

Daniel 10 –“Daniel Meets with Angels”

In the book of Daniel 10, speaking in the third person tense, reminds us that he was also “called Belteshazzar,” the same person who was named that way in previous chapters by king Nebuchadnezzar. Therefore, he (Daniel) was the same one who wrote this chapter and the next two that will follow. So, what we have left is Daniel 11 and 12. Daniel 11 looks to be a two-part sermon. Daniel 10 is actually the introduction to 11 and 12.

Daniel 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, but the time appointed [was] long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

Daniel 10:2 -In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

And he says that:

Daniel 10:3 -I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Daniel, as we know, was a man of prayer who was greatly inquiring of future things to come of his people. So, Daniel fasted where he ate no bread, neither did he allow any flesh to come upon him while all these years under the rule of many kings he never gave into the fleshpots of these nations, neither did he drink any of the unfermented wine. We know Daniel to be obedient to the God of Heaven and Earth. Daniel refused the evil and chose the good, just as His God would have it, just as our King did when He was in the flesh.

Isaiah 7:14, 15 -Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

And so, in:

Daniel 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;

Now, not to get off subject or anything, but I am very zealous to connect some dots here about this river. What you may or may not know is that I love history; I love to explore and research things out. This name Hiddekel rings a bell. Take a look at Genesis chapter two and let's play with this for a moment about the geographical history we have going on here with this river Daniel is alongside, and let's see where this river can lead us to that may strike some interest. Let's do some Biblical research and see where this river leads to ultimately and to see whereabouts Daniel is at this time.

Genesis 2:10-14 -And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first [is] Pison: that [is] it which

compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where [there is] gold; And the gold of that land [is] good: there [is] bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river [is] Gihon: the same [is] it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the third river [is] Hiddekel: that [is] it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river [is] Euphrates.

So, I did some geographical research on this Hiddekel “the great river” as Daniel calls it, and it appears that they another name for Hiddekel which is the Tigris river. In the Strong's Hebrew Concordance:

[2313. Chiddeqel -- Hiddekel, ancient name of a Mesopotamian river
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...Hiddekel, ancient name of a Mesopotamian river. Transliteration: Chiddeqel Phonetic Spelling: (khid-deh'-kel) Short Definition: Tigris. **...Hiddekel**.

And based on the geographical location of Babylon during that time, where Daniel had been taking off into captivity in the time of Nebuchadnezzar and then where he remained for the 70 years of captivity then ended there with the invasion of Cyrus and Darius taking over that kingdom, Daniel's location was just north of where the Garden of Eden was located when you head south. As you can see, there are two main rivers that are spotted here on the map, but the rivers mentioned: the Pison and the Gihon are not found. So, this means that possibly after the flood, these two rivers became part of the ocean, which means that the Garden of Eden could be under water. Either way, people have been playing the guessing game as to Eden's location. It is interesting but has nothing to do with salvation, so moving on. The blue circle is about where Daniel had met with Michael and Gabriel.

Daniel 10:5 -Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins [were] girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

Daniel 10:6 -His body also [was] like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Now, as many of us know, the book of Daniel and Revelation are partners in prophecy. They are Old Testament and New Testament witnesses of Jesus Christ in Prophecy. They both complement each other. For instance, you just read what the book of Daniel had to say about the appearance of Jesus or Michael if you will and in the book of Revelation, we find the same similar description going on in:

Revelation 1:12-17 -And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and [his] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes [were] as a flame of

fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance [was] as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.

Amen...And there is something that is catching my attention here where John had said, "And he *laid his right hand* upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last." I know that God loves to use the right hand for good. It is nice to know that He works with His right hand for all the good, anointing with the right, gathering His elect and placing them on the right and He will also destroy the wicked with the right hand by marking them or placing them on His left. Throughout the entire Bible, we can see that God works with His right hand and gives instructions to use the right for good too.

Psalms 48:10 -According to thy name, O God, so [is] thy praise unto the ends of the earth: *thy right hand is full of righteousness.*

Psalms 77:10-11 -And I said, This [is] my infirmity: [but I will remember] *the years of the right hand of the most High.* I will remember the *works of the LORD*: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

Matthew 25:33-34 -And *he shall set the sheep on his right hand*, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Psalms 21:8-9 -Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

And in Leviticus 14, you can find the Lord giving instructions as to work with the right side of things while working in the sanctuary for the most part with their, hands, fingers, ears and what have you. I just thought that this was nice to point out as even what appears to be of no importance to some. It is important because when we work in building a relationship with God, it is nice to know how He works and how He does things and how there is a language and a sermon in even the movements of God. Everything God does is done in perfection. Amen...Now, this does not mean that God does not use His left hand for things. I know how some people can go off and get fanatical and turn this into a big issue or something or into a doctrine, but I just thought this would be something nice to point out about the right hand of God and the symbolism and the literalism that is being mentioned here. Anyways, let's proceed forward with Daniel as we have read in Revelation how John had the same experience as Daniel did, where we can conclude that John and Daniel are both prophets of the Lord.

Daniel 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, so that they fled to hide themselves.

Here, I would also like to point out something else that is nice that the book of Revelation talks about in regard to this verse being symbolic for the end times and God's righteous servants. God sent a quake to scatter the men who were around His servant Daniel to make them flee where they went to hide. A similar situation that will take place in the last days where the book of Revelation says the following:

Revelation 6:15-17 -And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Who shall be able to stand? Those who are able to stand are those who are like Daniel and those who have fallen on the right hand of God. Everyone else will scatter like mice and hide, while God's servants are protected who choose the right hand of the Lord as Daniel has done. And so, Daniel goes on to say:

Daniel 10:8 -Therefore 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.

Daniel 10:9 -Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

Daniel 10:10- And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and [upon] the palms of my hands.

Daniel 10:11 -And he said unto me, O Daniel, a 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.

Here, we have Daniel seeing a great vision, where he had no strength in him as what happens to all prophets when they receive visions from God. They become weak and cannot stand. You can find a study on this subject at Pastor Nicholas's site on how to detect a true prophet.

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

Although Daniel had been praying for "three full weeks" (verse 2), he had been "heard" right "from the first day," and Gabriel had come to help and encourage him that his people would be ok because God was in control. The phrase "chasten thyself" does not mean he whipped himself, but that he had "humbled himself." [12]

Note again that the city would “be built again” in spite of the “troubled times” (Daniel 9:25) Daniel was concerned about. So, even though things didn’t look good from Daniel’s perspective, they were still under the control of God who knew all along what was happening and what was going to happen to his beloved city.

Daniel 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.

Now, there is a great battle going on with the king of Persia. There was a great mental battle going on in his mind because Satan was trying to stop the work of God from going forward. How do we know? Michael the archangel had to come forward and fight to overcome Satan and drive Him away.

Real quick, who is Michael? We and Pastor Nicholas have a Biblical study on this if you please to go and study, you may find it on the sites, but in short, Michael is Jesus.

Strong's Concordance says,

AV - Michael 13; 13

Michael = "who is like God"

Jude 1:9, "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

743 archaggelos {ar-khang'-el-os}

from 757 and 32; TDNT - 1:87,12; n m

AV - archangel 2; 2

1) archangel, or chief of the angels

Here, we see the connection with Michael and in the book of Daniel 10:13, He is known as “one of the chief princes.” (one = first) And in Jude, He is referred to as an archangel that is defined as “chief of the angels.” What we need to understand here about the term angel can also be found in Strong’s:

Revelation 12:7 -And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,"

32 aggelos {ang'-el-os}

from aggello [probably derived from 71, cf 34] (to bring tidings);

TDNT - 1:74,12; n m

AV - angel 179, messenger 7; 186

1) a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God

What has just been revealed to us?

Michael = "who is like God"

Arch = "chief"

Angel = "messenger from God."

If God comes to humans as a human, He can appear to His angels as an angel. God is the Creator of both and the God of both angels and humans. He is the chief and the only one who can defeat Satan, and so Jesus had to step in and stop Satan from overpowering the king of Persia.

What was Satan trying to do? If you look into the earlier years of the restoration of the Jews from Babylon, the Samaritan people were untiring in their opposition towards them being a nation for God and stopping the building of the Lord's temple. And so, they "weakened the hands of the people there in Judah, and troubled them in building, and hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purposes, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius." By their false reports, just like Satan has always done, they aroused suspicions in minds easily led to suspect all that was going on. It is recorded that there were even times where the rulers seemed to be working for Satan. Everyone in power or working for God is or has fallen under the bewitching power of Satan. But for many years, the influences for evil were held in check by the Kingdom of God and those in harmony with the divine plan, and the people of God had the liberty to continue their work.

History shows also that throughout these years, Satan was striving so hard to influence the highest powers of the kingdom of Medo-Persia to show disfavor to God's people. It was Satan who prompted the Samaritan people to persevere in their opposition. But angels of God were working on behalf of the returned exiles, and all heaven was intensely interested in the controversy just like they are today. As we are looking into the 10th chapter of Daniel, it gives a glimpse of this mighty struggle waged for many years between the forces for good and the forces for evil. Many of us who are striving and contending for the faith today get a taste of this battle between good and evil, but of course, those who are only saved by grace and don't need to keep the law have an easy ride which leads to hell. Where there is no struggle, no battle, no fight to do good and not sin, there is a refusal by the professed believer to follow God and fight against the waging of war to cause us to sin against God, which comes to every child of God. It is no easy matter to fight against the evil prince of this world, just as it was no easy matter for the kings of Medo and Persia to contend with Satan. And so, in this vision of the prophet Daniel, the angel Gabriel declared, "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." So, for three weeks Gabriel had been wrestling with the powers of darkness and seeking to counteract the influences at work on the mind of king Cyrus. Before the contest had closed, Christ himself came to Gabriel's side to help with the war against Satan. The angel Gabriel is the angel who took over Satan's seat in heaven. This is another study, but it is a fact that Gabriel is the only angel under God whose name is mentioned in the Bible other than the fallen angel Lucifer who is Satan. And so, as Christ, He came in the form of Michael the archangel to overpower Satan. God's people could get to work. The victory was finally gained, and the forces of the enemy were held in check all the days of Cyrus, who reigned for seven years, and all the days of his son Cambyses, as History does show, who reigned about seven years and a half after his father's death.

This was a period of great opportunity for the Jews at this time. While the highest agencies of heaven were working on the hearts of kings, the people of God might have been most active in carrying out the decree of Cyrus to restore the temple and its services, and in re-establishing themselves in their Judean homes. But many failed of co-operating with God just as we see today and is the reason why, once again, God appearing is delayed all because His people fail to get up off their backside and do something for the work of God in revealing the truth of the MOB to the lost.

During my study in history, I find that during the reign of Cambyses, the son of Cyrus, the work going on for the temple was very slow. During the brief reign of Artaxerxes in Ezra 4:7, the Samaritans induced this impostor to issue a decree forbidding the Jews to rebuild their temple and city.

For over a year, the temple was neglected, while the people lived in their homes and labored to attain temporal prosperity for themselves, but no matter what, they could not prosper. Just as they lost sight of God, Judea being restored was also lost sight of.

For a time, the forces of evil seemed to triumph. But even this dark hour in the history of God's people was not without hope for those whose trust was in the Lord God of Israel as it is for us today who are working, while others do little or nothing at all. Many are progressing forward to enlighten the world, while others use to do something for the Lord but stopped today for whatever reason or do very little at all. Either way, do not lose hope for those of you who are working; your reward is coming as it is for those who do nothing or little.

And as we study this time of history, if we look into our Bibles, we can see that God had to raise up a help. He had to raise up prophets to get the people back to work. This is the work and tender love and compassion the Lord brought to the sleeping Jews for that time. It helped them also from going into spiritual ruin. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah were raised up to meet the crisis for this time. The sleeping Jews finally realized that the lack of temporal prosperity was the result of their neglect to consider God's interests first. What does the Bible say?

Matthew 6:33 -But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

By honoring God and by showing him due respect and courtesy, through the building of His temple, just like it is for us today in revealing to the lost the MOB so to build up the kingdom of God to come, the Jews of old and the spiritual Jews today, us, both of them and those today would have and would today invited Christ's presence and blessings. Just like we have been crying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but it is delayed because of people in the church today not doing what they are called to do.

And so, we find:

Haggai 1:1, 2 -In the second year of Darius, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.

Based on Biblical history, in the hour of Israel opportunity, they had not shown willingness to work. The Lord's people are to be prompt in obedience. When God calls you and you don't respond in working for His kingdom in upbuilding it, rejection in partaking in this, will result in every individual's rejection in partaking in that kingdom to come. No work, no reward: very little effort, very little in return. Little you sow, the little you get. All will be revealed in the great and terrible day of the Lord. And just as it was in the time of these two prophets mentioned to wake up the people to get to work, it is for this day that stands before thee to get to work and don't stop building the kingdom of God. Get up and build the city of God and receive the mounts of blessings. Praise God for His Word!!!

Let us not make any self-justifications as to why you cannot do this or that. Where there is a will, there is a way. Where there is love for God, there is work that is done. And so, just like it is with many for today, thus the Israelites of old that partook in the building during this time were broken off in their work because of the hindrances devised by their enemies. These hindrances, they reasoned, were an indication that it was not the proper time to rebuild. They declared that the Lord had interposed difficulties to reprove their hot haste. This is why, in communication through his prophet, he referred to them not as "my people," but as "this people" in Haggai 1:1, 2.

The Israelites had no real excuse for leaving their work on the temple, just as we do not today, no matter how tired one may be with their earthly life and work, we are to make no excuses as to why we have no time for the work of God in helping others see the truth as we have it. The time when the most serious objections were raised was the time for them to persevere in building. History always repeats and those who are spiritually dead to the point that they know and have the truth but do nothing with it are the same as an evil man who was called to build and contracted to do so in the world but takes all the money and does nothing. Criminals they all are.

God calls and they do nothing or very little to nothing. Lazy is that man or woman and will receive their just reward. Selfishness God calls this. If these evil ones saw their homes on fire, they would get off the couch and work so hard to put the fire out, but when it comes to the Lord, NOTHING. Souls are soon to be burned in the fire, but nothing or little to nothing is getting done to bring them into the kingdom of God. We need to learn from the building of the temple of God during this time brothers and sisters and not allow Satan to thwart us from our responsibilities, or these responsibilities will be given to another house to finish the work, and all the weak will be shaken out who labored not. As much as you labor for God's cause, is as much as you love Him.

The Lord called upon the Jews then as He does today for us to consider the situation carefully that we are all in. "Consider your ways," he repeats. "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

Haggai 1:7, 8 -Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

He gives the reason for them having been brought to actual want:

Haggai 1:9, 10, 11 -Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands."

As we look into this verse, we can see a contrast between the quick and steadfast obedience of nature here. And then we can see the slothful disobedience of men, and for men and woman whom Christ has died and what they are doing today or not doing today for the Lord in His cry to Build, build and build up the kingdom to come!

We can see how the Lord calls upon the agencies of nature, and they obey his call swiftly, to be used for His purpose in bringing forth blessings or judgments.

God called for a famine and a plague and pestilences to destroy and nature obeyed. He called forth nature to cause a calamity by air, and by land, and by sea to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their unrepentant sins and iniquities.

And because the Israelites let God's house go to waste, the Lord sent upon all their substance a wasting drought. Just amazing, and if you notice here in that mentioned book of Haggai, this judgment affected not only all the fruits of the ground but the living creatures as well. The cattle suffered because of the sins of men.

Brethren, God has bestowed on his remnant people the fruits of the earth back then as He does today. Israel is a rich nation. Israel is full of blessings to those who desire it and will do according as God bids them. The wine and the oil are a token of his favor. But because of the unrepentant sins of Israel, the Lord declared through Haggai his messenger,--because the people had used all these bountiful gifts so selfishly and not for building up the Lord house,--that the blessings were removed.

But as it is for today, as it was back then for the nation of Israel, God had and does have a remnant people within the professed house of Israel, the church, who will listen to the call of the Lord to build. They will listen to the reproofs of the Lord's messengers and get to work in all that God calls them to do.

Haggai 1:12 -Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord."

And so, we find in Daniel going on to exclaim what had happened to him during his visitation with the angel Gabriel and the archangel Michael.

Daniel 10:14 -Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision [is] for [many] days.

Daniel 10:15 -And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

Daniel 10:16 -And, behold, [one] like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

Daniel 10:17 -For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

Daniel 10:18 -Then there came again and touched me [one] like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

Daniel 10:19- And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace [be] unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

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

Daniel 10:21 -But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and [there is] none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

What a blessing that Daniel the prophet got to experience with Gabriel and Michael. This should speak to you all this day brethren. If you want to know things, if you want to get close to God, if you want to walk with God, if you want to communion with God as did the Prophet Daniel, clean up your own lives and temples and build it up for the Lord, make it a house of prayer, study the Bible and apply it with all your heart and soul. Reform your lives in health reform, depart from the fleshpots of Egypt and choose the good over the evil, cleanse the hands of sin and filth of the world and depart from iniquities, do the Lord's bidding, prove yourselves unto good works so that you can sit at the right hand of God, which we will not be blessed if we do not strive unto rebuilding the kingdom of God that Satan had polluted. Peace be unto all that are doing the bidding of the Lord and for those who know that they can be doing more or for those who have been in lukewarmness, time to get back up and prepare the way for the Lord.