

Daniel's Divine and Angelic Visits – Part II

Daniel 10:15-21
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I. Introduction

- A. An interesting comparison by Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel* page 197. "Daniel's seventieth year (Daniel 9:24-27), Jesus' Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24:1-35) and John's "Seals, Trumpets and Vials" (Revelation 6:1-18:24), cover the same period, and are Jewish and have no reference to the Christian Church. Daniel draws the outline in his "seventieth week", Jesus roughs in the picture in His "Olivet Discourse", and John filled in the details in the book of Revelation. What Daniel condenses in one verse John enlarges to thirteen chapters."
- B. An Overview of Daniel 10:1-14
1. A divine visit – vs. 1-9
 - a. This is called a Theophany – A preincarnate appearance of Jesus
 - b. Elijah had one (Ezekiel 1:26-28)
 - c. John was unique. He saw Jesus both before His death and after His death. (Revelation 1:12-16)
 - d. Daniel's reaction – vs. 8, 9
 2. An angelic visit – vs. 10-14
 - a. Although unidentified, I think this is Gabriel, whom we met in Daniel 8:16
 - b. He tells of angelic warfare in verse 13
 - c. He tells Daniel he has information *about "what will happen to your people (Israel) in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future"* – v. 14

II. Gabriel's Message (remember he was sent by God, verse 11) – vs. 15-21

- A. Daniel's response – vs. 15-17
1. He turned his face to the ground – v. 15a
 2. He was "speechless" (unlike Peter in Matthew 17:4) – v. 15
 - a. Why? Out of fear or respect?
 3. This angelic visitor also looked like a man – v. 16a

4. The vision has caused Daniel great "anguish". This anguish is not for him, for this clearly is to happen later. – v. 14
 - a. Thus, he hurts for his people
 - i. Matthew 9:36-38
 5. Note "no strength" – v. 16 Why?
 - a. He is trying to carry responsibility not his own – Galatians 6:5
 - b. The Lord is seeking to get his attention.
 - c. He is doing as Paul instructed – Galatians 6:2
 6. Note: "nor has any breath been left in me" – v. 17
- B. Daniel's restoration – vs. 18-21
1. The touch of God strengthens him – v. 18
 - a. No change of circumstances
 2. The peace of God followed by courage – v. 19
 3. God speaks when men are ready to listen – v. 19
 4. A question but no time for answers – v. 20a
 - a. "Do you understand why I come to you?"
 5. More angelic warfare – v. 20b
 6. "Michael your prince" = Prince of Israel?