

The background of the image is a dark, textured stone relief carving. On the right side, there is a large, detailed carving of a deity's head and upper torso. The deity has a lotus flower on their forehead, a large, patterned beard, and a large, patterned collar. On the left side, there is a smaller carving of a hand with fingers spread, wearing a bracelet. The overall scene is set against a dark, textured stone background.

Trusting
The Most High God
In Perilous Times

Daniel 10
The Weight of the Worlds





10 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.

² In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. ³ 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. ⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

⁷ Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹ 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.

¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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*.”

¹⁵ When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.”

¹⁸ Then *this* one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. ¹⁹ He said, “O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!” Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, “May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.

Daniel's Heartache

- Verse 1- “Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar” – Daniel is old and holds the weight of living his whole life in a Godless nation that holds a hostile worldview.
- Verse 1- “The third year of Cyrus” – Its two years after Cyrus first let some Jews return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Ezra 4:4
- Verse 4 – “The 24th day of the first month” – Its just after the Passover, which is a time to celebrate freedom from slavery and worship God.
- Chapter 9 – He and the Jewish people have another 483 years to wait, and even then the Messiah will be cut off...

Daniel's Heartache

- Daniel stands at the Tigris – a mile wide
- Daniel 9:26 – Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.
- Isaiah 8:5-8





The Vision

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¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. ¹⁴ His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. ¹⁵ His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.



Daniel 10	Revelation 1
In mourning and prayer v3	Oppressed but in the spirit v 9-10
A certain man v5	Like a man v12
Dressed in linen v5	Clothed in robes v13
Belt of gold v6	Golden sash v13
Body like beryl v6	
Face like lightning v6	Face like the sun v16
Eyes like torches v6	Eyes like flames v14
Arms and feet gleam like bronze v6	Feet glow like burnished bronze v15
Voice like a tumult v6	Voice like a trumpet v10 like many waters v15
Dread on others v7	
Daniel faints v8-9	John faints v17
Hand raises Daniel v10	Right hand raises John v17

Daniel is Strengthened

- Daniel faints v9
- Daniel is strengthened and set on his hands and knees. V10
- Daniel is complimented and validated v11
- Daniel's request will be fulfilled v14
- Daniel is enabled to speak v16
- Daniel is supernaturally strengthened with peace and courage v18-19
- Daniel told he will know the truth v21
- Daniel find out he has a supernatural ally v21

The Spiritual Battle

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Application Questions

- How do we deal with pressure from inside and outside sources?
- Do we persevere in prayer?
- Are we about God's Kingdom plan and His people? Or have we bought what this world is selling?
- How excited are you about Jesus?