

THE BOOK OF DANIEL  
“What’s Going to Happen Next?”

3/21/10

Daniel 10:1-21

1. THE *CIRCUMSTANCES* OF DANIEL: (vs. 4-6)

**“He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future----times of war and great hardship.” (v. 1b)**

**“When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed.” (vs. 2-3)**

A. It Was a Time of Spiritual *Examination*.

**“I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks.”**

B. It Was a Time of *Earnest* Preparation.

**“All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips.”**

C. It Was a Time of *Economical* Enjoyment.

**“I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed.”**

2. THE *CONDITION* OF DANIEL: (vs. 7-12a)

**“On April 23, as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River, I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing with a belt of pure gold around his waist.” (v. 4 NLT)**

**“His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people.” (v. 6 NLT)**

**“My strength left me, my face grew deathly pale, and I felt very weak. Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground.” (vs. 8b-9 NLT)**

A. Daniel’s *Relationship* With God.

**“Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you.” (v. 10 NLT)**

B. Daniel’s *Response* to God.

**“When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling. Then he said, ‘Don’t be afraid.’” (vs. 11b-12a NLT)**

C. Daniel’s *Request* to God.

**“Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer.” (v. 12b NLT)**

3. THE *CRITICAL* NEED OF DANIEL: (vs. 12b-21)

**“For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12 NLT)**

**“Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. This great dragon---the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world---was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.” (Revelation 12:7-9 NLT)**

A. There is a Spiritual *Battle* Happening.

**“But for twenty one days...” (v. 13a NLT)**

**“The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.” (Psalm 9:9: NLT)**

**“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.” (Psalm 18:2-3 NLT)**

**“We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.” (I Corinthians 10:3-4 NLT)**

**“Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.” (Hebrews 12:15b NLT)**

**Oppression: “Unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power”**

B. Evil Beings Attempt to *Block* Our Prayers.

**“...the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way.” (v. 13b NLT)**

C. God Protects our *Blind* Side.

**“Don’t be afraid,’ he said, ‘for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!’” (v. 19 NLT)**