



## Daniel Chapter 10

**Also read: Ezra 1:1-4; Revelation 1:12-16**

As we conclude our study of Daniel, we find in chapter 10 a unique look into the affairs of God. The last three chapters of Daniel are the vision for what is to come for the people of Israel and chapter 10 is the introduction of this vision. Even though we won't study the vision, we will discover some amazing realities regarding God's kingdom and sovereignty that aren't found anywhere else in scripture.

### QUESTIONS FROM THE TEXT

1. At the beginning of the chapter, Daniel tells us that it is the third year of Cyrus, King of Persia. Some of the Israelites have returned to Jerusalem to rebuild. Why, then, do you think Daniel is in a state of mourning?
2. How does Daniel mourn?
3. What does Daniel say about the word or vision he received while in mourning, according to verse 1?
4. What do you think the "great conflict" could be?
5. Before we study the heavenly being in verses 5-6, look at the reaction of Daniel and his companions in verses 7-9. How is this encounter similar to Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9)? What do their reactions tell you about the kingdom of God?

6. Many scholars agree that the being in verses 5-6 is not the same being that speaks to Daniel in the rest of chapter 10. Based on the description of the being in verses 5-6, who do you think it could be?
7. Why do you think Daniel was given a glimpse of the Lord?
8. How does the being who speaks to Daniel encourage him?
9. What reasons does the being give to Daniel about his visitation?
10. Verse 13 alludes to a heavenly conflict. Who do you think is the prince of the kingdom of Persia?
11. Who is Michael? What does this tell us about the role of God's heavenly host in the affairs of men?
12. Daniel's response to the words of the heavenly being is beautifully real (verse 15-17). Have you ever been so overwhelmed with news that it left you speechless and unable to move?
13. After the being strengthens Daniel, he tells Daniel that what he is speaking is found in the book of truth. What do you think that phrase means?
14. Remembering that this was written for the people of Israel, how might this have been received by those still in Babylon and the ones rebuilding Jerusalem?

### **APPLYING THE TEXT**

Although the book of Daniel is rich with visions, dreams and prophecies, it also provides for us a glimpse of the reality we do not see: the heavenly realm. God's sovereignty is a constant focus of Daniel and His kingdom or rule is indeed over everything. What connections and encouragement do you make between this chapter and Ephesians 6:10-20? In thinking about our times today, how can you "stand firm" against the powers of the air and live faithfully before God?

