

THE BOOK OF

# DANIEL

## Faith In The Furnace

### Chapter 10 – Behind The Scenes

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In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message *was* true, but the appointed time *was* long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. NKJV



Probably Daniel's advanced years and responsibilities in Babylon prevented him from making the long and arduous journey to his homeland with the other Jewish returnees. The respected statesman may also have felt that he could be of greater service to his people in Babylon than in Palestine.

Miller, S. R. (1994). Daniel (Vol. 18, p. 277). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

<sup>2</sup> In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. <sup>3</sup> I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

NKJV



<sup>4</sup> Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that *is*, the Tigris, <sup>5</sup> I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist *was* girded with gold of Uphaz!



<sup>6</sup> His body *was* like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

NKJV





Haran

ARAM-NAHARAIM

Nineveh

Tigris River

Euphrates River

Babylon

Ur

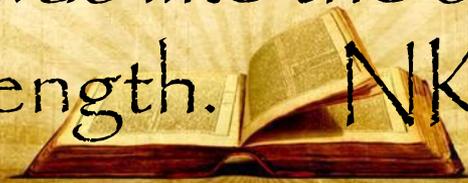


# Revelation 1

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.



<sup>14</sup> His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; <sup>16</sup> He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. NKJV



7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

NKJV



<sup>8</sup> Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. <sup>9</sup> Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. NKJV



## Revelation 1

<sup>17</sup> And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.



<sup>10</sup> Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and *on* the palms of my hands. <sup>11</sup> And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. NKJV



<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.”

NKJV



Fasting is a personal matter between the individual and God. It is voluntary. However, if giants of the faith like Moses, David, Esther, Daniel, Paul, and Jesus himself felt the need to fast, it would seem reasonable that modern saints should be willing to deny themselves in order to pray more earnestly for the furtherance of the kingdom of God in a world that lies in deep spiritual darkness.

Miller, S. R. (1994). Daniel (Vol. 18, p. 279). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

<sup>13</sup> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

NKJV



- Angels are real;
- There are good and evil angels;
- Angels can influence the affairs of human beings.
- Today Satan continues his attempts to sway earthly powers, and he focuses his attention on nations of the world with the most influence.
- On the other hand, Dan 10:13, 20 and 11:1 demonstrate the positive activity of holy angels on governments.
- There is an invisible, spiritual warfare being waged that involves angels and believers.

“There may be hindering factors of which a praying Christian knows nothing as he wonders why the answers to his requests are delayed. Nevertheless, he is to keep on praying. It may be that he will not receive an answer because he has given up on the twentieth day when he should have persisted to the twenty-first day.”

(Archer)

Daniel's experience should not be interpreted to signify that God is weak or that demonic forces have power to thwart the will of God. The Book of Daniel teaches throughout its pages the absolute sovereignty of the Almighty, and God could easily have ensured the delivery of the message to Daniel in a moment. Archer rightly comments:

“While God can, of course, override the united resistance of all the forces of hell if he chooses to do so, he accords to demons certain limited powers of obstruction and rebellion somewhat like those he allows humans. In both cases the exercise of free will in opposition to the Lord of heaven is permitted by him when he sees fit. But as Job 1:12 and 2:6 indicate, the malignity of Satan is never allowed to go beyond the due limit set by God.”

Believers should take comfort in these words,  
“The one who is in you [God] is greater than the  
one who is in the world [the devil]” (1 John 4:4).

Miller, S. R. (1994). Daniel (Vol. 18, p. 286). Nashville: Broadman &  
Holman Publishers.

<sup>14</sup> Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers to many days yet to come.*"

NKJV



<sup>15</sup> When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. <sup>16</sup> And suddenly, *one* having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.



<sup>17</sup> For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.”

NKJV



<sup>18</sup> Then again, *the one* having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. <sup>19</sup> And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace *be* to you; be strong, yes, be strong!” So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” NKJV



20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

NKJV



21 But I will tell you what is noted in the  
Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me  
against these, except Michael your  
prince.

NKJV



## Jude

9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"



## Revelation 12

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

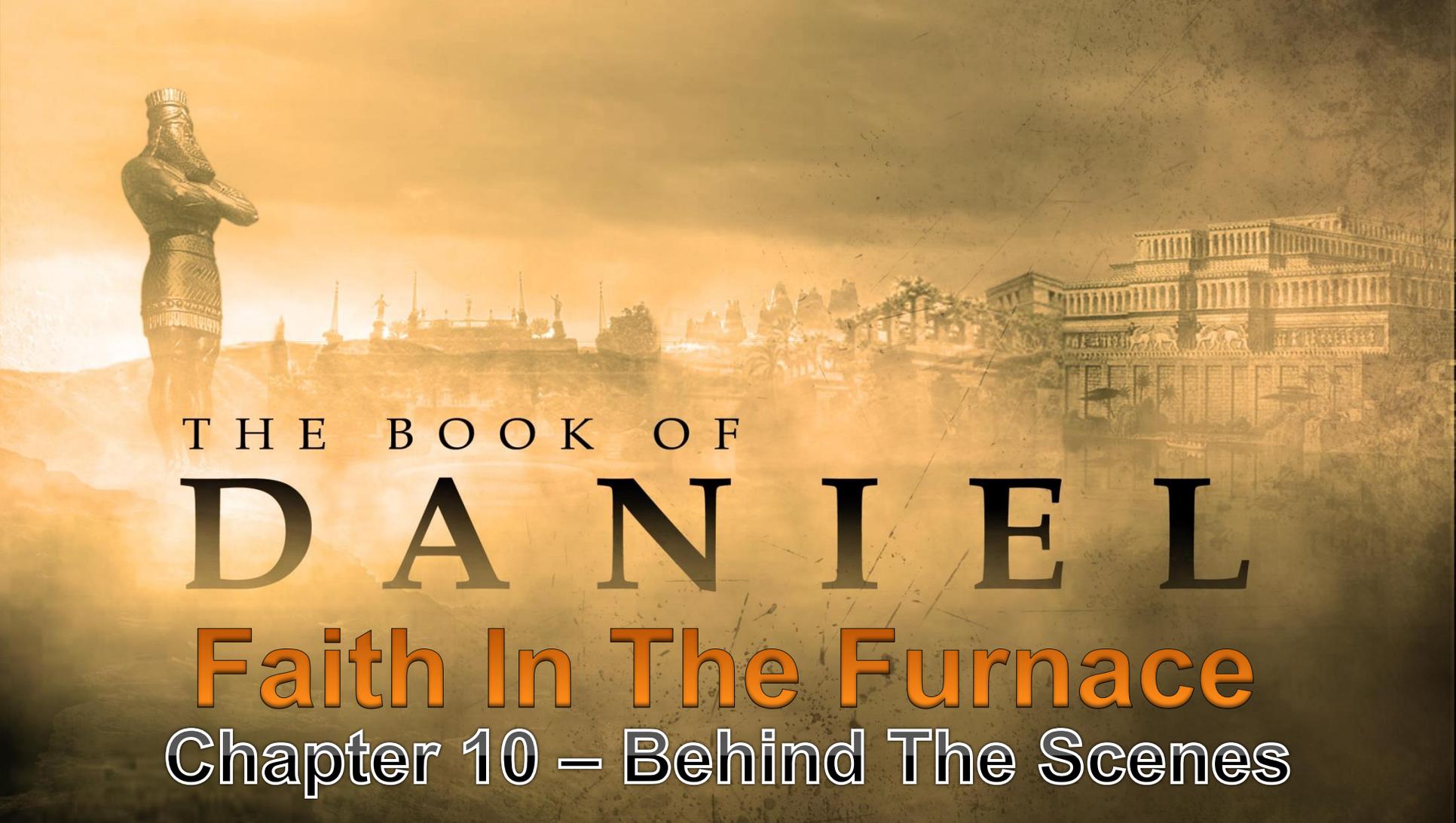


## Revelation 12

<sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

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