

Chapter 15 — "Vision of the Man" (Daniel 10:1-11:1)

"Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them." — Daniel 10:12

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT

1. Context of Daniel's Fasting and Prayer

When does Daniel receive his fourth and final vision, and what characterized his three-week period of mourning and fasting along the Tigris River (Dan. 10:1–3)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

2. The Appearance of the Majestic Being

How is the "man dressed in linen" described, how did Daniel and his companions react to this presence, and why is this figure best understood as a powerful angelic messenger (Dan. 10:4–11)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

3. Spiritual Resistance and the Prince of Persia

When was Daniel's prayer heard in heaven, why was the angel delayed for twenty-one days, and who came to assist him in overcoming this spiritual opposition (Dan. 10:12–14)?

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4. Angelic Touch and Divine Strengthening

How did the angel restore Daniel when he was overwhelmed with anguish and unable to speak or breathe, and what encouraging words refreshed his strength (Dan. 10:15–19)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

5. Spiritual Conflict Behind World Powers

What ongoing spiritual conflict did the angel describe involving the powers behind Persia and Greece, and what does the "Book of Truth" signify regarding God's control over history (Dan. 10:20–11:1)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

PART II: APPLYING THE MATERIAL

6. Recognizing the Unseen Spiritual Battle

Paul notes in Ephesians 6:12 that our struggle is "not against flesh and blood." How does recognizing that spiritual forces operate behind earthly events change how you react to personal or church obstacles?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

7. The Vital Ministry of Prayer at Any Age

Daniel was in his eighties—retired from active leadership—yet provided essential prayer support while others rebuilt Jerusalem (cf. Ezra 1–4). How does this encourage your own prayer life regardless of your age or physical limitations?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

8. Understanding Delays in Answered Prayer

Although Daniel's prayer was heard on the first day, the answer was delayed by spiritual warfare. How does knowing that "God's delays are not God's denials" give you endurance when prayers seem unanswered?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

9. Finding Comfort When Feeling Alone

Daniel felt isolated and utterly drained during his vision, yet God was actively dispatching help. How do passages like 1 John 4:4 and 2 Kings 6:16 comfort you when you feel alone or outnumbered in your faith?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

10. Trusting God's Sovereign "Book of Truth"

The angel came to reveal what was written in God's "Book of Truth," highlighting His complete foreknowledge. How does confidence in God's absolute sovereignty bring you peace amidst world instability?

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