**Daniel 10**

**Main: Never forget where the real battle is**

**Observations on the text**

**10:1-3**

* **“Third year” = 536 B.C. Date-wise, the latest vision, after ch. 11-12**
* **Daniel is in his mid-80s and some had returned to Jerusalem to begin rebuilding the Temple.**
* **“was long” = “great conflict” or “great war”**
* **“three full weeks” = “three sevens of days” (10:13)**
* **Daniel avoided “choice” foods, meats, wine, and didn’t anoint himself for three weeks while mourning over the vision.**

**10:4-11**

* **The glory of heaven seems to have been reflected in this messenger, possibly Gabriel. He was an impressive sight! Comp. with Rev. 1:13-16**
* **Not a lot of biblical evidence that angels are as they are often portrayed.**

**10:20-21 Focus on angels**

* **Persia and Greece were among the prophesied nations in the visions**
* **“King,” “Prince” = Angelic authorities over nations**
* **Michael is a “great prince” (21:1) who stands guard over Israel**
* **Notice that the battle here involved bringing revelation from God and was opposed by the “Prince of Persia” who currently had authority over the land in which Daniel was in captivity. Greece followed Persia.**

**The roles and character of angels in general**

**1. It is clear angels have rank and levels of authority (Eph. 6:10-12; Jude 9). They**

 **are involved in the “divine counsel” involving judgment and involved in the**

 **affairs and governance/rule of nations**

 **2. The term “Cherubim” originally was related to terms meaning “great” or**

 **“mighty,” as well as “blessed” or “propitious” in other languages.**

* **Yahweh is said to be above the cherubim of the Mercy Seat.**
* **They guarded the way to the Eden - Genesis 3:24**

 **3. Seraphim literally means “fiery ones” and have wings (Isa. 6:1-3)**

 **4. They have great joy when people get right with God! (Luke 15:10)**

 **5. They are taught by the Church, observe, and are impacted by our behavior**

 **(Luke 15:10; 1 Cor. 11:10; Eph. 3:10; 1 Peter 1:12).**

 **6. They will be judged by us (1 Cor. 6:3).**

 **7. Angels can change form (Heb. 1:7).**

 **8. Negatively, Satan comes as an “angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:13-14).**

* **As do false teachers (2 Cor. 11:15; Mt. 7:15 “sheep’s clothing”).**
* **Involved in spreading false teaching (1 Tim. 4:1-5).**

 **9. Small children get special love, focus and angelic concern (Mt. 18:1-14).**

**10. Satan seeks to destroy the impact of God’s word in the Gospel (Mt. 13:19).**

**11. They come with Christ when He returns, gather unbelievers out and gather**

 **Israel to Him (Matt. 13:41, 49; 16:27; 24:31; 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7).**

**12. Angels ministered to Jesus in His temptation (Mark 1:13).**

**13. They could have rescued Christ and destroyed the earth (Matt. 26:53).**

**14. Angels serve growing disciples (Hebrews 1:13-14).**

**The role of angels in the book of Daniel**

**1. Saved the men from the fiery furnace and the lion’s den – 3:28; 6:21-22**

**2. Involved in revelation and judgment – 7:8-10, 15-16, 21; 8:13, 17; 19; 9:21**

**3. Are “watchers” or “holy ones” and participate in the movement, ruling and**

 **governing of nations – 4:13, 17, 23-24; 5:20; 10:12-14, 10:20-11:1; 12:1; also**

 **Ezek. 28:11-19**

**Remember: Eph. 6:10-181 Tim. 2:1-4 - prepare and pray accordingly**