

Angels and Demons

DANIEL 10 & 11



A Terrible Vision

- ▶ Daniel ch.10 parallels with the book of Ezra, just after the first group went back to Jerusalem.
- ▶ Things were just starting to look up, but more terrible things were in store. God was about to **warn** His people through Daniel. (chapter 11)
- ▶ For three weeks he was **suffering** from the vision that he had received. God had **allowed** Daniel to experience the severity of what is ahead before comforting him personally. (v.16-19)

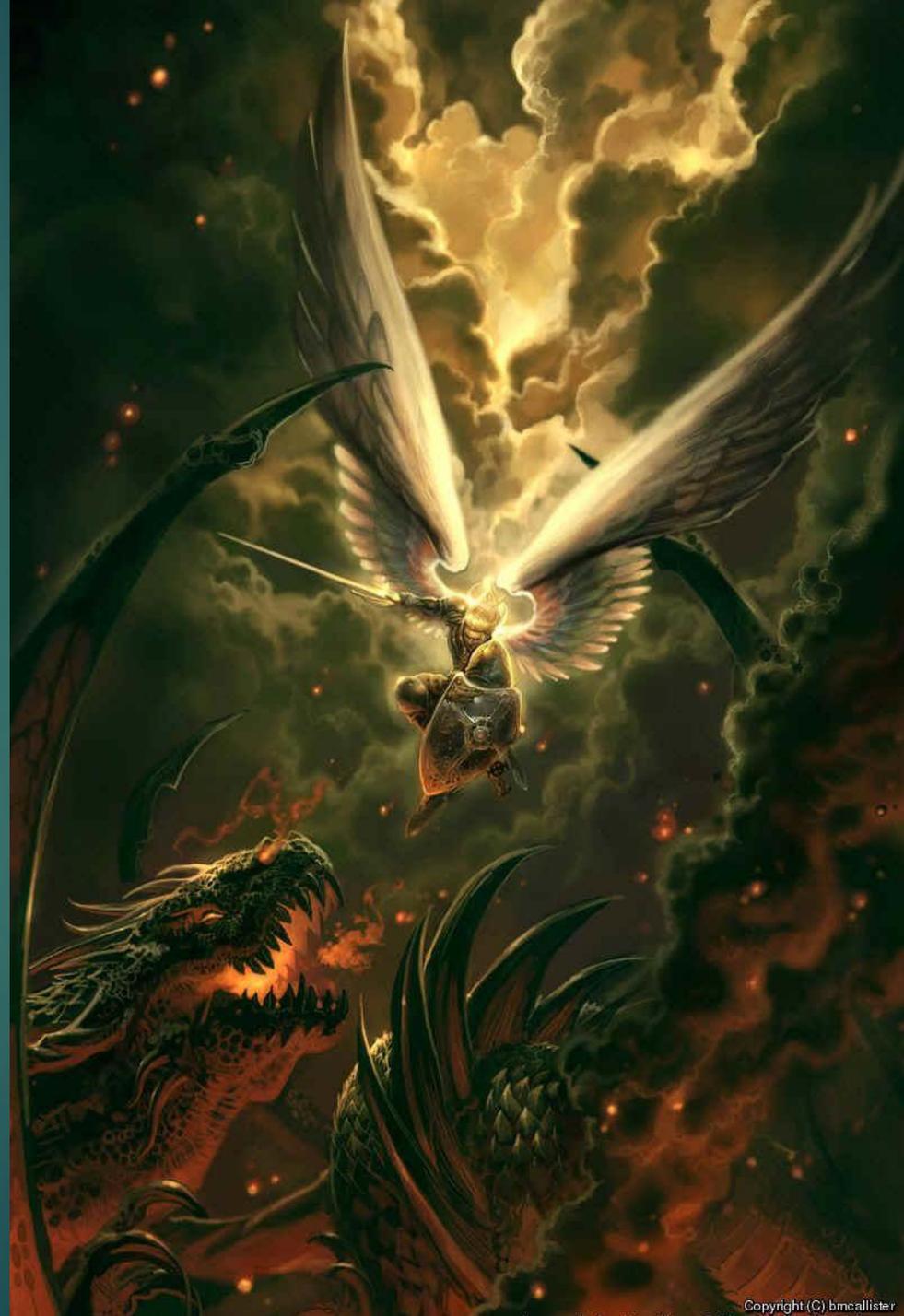
There Are Four Other People

- ▶ The prophecy itself is already history to us (Greece vs. Persia). However, there are four **people** uniquely in this chapter that we should study.
- ▶ (v.5-6) The first one is **Christ** himself, with almost the same description as in Revelation chapter 1. He also spoke later in v.19.
- ▶ (v.10) The second person is most likely **Gabriel**, since it was Gabriel that came to Daniel in both chapter 8 and 9.



The two other Princes...

- ▶ The other two that were mentioned but not physically present that day were the angel Michael and the “Prince of Persia.”
- ▶ We shall see shortly see who this Prince of Persia was.



The First Angel—Gabriel



- ▶ First, he appeared to Daniel in 8:16, to make Daniel **understand** a vision. The second time was recorded in chapter 9:20-23 (concerning the 70 weeks).
- ▶ Therefore, most likely it is also Gabriel here, giving Daniel this important prophecy.
- ▶ The only other times Gabriel appeared in the Bible were to **Zachariah** (Luke 1:19) and **Mary** (Luke 1:26) concerning Jesus' birth.

Second—Michael to Archangel

- ▶ (v.12-13) When the first angel could not deliver the message to Daniel, **Michael** came to help him. (also see Dan. 10:21, 12:1)
- ▶ Michael (means “who is like unto God”) appears twice more in the Bible, each time as the archangel (chief angel) **resisting** the Devil. (Jude 1:9; Rev. 12:7-9)
- ▶ We can’t comprehend how such a battle is fought.



The Final Angel—the Prince of Persia

- ▶ The term “principalities” and “powers” is used of all angels, whether fallen or unfallen. (Eph. 3:10; Col. 1:16; 1 Peter 3:22)
- ▶ Throughout the time of Gentiles there are four empires. It make sense that the Devil is ultimately **behind** each of these empires. (Eph. 6:11-13)
- ▶ Satan was called the “king of Tyrus” (Eze. 28:11-19), and here “Prince of Persia,” directing the greatest force on earth at that time.



Michael vs. Satan

- ▶ (v.13-14) Notice that what the Devil was **afraid** of was that Daniel (and we) would understand God's word, especially these **prophecies**.
- ▶ (v.20-21) After the "Prince of Persia" will come the "Prince of Greece." (note: prince)
- ▶ (Rev. 12:1-9) Michael will ultimately **win** at the end. (interestingly God lets them fight)



The Lord Comforted Daniel

- ▶ The Lord had the appearance of a man. (v.16, 18) (see Gen. 18)
- ▶ The first thing he did was to **touch** Daniel's lips (Isa. 6:7) to anoint His prophet to speak for the Lord.
- ▶ Besides touching Him, (v.18) the Lord also **spoke** to Daniel to encourage him (v.18-19) especially reminding Daniel that He was greatly love by God. (v.19)

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GOD
of all comfort



Conclusion



- ▶ As Michael resisted the Devil through boasting about God, let us also resist the Devil by **relying on God**. (James 4:7)
- ▶ It is comforting to know God can send His angels to **fight** battles that we cannot (even though we cannot comprehend it).
- ▶ The touching was not only for anointing, but also for **comfort** and **reassurance**.

Conclusion



- ▶ Although God does not **physically** touch us everyday, He is still moving us with His **word** and His **creation**.
- ▶ It is the word of God that **strengthens** us. (v.18-19) And it is the word of God that the Devil was trying to stop. (Jos. 1:8-9)
- ▶ Let us **spread** Christ's word and His touch today—the very thing the Devil was trying to stop. (He was afraid of it.)