

E2E- Part 116a

Daniel 10

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1. The Bible compels us to accept the reality of the physical reality we can see in this moment, and the spiritual reality that we cannot see in most circumstances.
2. Daniel 10 begins a fascinating section that reveals spiritual warfare, the role of angels, and the work of prayer.
3. Daniel's final vision should be viewed as one complete unit with ch. 10 serving as the intro to the major prophecy in ch. 11 & 12.
4. The vision God gives Daniel in vs. 1 was true, turbulent, and transparent. Meaning: it will happen, it is one of great conflict, and Daniel understood the message.
5. God took a direct role in steering the actions of Cyrus, stirring his spirit to release God's people and allow them to return home and rebuild the house of the Lord.
6. God made the way for Israel to return, but they still had to respond with willing hearts and step into what He had opened for them.
7. Because of the weak spiritual attitude of his people and the ruin of their homeland, Daniel mourns for three weeks and fasts before receiving his final prophetic vision.
8. God gives extraordinary details about this heavenly being to describe the extraordinary beauty, brilliance, power, and presence.
9. Daniel alone saw the vision. The men with him could not see the unseen realm, but a great dread fell on them and they ran away to hide.
10. From the first day Daniel set his heart to understand and humbled himself before God, his words were heard, but the messenger was resisted for 21 days, revealing there is more happening in the unseen realm when we pray than we often realize.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Tarshiysh (tar-sheesh'); a gem, perhaps the topaz :—beryl

QUOTES

‘...a transparent stone with a refulgence like that of gold.’
- Pliny, the Elder – 74 A.D.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

How Great Is Our God
Here I Am To Worship
King Of Kings

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Daniel 10 reminds us there is both a physical reality we can see and a spiritual reality we usually cannot see. How does that change the way we think about what is happening in our world, our homes, or our own hearts?
2. Ephesians 6 says our struggle is not against flesh and blood. Where do you find it easiest to forget that and focus only on the people or circumstances in front of you?
3. God opened the door for Israel to return, but many did not take the opportunity. Why do you think fear or unwilling hearts can keep people from stepping into something God has clearly opened?
4. Daniel mourned and fasted because of the spiritual condition of his people and the ruined condition of their homeland. What kinds of things should stir that kind of burden in us today?
5. Daniel's prayer was heard from the first day, even though the answer was delayed for twenty-one days. How does that encourage you when you pray and do not see an immediate answer?
6. What is one area where you need to keep praying with "undiscourageable persistence" instead of giving up too early?