

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 403 – A Deep Sleep Through Michael Your Prince (Daniel 10:9-21)

1. When Daniel heard the voice and a hand touched him, what was said to Daniel by the man clothed in linen?

His words were heard by God and this individual had come for Daniel's words:

*"(9) Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.*

*(10) And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. (11) And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. (12) Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words" (Daniel 10:9-12).*

- This is the one we talked about in **Daniel 10:5-6** speaking.
- "This deep sleep was not the first Daniel had relative to being addressed about a vision (**Daniel 8:15-18**).
- Daniel was greatly beloved (**Daniel 9:20-23**) and this chapter says that twice (**Daniel 10:19**).
- Daniel was told to understand what he was about to be told (**Nehemiah 8:8-9, Job 32:8-9, Psalms 32:9, Psalms 49:20, Psalms 119:34, Psalms 119:104, and Proverbs 14:33**). Again, he has help here (**Daniel 8:15-19**).
- Though Daniel was hearing things and seeing them, he was not always understanding it (**Daniel 12:8**).
- Daniel then stood, but he was trembling (**Acts 9:1-6**).
- He said to Daniel, fear not for a reason (**Deuteronomy 31:6-8**) and again in this context Daniel will be told that again (**Daniel 10:19**).
- The reason, Daniel had from day one set his heart to understand (**Proverbs 2:1-2**).
- Daniel had, from day one, chastened himself before God (**I Corinthians 11:31-32**).
- Daniel was heard by God (**Proverbs 15:29, John 9:31, Acts 10:35, Hebrews 5:5-9, and I Peter 3:10-12**).

2. Who had withstood the man clothed in linen that appeared to Daniel?

*"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia" (Daniel 10:13).*

- There was some kind of resistance by the "prince of the kingdom of Persia". The original word is too generic to help. It can mean captain (that had rule), chief (captain), general, governor, keeper, lord, ((-task-))master, prince(-ipal), ruler, steward (Strong's # 8269).
- For three weeks, is this the time Daniel was fasting (**Daniel 10:2-3**)???

- Michael is called “your prince” at the end of this chapter (**Daniel 10:21**).
- Michael is the archangel and this could have been some kind of angelic battle (**Jude 1:9**; cf. **Revelation 12:7**).
- Also, it is possible that angels fought with men too (**Isaiah 37:35-38**).

3. What did the man clothed in linen come to help Daniel understand?

What would happen to Daniel’s people in the “latter days”: *“Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days”* (**Daniel 10:14**).

- “Latter days” just mean future time (**Deuteronomy 4:30-31** and **Deuteronomy 31:29**).
- Ezekiel spoke of latter years/days in being the restoration of Jerusalem (**Ezekiel 38:8**; **38:16**).
- In Daniel it was used to describe the far future (**Daniel 2:28-45**).
- Here this vision is for “many days” which doesn’t reveal much at all seeing how many days could even mean many years (**Isaiah 32:10**).

4. What happened after Daniel became dumb [silent] with his face toward the ground?

*“(15) And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. (16) And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. (17) For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. (18) Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, (19) And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me”* (**Daniel 10:15-19**).

- As the man clothed in linen talked with Daniel, Daniel set his face to the ground and became mute. Whether this was by choice (**Psalms 39:1-2**) or like what happened to Ezekiel (**Ezekiel 3:26**; **Ezekiel 33:22**), I do not know.
- Then one came in the likeness of the sons of men. Sons of men is in reference to human’s on earth (**Psalms 33:13-14**). Therefore, this saying just establishes that this individual looked like a man (**vs.18**).
- The one who came in the likeness of the sons of men touched Daniel’s lips and then Daniel spoke. Angels have done like things (**Isaiah 6:1-7**) as has the Lord (**Jeremiah 1:9**).
- Daniel called him “Lord”. Could this be Jesus, maybe? Jesus was active in the O.T. (**I Corinthians 10:1-4**). However, not definitely for the word lord does not always mean the Lord. It has been used of husbands (**Genesis 18:12**; cf. **I Peter 3:5-6**) and even angels (**Genesis 19:1-22**). Moses was called lord (**Numbers 11:28**; **12:11**), etc. The term “lord” doesn’t, for sure, clarify anything.

- Daniel spoke of how the vision caused him sorrow and took away his strength (**Daniel 7:15, Daniel 7:28, and Daniel 8:27**; cf. **I Samuel 28:15-20**).
- Daniel said there was no breath left in him, meaning that life had been taken from him (i.e. **I Kings 17:17**). Breath in reference to life (**Genesis 2:7**). Another statement would be that he was like dead (**Revelation 1:17**).
- Then, again, this one that appeared like a man touched Daniel and gave him strength. This does not necessarily mean it has to be the Lord (i.e. **Luke 22:39-43**).
- Daniel again (**Daniel 8:18, Daniel 10:10, and Daniel 10:16**) is told he is greatly beloved (**Daniel 1:9, Daniel 9:23, and Daniel 10:11**).
- He told Daniel not to fear, to be strong (**Joshua 1:6-18, I Chronicles 28:20, Isaiah 35:4, and Haggai 2:4**).
- His words helped Daniel (**Psalms 119:28**).

5. Who was going to come when the lord of Daniel went to fight the prince of Persia? The prince of Grecia: *“Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come”* (**Daniel 10:20**).

- The prince of Grecia coming points beyond the life of Daniel to the fall of the Medo-Persian Empire. This was the rough goat we discussed in Daniel chapter eight (**Daniel 8:21-23**). **This is a key to chapter eleven!!!**
- Alexander the Great, also known as Alexander III or Alexander of Macedonia, (born 356 BCE, Pella, Macedonia [northwest of Thessaloníki, Greece]—died June 13, 323 BCE, Babylon [near Al-Hillah, Iraq]), king of Macedonia (336–323 BCE), who overthrew the Persian empire, carried Macedonian arms to India, and laid the foundations for the Hellenistic world of territorial kingdoms. Already in his lifetime the subject of fabulous stories, he later became the hero of a full-scale legend bearing only the sketchiest resemblance to his historical career (<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Alexander-the-Great>).
- Greece was the third Empire, the image of brass, prophesied of in **Daniel 2:31-45**

6. As this chapter concludes, what was noted in the scripture of truth about Michael? *“But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince”* (**Daniel 10:21**).

- Daniel was shown (**Amos 3:7**) what is noted in the Scripture of truth (**Luke 24:44 and Acts 15:13-18**).
- The only one beside, this lord, was Michael (see notes on verse 13; question 2).
- We will talk again about Michael going forward (**Daniel 12:1**).
- Again, the word translated prince [שַׂר] is not a very specific word. It can mean captain, general, governor, keeper, lord, master, ruler, steward, chieftain, etc. (Strong’s # 8269).