

**THE CONFLICT IN HEAVEN - 2**  
(Dan 10:9-13) 06/17/20  
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CONTEXT

- A. SETTING OF THE VISION (1-4)
  - 1. Great Conflict (1)
  - 2. Mourned Three Weeks (2)
  - 3. Daniel Did not Eat (3)
  - 4. Daniel by Tigris (4)
- B. VISION OF CHRIST (5-9)
  - 1. Man Dressed in Linen (5)
  - 2. Description of Man in Vision (6)
  - 3. Companions Ran Away (7)
  - 4. Daniel's Strength Left Him (8)
  - 5. **Words of Christ (9)**

IDENTITIES IN DANIEL 10

- A. Christ (Dan 10:5-9)
    - 1. Vision of Christ (Dan 10:5-8)
    - 2. Words connected with Christ (Dan 10:9)
  - B. Angel [Gabriel?] (Dan 10:10-21)
    - 1. Gabriel mentioned by name in Dan 8:16 and Dan 9:21 (cf. Luk 1:19 - Zacharias, Luk 1:26-27 - Mary cf. Joseph - Mat 1:20).
    - 2. The angel [Gabriel?] touched Daniel to revive him (Dan 10:10).
      - a. "A hand" rather than "his" hand (cf. "his words" Dan 10:9).
    - 3. The angel [Gabriel?] who touched Daniel spoke to Daniel (Dan 10:11-15).
    - 4. The angel [Gabriel?] resembled a human being and touched Daniel's lips (Dan 10:16)
      - a. The one who "resembled a human being" in Dan 10:16 is the one who seemed to have a "human appearance" because it says he "touched [Daniel] again" (Dan 10:18).
        - b. Views on the one who "resembled a human being."
          - 1) Some make take as another angel.
          - 2) Some may take as Christ ("resembled a human being" - Dan 10:16, 18 cf. "certain man" - Dan 10:5).
          - 3) Best to take as the angel [Gabriel?].
            - a) The angel [Gabriel?] wrestled with the Prince of Persia (Dan 10:13).
            - b) The one who "resembled a human being" wrestled with the Prince of Persia and is probably the same angel in v. 13 (Dan 10:18-20).
- I. WORDS SPOKEN BY CHRIST (Dan 10:9)
  - A. His Words - Since we interpreted the vision in Dan 10:5-8 as Christ, the **words** are identified as Christ's. The antecedent of "**his**" words would refer to the person in vv. 5-8.
  - B. Sound - It is unclear whether Daniel even understood the words because it is reiterated twice that Daniel heard the "**sound**" of his words.
  - C. Deep Sleep - The phrase "**deep sleep**" means that Daniel fainted after seeing the vision of Christ and hearing the sound of His words.
- II. WORDS SPOKEN BY AN ANGEL [GABRIEL?] (Dan 10:10-12)
  - A. Touched by an Angel (10)
    - 1. A Hand - "A hand" reached out and touched Daniel. This is most likely not Christ who just spoke in v. 9. Otherwise, it would most likely be translated "his hand" touched Daniel.

2. Gabriel - It is probably an angel, and that angel very well could be Gabriel (Dan 8:16 and Dan 9:21 cf. Luk 1:18-19 - Zacharias, Luk 1:26-27 - Mary cf. possibly Joseph - Mat 1:20).

3. Quote - Most likely this was Gabriel, who interpreted other revelations to Daniel (cf. 8:16) and spoke similarly of Daniel's being beloved in 9:20-23. MSB

4. Trembling - Daniel still could not **stand** but was on all fours ("**hands and knees**"). Daniel was "**trembling**" (*nua - quake, toter, Isa 6:4; 24:20*) too much to stand.

B. Spoken to By an Angel (11)

1. High Esteem - Daniel was told that he was held in "**high esteem**" in heaven. It was Gabriel who stated the same status in Dani 9:21-23\*. This further adds to the implication that Gabriel was the angel speaking at the moment.

2. Told to Stand - Daniel was to **stand upright** so as to give his full attention to the words of the angel and **understand** them. He stood but was still "**trembling**" (*raad - tremble in fear, Eze 10:9*).

C. Prayer Heard and Answered (12) - Daniel was told not to be **afraid** because he had the desire to learn and pray ("**humbling yourself before your God**"). Not only was Daniel's prayer **heard** by God, but God answered by sending an angel [Gabriel?] to Daniel.

III. SPIRITUAL WARFARE DESCRIBED BY AN ANGEL (Dan 10:13, 20-21)

A. Spiritual Warfare - As we will explain, Dan 10:13, 20-21 refers to spiritual warfare that we are not able to physically see (cf. 2Ki 6:17). Such warfare is detailed in other places of Scripture.

1. Spiritual warfare is not against flesh and blood, i.e. human agents (Eph 6:12a).

2. Spiritual warfare is against demonic principalities and powers (Rom 8:38; Eph 6:12a; Col 1:16).

3. Spiritual warfare is primarily against Christ and His believers because Satan already has unbelievers in his domain (Eph 2:2).

B. Hindered by Prince of Persia (13)

1. Prince of the Kingdom of Persia

a. Angelic Warfare

1) Since the context refers to angelic warfare, the "prince of the kingdom of Persia" refers to a demonic prince rather than a human prince. However, a human prince (ruler or anyone) can be influenced by demons.

2) Since Michael the archangel (Jude 9) wars with the "prince of the kingdom of Persia," the prince is a demonic agent.

b. The "prince of the kingdom of Persia" is the same as the "prince of Persia" mentioned in Dan 10:20.

c. The "**prince of the kingdom of Persia**" is a "chief prince" who rules over a specific geographical location (Persia) and hordes of subordinates.

d. Spiritual warfare consists of a hierarchy among both holy and evil angels (Eph 6:12b; Col 1:16). These would be ranks among holy angels as well as demons. In an analogy they might be expressed as five-star generals, subordinate generals, subordinate officers, and common soldiers.

e. Ranks of Angels

1) Anointed Cherub (Satan) - Eze 28:14ff; Isa 14:12-14;

2) Archangel (Michael) - Jude 9; 1Th 4:16

3) Chief Princes (Michael) - Dan.10:13, 20

4) Rulers - Col 1:16; Eph.3:10; 6:12

5) Cherubim - Exo 25:17

6) Seraphim - Isa 6:2-3,6 ("four living creatures") - Rev 4:8

2. Withstood for 21 days - The "prince of the kingdom of Persia" was able to **withstand** against the angel [Gabriel?] for 21 days, delaying Daniel's answer to his prayers.

3. Saved by Michael - Michael, as higher-ranking angel and more powerful angel, (archangel (Jude 9) and a "chief prince") was able to overcome the "prince of the kingdom of Persia." Michael stands guard over the Jewish people (Dan 12:1). He is also seen waging war against Satan and his angels in heaven (Rev 12:7 cf. Jude 9).

#### IV. OBSERVATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

- A. Spiritual warfare exists but the believer is no longer under the domain of Satan (Col 1:13).
- B. Spiritual warfare exists but the believer only engages in it in the sense that he puts on the armor of God to “stand firm” and “resist” the devil (Eph 6:11,13, 14).
- C. Spiritual warfare exists, but as the Divine Creator, Christ is more powerful than the demonic realm (Col 1:16; Rev 19:16, 20-21).
- D. Spiritual warfare exists but Christ destroyed the works of the devil through Christ’s work on the cross (1Jo 3:8 Gen 3:15).
- E. Spiritual warfare exists but Christ prayed for the believer’s victory of the evil one (Joh 17:15).