God**) *be caused to* understand the words that I am about to tell you (**the all importance of understanding the WORD OF**

GOD) and stand upright, (**pay attention**) for I have now been sent to you ." (**from God**) And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

- 12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day (**21 days ago**) that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

This occurred 21 days ago while Daniel was praying, so why did it take 21 days for you to get here?

This introduces the Angelic Conflict in The Invisible Warfare that Daniel did not know about;

- 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia (**Who is this? He is not human; he is superhuman; he is a fallen angel; he serves Satan; and is against God.**) was withstanding me (**Took his *stand* against me to prevent me from coming to you**) for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there (**alone to fight**) against the kings of Persia.

THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

Doctrine of THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

Doctrine of The Invisible Warfare

Very few Christians know about The Invisible Warfare. Very, very few Pastor-Teachers teach about THE ANGELIC CONFLICT, but it is all through the bible and in fact to rightly grasp the Bible we need to know about THE ANGELIC CONFLICT.

If Correctly Understood It Will Answer Such Pertinent Questions As:

WHY MAN,

WHY SIN,

WHY THE CROSS,

WHY SUFFERING,

WHY ME?

(We will not and cannot cover everything about ANGELIC CONFLICT. We will try to take the high lights so that you can remember them. There are a few excellent books written on THE ANGELIC CONFLICT. But the one that I strongly urge you to read is ‘The Invisible War’ by Donald Grey Barnhouse.

Yet... you must be very careful when he advances Calvinism, but the first half of this book is worth reading once a year, and use as a reference. He was one of the first to write an in depth book on this invisible conflict. Just studying the table of context is an excellent beginning point. In our study we will not follow his outline, but we will zero in on points that are pertinent to our study.

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Angels are real !

They are supernatural creatures created by God.

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I. **ONE WILL—GOD’S**

GOD THE ONLY ONE IN EXISTENCE

We have noted many times that the Bible records the creation of a higher creation of life than man, known as angels. CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE is not about mankind. Man is not the center of the universe. Man was not the first higher creature, created by God.

Here we could take up a long study on *the order of creation*.

ALL THINGS ARE FROM GOD. There never has been a time when God did not exist. God does not go back to any one or thing for His existence.

The divine reference **'I AM'** means that He is self – existent. When Satan, in Isaiah 47:8, 10, declared **'I AM'** he was declaring that he is self-existent, not created by God, and independent from God.

And by the way every time we sin, we are declaring that we are above God and act independent from God.

**Another Definition Of Sin
Trying To Be Independent From God.**

II.

**WE HAVE THE TRIUNE GOD:
GOD THE FATHER
GOD THE SON
GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN ONE**

The word **'Trinity'** is not used in the bible but the presence of God in three is all through Scripture for the eye that will see.

Genesis. 1:26 "let us make man in our image"

These are names of accommodation.

God the Father	author of the Plan
God the Son	obeys the Father and is both seen and heard
God the Holy Spirit	revealer and teacher of the Plan

All three members of the Godhead are equal in every aspect of essence. All three have always existed

III. **GOD CREATES ANGELS** **ENTER: TWO WILLS**

The origin of angels:

They were created by Jesus Christ

Colossians 1:16

⁶ which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth;

Psalms 148:2-5

² Praise Him, all His angels;

Praise Him, all His hosts!

³ Praise Him, sun and moon;

Praise Him, all stars of light!

⁴ Praise Him, highest heavens,

And the waters that are above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

And with this we have the introduction to The Invisible Warfare, for now we have **two wills** in existence. *(This is very important in understanding the blinding factor of Calvinism)* God made a Sovereign decision to create supernatural creatures called angels, with free will.

GOD, CREATED ANGELS AND NOW TWO WILLS IN THE UNIVERSE

The understanding of the importance of **free will**. When you have more than one free will, (two) you will have what Paul calls in

1 Corinthians 7 on marriage—**trouble!**

When God created angels and gave them volition, free will He introduced the foundation of sin, and chaos and evil in the Universe. Time is characterized by sin, war, evil, chaos and conflict. The difference between time and eternity is existence of one will and more than one will.

IV.

CONFLICT

We have **God—His will; then we have angels –two wills.**

Now Conflict is introduced by the highest angels using his will against the Will of God.

To introduce this conflict we must recognize that **God did not create angels equal.** He created them with different gifts or qualities and He created one superior to all other angels.

His name was ***Lucifer***. You will not find the name ***Lucifer*** in the missals of the Hebrew Bible. The King James has the name **Lucifer** as a translation of a Hebrew word. What you will find in Isaiah 14:12... How you have fallen from heaven “O star of the morning”, son of the dawn.

In the Hebrew this is ***heylel*** a masculine noun meaning ***morning star***. The King James translates this “*Lucifer*” from the Latin, meaning ***shining one***. In this passage of Isaiah 14: God has given us an outline of the conflict of two will and introduce THE ANGELIC CONFLICT.

¹² “How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of
the dawn! You have been cut
down to the earth, you who have
weakened the nations!

¹³ “But you said in your heart,
‘**I WILL** ascend to heaven;
I WILL raise my throne above
the stars of God,
And **I WILL** sit on the mount of
assembly
In the recesses of the north.

¹⁴ ‘**I WILL** ascend above the
heights of the clouds;
I WILL make myself like the
Most High.’

¹⁵ “Nevertheless you will be thrust
down to Sheol,
To the recesses of the pit.

The fall of angels and the beginning of the Conflict is
recorded in Isaiah 14:13-14 God has given us **THE**
5 “I WILL’S” or rebellion by Satan, which
introduces THE ANGELIC CONFLICT...
Where Satan rebelled against God.

THE FALL OF SATAN IS A PATTERN OF THE FALL OF MAN IN THE GARDEN

The conflict started right here on planet earth. His objective was to ascend and rule in heaven, equal with God.

But please note immediately after **SATAN'S 5 "I WILLS,"** what God says will happen to him.

Verse 15

¹⁵ "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

The birth of the The Angelic Conflict began when **Lucifer** deciding against God—declaring **I AM**
Isaiah 47:8, 10

⁸ "Now, then, hear this, you sensual one, Who dwells securely, Who says in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me. I will not sit as a widow, Nor know loss of children.'

¹⁰ “You felt secure in your wickedness and said,
No one sees me,’
Your wisdom and your knowledge,
they have deluded you;
For you have said in your heart,
‘I am, and there is no one besides me.’

This came from the arrogance of Lucifer and this started THE ANGELIC CONFLICT and this sets the foundation of The Angelic Conflict where Satan lust after being equal with God.

V. **RESULTS OF THE CONFLICT**

1. The fall of all super creatures...angels, establishing the origin of Un-Righteousness and of Evil, and sin. **But God did not create evil, God did not create Un-Righteousness. or Evil**
 - 1 Basis of the condemnation: Perfect Righteousness of God and Un-Righteousness of angels.
 - 2 The earth was also adversely affected by the fall, by the sin of angels. Correct understanding of Genesis1:2

There is a problem between verses 1 and 2.

In verse 1 **created** Hebrew ***bara*** here, **to create out of nothing**, and this refers to the original creation (1st world) (Pre-historic world)

Then between verses 1 and 2 something horrible happened: THE ANGELIC CONFLICT that we are studying.

Now, how do we know this?

One reason is found in verse 2 itself:

The earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep Does this sound like something a perfect God would create? No, not at all.

Anything that God—**actually Jesus Christ**—would create must be perfect, compatible with His Essence and Character.

The condition of verse 2 cannot come from His Perfect Hands.

We also know that verse 2 is not the original creation by comparing verse 2 with Isaiah 45:18

18 For thus says the LORD, who created *bara* same as in Genesis 1:1 the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it notice carefully the next phrase: *and did not create it **bara** a waste place, Hebrew **tohu**.*

This is the same word used in Genesis 1:2 the earth was formless should be: the earth became ***tohu** a waste place* God did not create the earth a waste place *but formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.*

God formed the earth to be inhabited. This also answers the question about extra-celestial beings. All other places in the universe were created by God as not being inhabited.

Now turn back to Genesis 1:2 where we have three Hebrew words used to describe the chaos, not of original creation but of the damage of sin from the angelic revolt, the condition of the earth in verse 2.

The earth ~~was~~ *became* the same word construction is translated *became* in chapter 2 verse 7 and man *became* a living being. the Qal Perfect of the same verb ***hayah*** to exist, to be, to become, to come to pass, appears in both Genesis 1:2 and Genesis 2:7

*formless **tohu** a waste place, ruined,* Again this is the same word used in Isaiah 45 in describing how God did not create the world.

and void, this is the Heb. ***bohu*** which is the Hebrew for void or emptiness, describing the effect of sin on the earth and on creatures...you and me.

Empty of anything good, so therefore we can produce no good before God.

darkness was over the surface of the deep,


Now, since God did not create the earth a waste place, void and dark, how and why did it get into this shape? This is because of THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

This is the result of sin! or rebellion against God.

Missing the correct understanding
between verses 1 and 2
means you will miss the result of sin, the effect of sin.

> ***Order of the conflict:***

- a. Original creation of the earth and universe –to be inhabited by angels.*
- b. Then the angels were created and inhabited earth*
- c. Then came the rebellion against God by Lucifer*
- d. Then came the angels being cast into the deep and a freeze came over the earth.*
- e. Then Holy Spirit moved over the frozen earth and the deep melting away the freeze around the earth*
- f. Then God restored the earth...Genesis 1:3 and the following verse.*



To be continued next Sunday

VI. The Challenge

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