

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Daniel 10:1-16

Daniel 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict.[a] And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. 3 I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. 4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) 5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. 8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed,[b] and I retained no strength. 9 Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.

15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. 16 And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

- 1) If you open your *Daniel Guidebook*, there are notations of how this chapter reminds us that there are powers and principalities at work. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 and Colossians 2:15, how do these verses connect to chapter ten and remind us that God is sovereign in control?
- 2) In Exodus 3, God says he is "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" as a way of inspiring us to a life of faith and action. Which biblical characters do you draw the most inspiration from, and why?
- 3) How do you experience the idea that God links the progress of his plans to human partnership?
- 4) The angel in Daniel 10 gives us an unusual level of insight into spiritual dynamics in the heavenlies. What are some of the implications of those insights?
- 5) As we wrap up this series on Daniel: Two Kingdoms, what impacted you the most?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS