## **DANIEL 10**

Review from last week trouble in building the wall and city see Ezra 4:4-5.

The 10 -12 chapters deal with Daniels final vision and give more detail to what happens in the 8 th chapter. You remember that chapter 7 gave more detail to the vision of King Neb in the second chapter. The 10 th chapter is a prologue to the actual vision in chapter 11, but in it we also learn of the great spiritual battles that go on in our world. see <a href="Rev 12:7">Rev 12:7</a>, <a href="Job 1:7">Job 1:7</a>, <a href="Eph 6:12">Eph 6:12</a>. The vision takes place 2 years after Cyrus' decree to allow the people to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple about 536 BC (Cyrus and Darius defeated Babylon in 539 BC).

## I. THE BATTLE WITHIN THE HEART Dan 10:1-12

READ Dan 10:1-4 21 days of fervent praying

Vs. 4-6 is a description of the angel, probably Gabriel that came to visit Daniel. See Rev 15:6, 1:13

<u>Vs. 7-9</u> We see that Daniel was with others and he was the only one who saw the vision, but the others ran in fear, leaving Daniel alone.

READ <u>Dan.10:10-12</u> note that Daniel was highly esteemed, same words to describe Mary <u>Lk. 1:12-13,30</u>, angel touched Daniel in his fear and told him not to be afraid same thing happened to Mary and announcement to Zachariah & Elizabeth for the birth of John the Baptist.

WHY DO YOU THINK DANIEL WAS HIGHLY ESTEEMED OR BELOVED? SET HIS MIND TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING AND HUMBLED HIMSELF.....He sought God with all his heart soul, mind and strength.

Again we see here in verse 12nthat from the first day Daniel's words were heard.

WHY DO YOU THINK DANIEL WAS SO BURDENED?
REMEMBER THIS IS ABOUT TWO YEARS AFTER CYRUS ISSUED DECREE TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM.

## II. A BATTLE WITHIN THE SPIRITUAL REALM Dan 10:13 -21

**READ DAN 10:13-14** 

An angel appears and says he was held up battling Satan for 21 days. Satan actually had intercepted God's answer to Daniel's prayer. Satan is in control of this world. See <u>Jn. 14:30</u>, <u>16:11</u> and <u>Eph 2:2</u>, <u>6:12</u>. Satan was destroyed at the cross <u>Heb. 2:14</u> but he still is roaming around like a roaring lion devouring whom he may Acts. We put a leash on Satan by prayer 2 Cor. <u>10:4-5</u>. The angel defeated the angels of Satan because Daniel did not stop praying God sent Michael as well. Sounds a lot like Perretti's fictional books Piercing the Darkness.

**READ Dan. 10:15-17** 

WHY DO YOU THINK DANIEL WAS SO WEAK AND OVERCOME?

**READ Dan. 10:18-21** 

See Ex 32:32 and Dan 12:1