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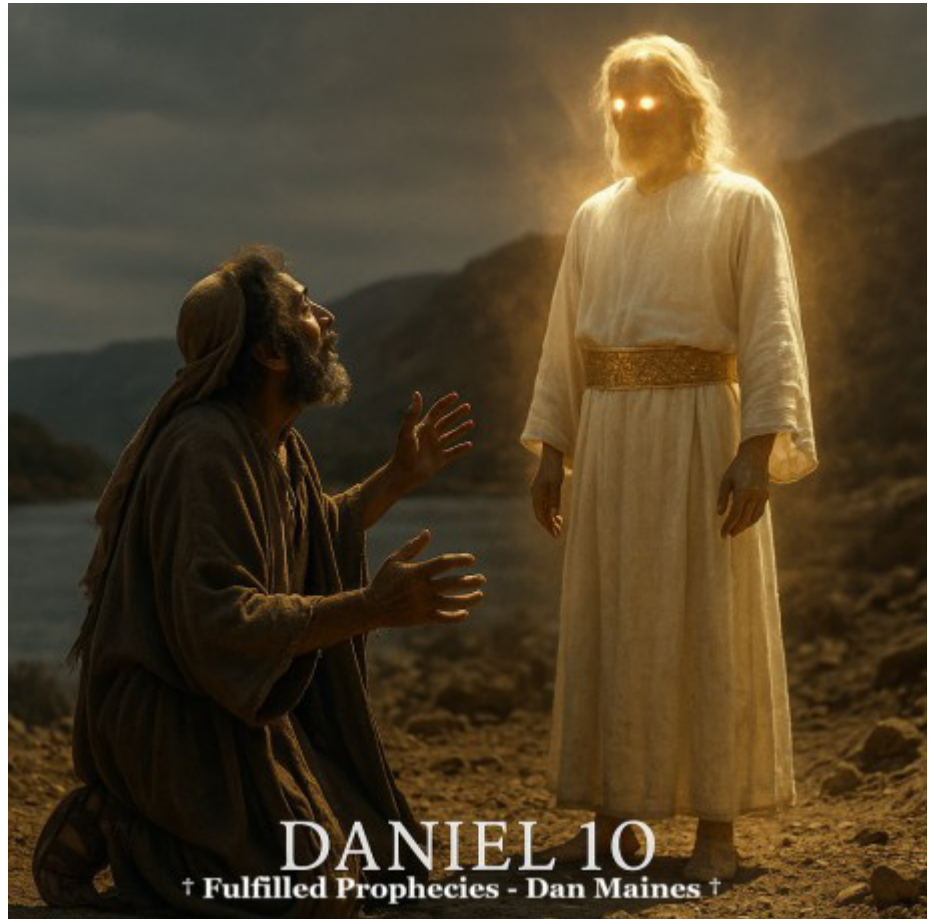
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Daniel 10

Daniel 10:1

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar, and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

† This vision came after Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem, showing that Daniel stayed in Persia for God's continued purpose.

† Historically, this took place around 536 BC, just as temple reconstruction began.

† Prophetically, the message of great conflict reveals the spiritual struggle behind earthly kingdoms.

† Jerome said Daniel's understanding reflected divine favor granted only to the faithful.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, conflict is understood spiritually, pointing to the triumph of Christ's eternal reign.

Daniel 10:2-3

In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.

† Daniel's mourning and fasting reveal deep concern for his people rebuilding Jerusalem.

† Historically, this period aligns with Passover, a time of reflection and repentance.

† Prophetically, the three weeks symbolize perseverance and divine preparation before revelation.

† Jerome wrote that Daniel's fasting reflected readiness to receive heavenly knowledge.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, mourning gives way to revelation through the completed work of Christ.

Daniel 10:4-6

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

† Daniel's encounter by the Tigris introduces his final and greatest revelation.

† Historically, linen garments represented purity, worn by priests and angels alike.

† Prophetically, the man in linen points to Christ appearing in glory.

† Hippolytus said the golden belt symbolized righteousness and divine authority.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, Christ's radiant presence reveals divine majesty and judgment.

Daniel 10:7-9

Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see it; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves. So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength. But I heard the sound of his words, and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

† Daniel's companions fled, unable to endure divine glory, while he fell powerless before it.

† Historically, this reveals the holiness of God's presence and human weakness.

† Prophetically, the collapse shows flesh silenced before spiritual revelation.

† Clement observed that divine glory exposes man's frailty but prepares him for renewal.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, God's glory still humbles yet strengthens His servants.

Daniel 10:10-12

Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he

had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words."

† The touch restores Daniel's strength, symbolizing divine empowerment.

† Historically, this marks the angel's reassurance that his prayer was heard from the start.

† Prophetically, it reveals that heavenly forces respond to the faithful immediately.

† Jerome said Daniel's esteem shows how humility gains divine favor.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, God hears and answers through Christ our intercessor.

Daniel 10:13-14

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

† The conflict with the prince of Persia represents spiritual opposition behind earthly powers.

† Historically, Michael is identified as Israel's guardian archangel.

† Prophetically, this unveils the unseen struggle preceding covenant fulfillment.

† Hippolytus linked this to the transition from Persian to Greek dominion foretold later.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, Christ's victory ensures no power can resist His reign.

Daniel 10:15-17

When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me."

† Daniel's weakness again shows human frailty before divine presence.

† Historically, prophets often lost strength when faced with heavenly glory.

† Prophetically, this moment reveals the need for divine empowerment to comprehend revelation.

† Jerome explained that the touch of the lips signified purification and readiness to speak truth.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, believers are strengthened to declare the finished work of Christ.

Daniel 10:18-19

Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

† The repeated touch and words of peace show divine encouragement to continue.

† Historically, such reassurances echo throughout prophetic encounters.

† Prophetically, the peace offered prefigures the peace of Christ given to His kingdom.

† Clement said that God's servants are emboldened through divine comfort, not human effort.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, peace and courage are the fruit of Christ's everlasting presence.

Daniel 10:20-21

Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince."

† The messenger reveals ongoing angelic warfare shaping earthly empires.

† Historically, this anticipates Persia's fall and Greece's rise under Alexander the Great.

† Prophetically, it shows heaven's sovereignty over history leading to Christ's dominion.

† Eusebius interpreted this as the final preparation for the Messiah's coming.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, all nations are subject to the rule of the risen Christ.

How it applies to us today

† Daniel 10 displays unseen spiritual realities guiding history toward fulfillment in Christ.

† The messenger's struggle reflects the divine orchestration of kingdoms for redemptive purpose.

† The peace and strength Daniel received prefigure the confidence believers have in Christ.

† Every conflict in history serves the plan already accomplished in the cross.

† We now live under the everlasting peace of the fulfilled kingdom.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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