Daniel Chapter 10: 1-21 10/17/2022

Vision Of The Glorious Man

Daniel 10:1
1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia **a message was revealed to Daniel**, whose name was called **Belteshazzar**. The message was true, **but the appointed time was long**; and **he understood the message**, and **had understanding of the vision**.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.1

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia
This would have been 536 B.C. and Daniel would have been approximately 84 years old at this time.

We need to know and understand the Last three Chapters 10-12 of Daniel concern the same vision.

a message was revealed to Daniel
How this message reveled to Daniel? Most likely through a dream as the visions before.

whose name was called **Belteshazzar**
Why are we reminded of his Babylonian Name?

Reference Verse: Daniel 1:7
7 To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar

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The Appointed Time

In Leviticus 23, "Mo-ahd," is often translated "appointed time." Mo-ahd means **to set an appointment, as in a set time or season, for a specific assembly or festival**.

Reference Verse: Leviticus 23:1-2

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord , which you shall proclaim to be **holy convocations**, these are My feasts.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/LEV.23.1-2

holy convocations

Reference Verse: Exodus 12:16

16 On the first day there shall be a **holy convocation**, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat —that only may be prepared by you.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EXO.12.16

What is a holy convocation?

A convocation is a summoned assembly. The holy convocations commanded in the Mosaic Law were held on special religious days that required a gathering of God's people. Some translations call the holy convocations in the Law "sacred assemblies."

Some examples of holy convocations in the Bible are Sabbaths (Leviticus 23:2–3); Pentecost (Leviticus 23:21); Passover (Exodus 12:16; Leviticus 23:7); and the Feasts of Weeks, Tabernacles, and Trumpets (Numbers 28:26; 29:1; Leviticus 23:35–36; 23:24). The Feast of Unleavened Bread called for two holy convocations, one

on the first day and the other on the seventh day (Exodus 34:18). Every year on the tenth day of the seventh month was the Day of Atonement; Israel was commanded to fast on this day and to gather at the tabernacle or temple. This was called the "holy convocation" (Leviticus 23:27; Numbers 29:7, ESV).

Today, the word *convocation* used in religious contexts is often associated with the gathering of a synod, a council that meets for the purpose of deciding upon doctrines or the application of doctrines within an organization. A convocation can be an ecclesiastical meeting of importance, an academic meeting led by a university, a gathering of alumni at a college, a meeting of governing officials to fill a chancellorship or other high office, or simply a graduation ceremony.

We are told that Daniel, **he understood the message**, and **had understanding of the vision.**

Why did I find **"the appointed time was long"** interesting as I looked up its meaning I found **"holy convocations"** Also interesting because they both referred to Feasts.
In Verse 2-3 both verses deal with **food and fasting.**

Reference Verse: Daniel 10:2-3
2 In those days I, Daniel, was **mourning three full weeks**.
3 I **ate no pleasant food**, no **meat or wine came into my mouth**, nor **did I anoint myself at all**, till **three whole weeks were fulfilled**.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.2-3

Perhaps Daniel was morning the return of the 55 Thousand to rebuild the temple.
The Samaritans were opposing reconstruction of the temple, and the work had been stopped as we read in:

Reference Verse: Ezra 4:5-24
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EZR.4.5-24

The Hebrew text contains the words “weeks of days” in describing Daniel’s mourning period to distinguish it from the weeks of years in the previous chapter

Reference Verse: Daniel 9:24-27
24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your
holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To
make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting
righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the
Most Holy.
25 “Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of
the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the
Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The
street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome
times.
26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not
for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall
destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a
flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.
27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But
in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and
offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who
makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is
determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”'

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3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth

He engaged in a semi-fast, not because the food had been offered to idols, but to give priority to prayer.

So by **no pleasant food**, **no meat or wine,** this doesn't mean he starved in his fast, but this would mean most likely only fruits, vegetables and water touched his lips.

This speaks to me as knowing now that fruits, vegetables are not pleasant Foods as I have always felt anyway. LOL

Daniel 10:4-5
4 Now on the **twenty-fourth day of the first month**, as I was by the side of the **great river, that is, the Tigris**,
5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, **a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!**

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twenty-fourth day of the first month
This confirms the statement of "weeks of days" and not as "weeks of years" the 24 fourth day being the beginning of the 4th week of that month.

great river, that is, the Tigris
The Tigris (/ˈtaɪgrɪs/) is **the easternmost of the two great rivers that define Mesopotamia**, the other being the Euphrates. The river flows south from the mountains of the Armenian Highlands through the Syrian and Arabian Deserts, and empties into the Persian Gulf.

whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!
Ellicott's Commentray
(5) A certain man.—The appearance of this person is minutely described, while that of the angels is not mentioned. The dress especially recalls to our minds the clothing of the high priest.

Reference Verse: Revelation 1:13
13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. '

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.1.13

The person himself is carefully distinguished from Michael, and as we may infer from Daniel's silence, he is distinct from Gabriel also. He is the same man who stood before Daniel

Reference Verse: Daniel 8:15-16
15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.
16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

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and must be regarded as **"the Angel of God"**

Reference Verse: Exodus 32:34
34 Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin.'"

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EXO.32.34

Reference Verse: Exodus 33:14
14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EXO.33.14

Reference Verse: Ezekiel 10:2
2 Then He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, “Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with coals of fire from among the cherubim, and scatter them over the city.” And he went in as I watched.'

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EZK.10.2

Uphaz
Bible Meaning: Desire of fine gold
Strong's Concordance #H210
Uphaz was a region known for its high quality gold. The location of the region is unknown.

Then as we read on:

Daniel 10:6
6 His **body was like beryl**, his **face like the appearance of lightning**, his **eyes like torches of fire**, his **arms and feet like burnished bronze** in color, and the sound of **his words like the voice of a multitude.'**

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.6

his words like the voice of a multitude.
Reference Verse: Revelation 1:15
15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; '

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.1.15

Reference Verse: Revelation 14:2
2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.14.2

In **EZEKIEL 43:2, the prophet proclaims God's "voice was like the sound of many waters"** and in the only physical description of **Jesus** offered in the New Testament, the Apostle John affirms "His voice as the sound of many waters"

Reference Verse: Ezekiel 43:2
2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EZK.43.2

eyes like torches of fire
Reference Verse: Revelation 19:12
12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.19.12

Daniel 10:7-9
7 And **I, Daniel, alone saw the vision**, for **the men who were with me did not see the vision**; but a **great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.**
8 Therefore I was left alone **when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me**, and **I retained no strength.**
9 Yet **I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.**

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the men who were with me did not see the vision
Daniels companions sensed a powerful and terrifying presence but saw nothing, so **they fled**.

Therefore I was left alone **when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me**, and **I retained no strength.**

Verse 8 tells me:
Daniel was scared, and this is something that he had never seen before or it was so overwhelming it took his strength from him. It left him frozen in fear or utter awe at what he saw.

Then verse 9 tells us that:
Yet **I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.**
So I vision Daniel out cold (Passed Out) **face to the ground.**

Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece

Daniel 10:10-12
10 Suddenly, **a hand touched me**, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.
11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, **for I have now been sent to you**.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.
12 Then he said to me, “**Do not fear**, Daniel, for **from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard;** and I have come because of your words.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.10-12

Why is the hand that touched him different from the voice he heard while on his face?
Because of this one line of text in the verse
for I have now been sent to you
This tells me the one who touched him was Gabriel as in

Reference Verse: Daniel 9:21
21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, **the man Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. '

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.9.21

And the angel tells him **Do not fear** Then the angel gives him These words of comfort **Do not fear**

Reference Verse: Revelation 1:17
17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "**Do not be afraid**; I am the First and the Last. '

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.1.17

from the first day that you set your heart to understand
Reference Verse: Colossians 3:1
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/COL.3.1

says the same thing, "Set your hearts on things above". If you have your heart set on something, it means **you want it more than anything else**. The heart of a true believer chooses to obey God

humble yourself before your God
Reference Verse: **James 4:10**
10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/JAS.4.10

your words were heard
This could also mean your prayers were heard and answered of God.
and I have come because of your words.

Reference Verse: Daniel 9:3-4
3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.
4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

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Reference Verse: Daniel 9:22-23
22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.
23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.9.22-23
Reference Verse: Acts 10:4
4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ACT.10.4

Daniel 10:13
13 But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.13

Who is the prince of Persia in Daniel 10?
Got Questions

https://www.gotquestions.org/prince-of-Persia.html

Answer
The prince of Persia is only mentioned in Daniel 10, a highly apocalyptic (and therefore at least partially symbolic) section of the book of Daniel. Most likely, the prince of Persia is a reference to an evil spiritual entity that wielded authority over the ancient kingdom of Persia.

The prophet Daniel had received a troubling vision concerning a great war (Daniel 10:1). He went into a three-week period of mourning, fasting, and prayer. In response to Daniel's prayer, God sent a heavenly messenger to explain the vision. However, the messenger was delayed for those same three weeks, as he explains to Daniel: "But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia" (Daniel 10:13). Later, the angel speaking to Daniel predicts further fighting: "Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth.

(No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince)" (verses 20–21).

Taking this passage at face value, it seems that the prince of Persia is a fallen angel who in some sense had authority or influence over the physical kingdom of Persia. In Daniel 10, the prophet is praying about the future of his people and their exile in Persia. A heavenly angel is dispatched with the answer, but a demonic "prince of Persia" obstructs the messenger. This action would make sense, as the divine answer involves the overthrow of the Persian Empire. The angelic messenger finally gets some help from the archangel Michael, who is apparently the prince (or one of the princes) of Israel in the angelic realm (Daniel 10:13, 21).

Then the angelic messenger says he will face even more spiritual warfare, returning to fight against the prince of Persia. After that, he will face another spiritual enemy, the prince of Greece (Daniel 10:20).

We know from history (and as was prophesied in Daniel) that Greece would be the next world power after Persia, and that Greece would dominate Israel for a time. In this passage, three spiritual entities are mentioned in relation to three earthly nations: the prince of Persia, the prince of Greece, and the prince of Israel (Michael). As the New Testament reminds us, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). The battle is real.

It seems that, as events play out on earth, there is corresponding activity in the spiritual realm. Whether or not this spiritual prince of Persia's fate was tied to that of the physical Persian Empire is unknown. We do know that, if his job was to keep the Persian Empire in a place of dominance over the nation of Israel, he failed. It is interesting to note that Iran is modern

Persia, and the leaders of Iran still want to dominate or obliterate the nation of Israel. As a Shiite Muslim nation, Iran persecutes Christian believers as well—so perhaps the spiritual prince of Persia is still active today. But, as with all of Satan's minions, his time is limited, and he can only go as far as God will allow in accomplishing His perfect will.

Reference Verse: Daniel 10:20
20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.20

Reference Verse: Revelation 12:7
7 And war broke out in heaven: **Michael** and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, '

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Daniel 10:14
14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to **your people in the latter days**, for the vision refers to many days yet to come. "

Daniel 10:14
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.14

your people in the latter days

Reference Verse: Genesis 49:1
1 And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/GEN.49.1

Reference Verse: Deuteronomy 31:29
29 For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the Lord , to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.”

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DEU.31.29

Reference Verse: Daniel 2:28
28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.2.28

for the vision refers to many days yet to come

Reference Verse: Daniel 10:1
1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.1

Reference Verse: Daniel 8:26
26 “And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; Therefore seal up the vision, For it refers to many days in the future. ”

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Daniel 10:15-17
15 When he had spoken such words to me, **I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless**.
16 And suddenly, **one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips**; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, “My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.
17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.”

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I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless

Reference Verse: Daniel 8:18
18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.8.18

Reference Verse: Daniel 10:9
9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.9

one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips

Reference Verse: Daniel 8:15
15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.8.15

Reference Verse: Daniel 10:10
10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.10

Reference Verse: Jeremiah 1:9
9 Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/JER.1.9

Daniel 10:18-19
18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.
19 And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!” So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”'

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.10.18-19

O man greatly beloved, fear not!

Reference Verse: Judges 6:23
Then the Lord said to him, “Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.”

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/JDG.6.23

It seems as though the angel not only came to reveal the future but to strengthen Daniel, by his touch and with his words of encouragement.

Daniel 10:20-21
20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.
21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

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The prince of Greece is an allusion to the prediction that Greece would follow Persia as the next major world power.

The angel’s final purpose was to reveal **what is noted in the Scripture of Truth,** a reference not to a particular earthly book but to God’s heavenly decrees about the future of all nations.

Reference Verse: Jude 1:9
9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” ‘

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/JUD.1.9

Reference Verse: Revelation 12:7
7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.12.7

In Conclusion
We must recognize that this is about the end times, and it will be a battle between Angels and demons,

The good thing is from reading and sticking to the word of God Almighty we know how this story ends…

So if you haven't excepted christ into your life already, there's no better time than now.

Simply ask Jesus into your heart knowing that he died on the cross, to redeem us of our sins, and yet rose after three days to conquer death.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/JHN.3.16

Praise God, Thank you Jesus.