

The Book of Daniel Syllabus

Chapter 10

Dan. 10:1 ¶ *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, even a great warfare: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.*

Dan. 10:2 *In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks.*

Dan. 10:3 *I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.* (ASV)

Daniel is about 90 years old.

We can only surmise why he was mourning.

Some have offered the idea that it was over something to do with those Jews who had gone back to Jerusalem. Some Jewish sources say it may have had to do with Cyrus rescinding his proclamation (Ezra 4:5).

Daniel did not go back with those who returned.

Only a relatively few did go back (Ezra 1:1-11.)

The majority remained in Babylonia until after 1948 when they were robbed of their belongings and forced to return to the reborn state of Israel.

Tombs of Saints and Synagogues in Babylonia.

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A tradition held by the Jews of the Iraqi city of Kirkuk, the prophet Daniel and his three companions, Hananya, Mishael, and 'Azarya are buried within the precinct of the citadel mosque in the old city of Kirkuk, about 250 km north of Baghdad.

Dan. 10:4 *And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel (Tigris),*

Dan. 10:5 *I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz:*

Dan. 10:6 *his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like unto burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

Dan. 10:7 *And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.*

Dan. 10:8 *So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.*

Dan. 10:9 *Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. (ASV)*

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Dan. 10:10 ¶ *And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.*

Dan. 10:11 *And he said unto me, O Daniel, thou man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.*

Dan. 10:12 *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard: and I am come for thy words' sake.*

Dan. 10:13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia. (ASV) ...*

Dan. 10:20 *Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I am come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I go forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come.*

Dan. 10:21 *But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me against these, but Michael your prince.*

Verses 10-13 and 20 and 21 give us insight into the mid-heavens where “the prince of the powers of the air” now operates.

See the Appendix: The Seat of Satan.

The Purpose of the Heavenly Messenger

Dan. 10:14 *Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days[Hebrew: the end of days]; for the vision is yet for many days.*