

“An Exhausting Vision and Angelic Warfare”

Daniel 10

When and where the vision occurs (10:1-3)

536 BC = hard times for Zerubbabel (Ezra 4:1-5, 24). Perhaps this causes mourning / semi-fast (1:8) leading up to Passover.

Who appears in the vision (10:4-6)

Awesome angel or Jesus? See Ezek. 1: 26-28, Rev. 1:12-16. If *he* = pre-incarnate Christ, then it is a different angel in vs. 10ff.

How the vision exhausts Daniel (10:7-9)

He is zapped of strength / falls into a coma till *touched* (18, 8:18).

Why the angel came and why the delay (10:10-14)

Gabriel (message bearer, 8:16) and Michael (Israel's protector, 21,12:1) engage in a power struggle w/demons over imperialistic empires). Struggle = over helping or hurting the Jews.

How the vision exhausts Daniel (10:15-17)

He is speechless, strengthless, breathless till *touched* (10, 8:18)

Where the angel is going next and why (10:18-11:1)

*Facing the Prince of Persia = a 200-yr. ordeal, followed by 170 years of conflict with the Prince of Persia! Any other “Princes”?

*After noting Michael had helped him, the angel mentions in 11:1 how a few years earlier (538 *decree?*) he had helped Michael.

What does this suggest about angelics and governments today?

