

## Daniel 10:1-21 **Daniel's Prayer for Understanding – Messenger Delayed** **Spirit Princes over Areas, Nations and Peoples**

### Vision of the Glorious Man

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.

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.

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! 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.

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.

### Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece

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 Eloheyka (your God), your words were heard;** and I have come because of your words.

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.

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.**"

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, "Adoney (My lord), because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can this servant of Adoney (my lord) talk with you, Adoney (my lord)? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."

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 Adoney (my lord) speak, for you have strengthened me."

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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Facts Revealed:

**Vision of the Glorious Man** [Daniel 10:1-9]

✧ 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.

In those days I, **Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.**

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. [Daniel 10:1-3]

✧ The timing was the third year of Cyrus king of Persia.

✧ Daniel set his heart in fasting and prayer to understand.

✧ The message was true, but it applied to the appointed time of the end which is a long time in the future.

✧ After 21 days of prayer and fasting, on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, the messenger arrived with the answer to Daniel's prayer.

✧ The messenger was glorious in appearance.

✧ Daniel alone saw the vision, while his companions hid in fear.

✧ Daniel felt his strength had left him and he found himself on the ground face down.

**Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece** [Daniel 10:10-21]

✧ A hand touched Daniel and he was raised to his feet and he stood trembling.

✧ The messenger had been sent when Daniel began his prayer but arrived 21 days later.

✧ The messenger had been delayed by the spirit **prince of Persia** who withstood him.

✧ It appears that there are spirit rulers over nations and areas, referred to as princes, and some times as kings. [Daniel 10:13, 20-21, 12:1, Ezekiel 38:1-3, Jude 9, Revelation 12:7]

✧ Michael is the spirit prince of Israel and one of the chief princes.

✧ The message is concerning the people of Israel in the latter days.

✧ After delivering the message to Daniel, the messenger must return to fight with the Prince of Persia and the prince of Greece will come.