

Daniel, Prophet of the End

*Lesson 11 (Daniel) - From Battle to Victory

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Introduction

In Daniel 10 we shall learn about the visit of Christ (Y'shuah) as High Priest with Daniel, the added clarity to the vision of the 2,300 days of atonement to the commencement of the great antitypical Day of Atonement, which opened on October 22, 1844. Further too, we shall get a behind the scenes view of the titanic conflict that goes on in the spirit world, for the perfection of the work of God on earth.

Fasting and Prayer, Once Again Sunday March 8*

We will fold both prayers, chapter's 9 and 10, into one discourse in this segment, as last week was given to take a deeper dive into the little horn and "the daily" he trampled to the ground. Prayer to the Christian is like the air we breathe, without it we will not survive—we cannot live! Let's discover the great need for prayer, and so essential to this subject is "the daily" we discussed over the past two weeks. The truth of prayer in the sanctuary is what Daniel is actually living out before our very eyes. We have already discussed that consistent with Ps. 55: 17, Daniel prayed three times a day declaring, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."

Why, do you suppose did David begin the prayer sessions with "evening" rather than "morning"? To us he seems a bit out of synchronization to begin with the "evening" and end with the "noon," but there is great divine wisdom here. God knew that at some point in time, men would arise and suggest that the Biblical day begins with the DAWN, the rising of the sun, and not with the "evening" the setting of the sun, and just as at the creation he said "the evening and the morning was the first day," (Gen. 1: 5), etc., similarly, David here presents the evening as the beginning of the new day. This then makes sense for evening to morning, to noon and back to evening, completest the 24-hour cycle!

- "26 And **the vision** of the **evening and the morning** which was told is **true**: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be **for many days**. 27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and **I was astonished at the vision**, but **none understood it**." Dan. 8: 26, 27.
- "1 ¶ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was **revealed unto Daniel**, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was **true**, but **the time appointed was long**: and **he understood** the thing, and **had understanding of the vision**. 2 In those days I Daniel was mourning **three full weeks**. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till **three whole weeks** were fulfilled." Dan. 10: 1-3

- “2 In the first year of his [Darius’] reign I Daniel **understood by books** the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to **Jeremiah the prophet**, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem. 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to **seek by prayer** and **supplications**, with **fasting**, and **sackcloth**, and **ashes**: 4 ¶ And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, **the great and dreadful God**, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; 5 **We have sinned**, and have committed iniquity, and **have done wickedly**, and have rebelled, even by **departing from thy precepts** and from thy **judgments**: 6 Neither have we hearkened unto **thy servants the prophets**, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.” Dan. 9:2-7*
- Daniel shown that prophets do learn from other prophets’ works in order to become more acquainted with the Divine will. God had already spoken through Jeremiah, and though Daniel was then the new resident prophet, it was still his duty to acknowledge the prior revelation given through the prophets, and weigh their words on the realities of God’s sure promises. In this case, the period of “seventy years” was confirmed to Daniel, as the land’s observing her Sabbaths, thereby hastening on the years of their liberation from exile!
- Daniel’s prayer followed the format of this acrostic: ACTS-A
 - a. **A**-Adoration and praise
 - b. **C**-Confession and acknowledgment of wrongs
 - c. **T**-Thanksgiving for God’s grace, and belief in the surety of His promises
 - d. **S**-Supplication and affirmation that God will be true when we are complicit with his Law
 - e. **A**-Adoration and Praise
- In this prayer, Daniel will develop the areas in which “**thy servants the prophets**” were ignored, and the basis of their testimonies. We should do well, as Seventh-day Adventists in 2020 to ask ourselves the question: Have we, like Judah of old, also failed to hearken unto God’s “**servants the prophets?**” This question harkens back to the first lesson, “From Jerusalem to Babylon!” Through Israel’s intransigence and disobedience to God’s prophets, they ended up exiled in Babylon, and if we today fail where they did, there is a Babylon today awaiting us. Already the gates are opened, and the invitation bells are ringing, and worst of all, the prophetess to the Remnant has enunciated that the SDA Church will be transformed into “a [Roman] Catholic procession!” {1T 577.2}
- “8 O Lord, to us belongeth **confusion of face**, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because **we have sinned** against thee. 9 To the Lord our God belong **mercies and forgivenesses**, though we have rebelled against him; 10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to **walk in his laws**, which he set before us **by his servants the prophets**. 11 Yea, **all Israel** have transgressed thy law, even by departing, **that they might not obey** thy voice; therefore **the curse*** is poured upon us, and the oath that is **written in the law of Moses** the servant of God, **because** we have sinned against him.12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.” Dan. 9: 8-12

- ***The Curse:** This curse is reflective of those mentioned in Deut. 28. The trouble for the modern Church is simply this, we fail to acknowledge the “blessing” that is to ensue AFTER the curse has done its perfect work of instilling obedience through suffering! We are not at liberty to disregard Deut. 29 and 30, for “every word” of God must be fulfilled! We will see that God gave a partial fulfillment of the blessing, as the exiles returned from Babylon/Persia, when he declared, through Jeremiah, the fullness of Chapter 29:
- “10 For thus saith the LORD, That **after seventy years** be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and **perform my good word toward you**, in causing you to **return to this place**. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, **to give you an expected end**. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, **when ye shall search for me with all your heart**. 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and **I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you**, saith the LORD; and **I will bring you again** into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.” Jer. 29: 10-14
- Anciently, only Judah, remnants of the two-tribe kingdom, was repatriated to Jerusalem, and at that time they came from only one country, Babylon. The fullness of the prophecy calls for a much wider gathering from “all the nations,” and “all the places” where God has driven Israel, and he will gather them together, as a shepherd does his sheep, and place them again in the Promised Land. Read Deut. 30: 1-10, after the curses and after the blessings, the surety of Divine grace.
- “13 As it is **written in the law of Moses**, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, **that we might turn** from our iniquities, and **understand thy truth**.* 14 Therefore hath **the LORD** watched upon the evil, and **brought it upon us**: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from **thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain**: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. 17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon **thy sanctuary that is desolate**, for the Lord’s sake.” Dan. 9: 13-17
- “**That we might turn ... understand thy truth:**” Here we are given the clear diagnosis, God’s people did NOT understand his truth, and so they leaned unto their own understanding, through confusion of faces, by honoring the voice of the creature above that of the Creator, until they found themselves in the hot sands of the desert, marching their way to Babylon! What a solemn lesson for us today! We want to also underscore the truth that Jerusalem is called God’s “holy mountain,” and this is most essential, for we will see it again in Chapter 11. The same meaning it has here it possesses there, in Dan. 11: 45!
- “18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and **the city which is called by thy name**: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but **for thy great mercies**. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do;

defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for **thy city** and thy people are called by thy name. 20 ¶ And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for **the holy mountain*** of my God; 21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about **the time of the evening oblation.****” Dan. 9: 18-21

- * For double emphasis, Daniel again flagged Jerusalem as God’s “holy mountain,” and it would be most unwise of us to attribute any other interpretation that has been doubly given through this inspired servant of God. I am laboring on this point this early in the process, for if our foundations are not established here, then when we get to chapter 11, we will be without chart, anchor, or compass, and will be like a log bobbing on the ocean waves.
- ** The “evening oblation” is one of the times for the “daily sacrifices” that were to be taken away by Rome. These hours of prayer were designated as special hours of power from on high! This too, the spirit of prayer, must be restored to the latter-day Church of God.

A Vision of the Prince Monday March 9

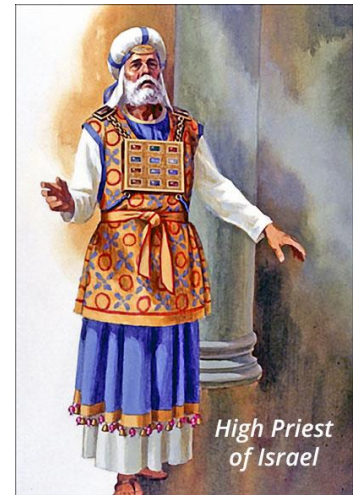
- “**4** And in the **four and twentieth day*** of the **first month**, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; **5** Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man **clothed in linen**, whose **loins were** girded with **fine gold** of Uphaz: **6** His **body also was like the beryl**, and **his face** as the **appearance of lightning**, and his **eyes as lamps of fire**, and his **arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass**, and the voice of his words like the **voice of a multitude**. **7** And I Daniel alone saw the **vision**: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. **8** Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and **there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption**, and I retained no strength. **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.” Dan. 10: 4-9
- The 24th day of the month is indicative that Daniel fasted throughout the entire period of Passover, an annual period of “holy time” from 14th to 21st of the First month.
- The description of the Man in linen is indicative of the High Priest in his ministerial garments on the Day of Atonement, and as this “vision” of 2,300 days has its termination when our Great High Priest will officiate in the Sanctuary above, to that end did Gabriel come to show him more light on things that would transpire in heaven “in the latter days.”

The Man In The Linen Cloth

- “**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. **13** 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. **14**

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.*” Dan. 10: 10-14

- "And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was **upon the waters** of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man **clothed in linen**, which was **upon the waters** of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever **that it shall be for a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of **the holy people**, all these things shall be **finished** [fulfilled]." Dan. 12: 6-7.
- With the "increased" knowledge now shining on the opened book of Daniel, we can now see that the one who "was upon the waters" and wearing the **linen** garment, (Lev. 16: 4), is none other than our great High Priest. His attire in linen is indicative of his High priestly ministry on the Day of Atonement, in the Sanctuary above, demonstrating that it is still probationary time when this prophecy comes to its fulfillment.
- The "linen" garment of this man, tells us that we are dealing with a minister of the Sanctuary, even the Sanctuary which is in heaven. Further, he swears by the throne of the Almighty. This is a strict prohibition given to mortals: "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne." Matt. 5:34
- Only one who is equal with God, can swear by the throne of God! The name "Michael" means "He who is like El-ohim," and as such he saw *equality with the father not something to be grasped*. (Phil. 2: 6).
- "The man in "linen" garments is pervasive through the prophecies of Ezekiel, Daniel, and Revelation, and He is not always noticed for who He really is—the Son of God. When we pause to realize that the Priests/High Priests wore "linen" garments, then it will make sense that our "great High Priest" in the Heavenly Sanctuary is also attired in His priestly garments, indicating that He is Saviour, Redeemer, and Mediator supreme, and for as long as probation lasts, He will retain rights to that title, and will be outfitted in His Priestly garment. This same view of the Saviour is further described in [Dan. 12: 6-8](#), and in [Ezek. 9:2](#)."—G. Augustus, *Commentary on the Book of Revelation*, 1st Quarter, 2019, p. 15.
- "3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to **the man clothed with linen**, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; 4 And the LORD said unto **him**, Go through the midst of **the city**, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark** upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. 5 ¶ And to the others he said in mine hearing, **Go ye after him** through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house." Ezek. 9: 3-6
- "Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those "that sigh and that cry for all the



abominations that be done” in the church. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, even sighing and crying. Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel.” 3T, p. 267

- ¹ Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as ² **the appearance of the likeness of a throne**. And he spake unto **the man clothed with linen**, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with **coals of fire from between the cherubims**, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. Now the cherubims stood on ³ **the right side [North] of the house**, when the man went in; and the cloud filled **the inner court [Most Holy place]**. ⁴ Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over **the threshold of the house**; and the house was filled with the cloud, and ⁵ **the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory**. And **the sound of the cherubims' wings** was heard even to the outer court, **as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.**” Ezek. 10: 1-5

Touched by an Angel; Tuesday March 10

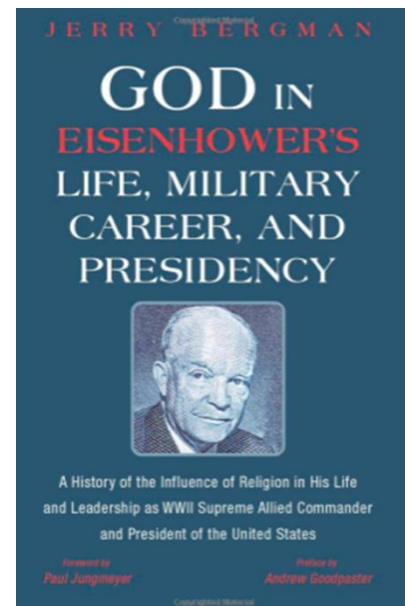
- “**14** Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people **in the latter days**: for yet the **vision is for many days**.* **15** And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and **I became dumb**. **16** And, behold, *one* like the similitude of **the 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.**” Dan. 10: 14-19
- * This expression “the latter days,” does not merely mean for time to come, but it really means “the time of the end,” or as he continued to say, “many days” or years! He has here the 2,300 years in view. As we’ve learnt in last week’s lesson, these 2,300 days are days of atonement which are annual events, and thus equate to 2,300 years. It makes sense, therefore, to see the High Priest in his royal regalia in preparation for the commencement of that most solemn event. Daniel is here shown a view of the High Priest who will be officiating on the great antitypical Day of Atonement, even Jesus Christ (Y’shuah the Messiah).
- ** This was not Daniel’s first time to be “touched by an angel,” for as we’ve seen in Chapter 8, he was also “touched:” “Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but **he touched me**, and set me upright.” Dan. 8:18.
- Daniel’s physiological response to this Divine “touch” is quite familiar with how other prophets have responded to the direct presence of YHWH! See Hab. 3: 16, Isa. 6: 6-8, Matt. 17: 6; Rev. 1: 17

A Great Conflict; Wednesday March 11

- “**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. **20** 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.** **21** 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.**” Dan. 10: 19-21

- “3 For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war after the flesh:** 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**” 2 Cor. 10: 3-5
- This titanic “fight” is a clear indication that behind the curtains of the conflicts between nations and peoples, is another world of operatives who are fighting in mortal conflict this longest war called “the great controversy between Christ and Satan”—it is indeed the cosmic conflict of ages past and for years to come, we are living in this conflict right now, and in our Further Study and Application section on Friday’s lesson, we shall provide perspective behind the veil, concerning the Coronavirus that is wreaking fear in the minds of world leaders today! Stay tuned...
- “In the annals of human history, the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as if dependent on the will and prowess of man; the shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the word of God **the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, above, behind, and through all the play and counterplay of human interest and power and passions, the agencies of the All-merciful One,** silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will. {PK 499.4}
- “No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore **the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men** more than those of the United States.”--[George Washington’s First Inaugural Address \(1789\)](#)
- “As the Supreme Allied Commander in the fight against the Nazis, General Dwight Eisenhower was one of the most important leaders of the last century. His position as a five-star general was crucial in achieving a positive outcome in World War II. **Today, he is considered one of the most respected US presidents, but the critical role that his religious beliefs played in his life and work is widely ignored.** As one historian wrote, **Eisenhower was the most religious president in the twentieth century.** He was critical in influencing the nation’s enlarged accommodation to faith, specifically the Christian faith.”-- *God in Eisenhower’s Life, Military Career, and Presidency*, Jerry Bergman, 2019, back cover.
- "If there were nothing else in my life to prove the existence of an almighty and merciful God, the events of the next 24 hours did it... The greatest break in a terrible outlay of weather occurred the next day and allowed that great invasion to proceed, with losses far below those we had anticipated" (Time Magazine, June 16, 1952).—Ibid, p. 61.



- “In the history of nations the student of God's word may behold the literal fulfillment of divine prophecy. Babylon, shattered and broken at last, passed away because **in prosperity its rulers had regarded themselves as independent of God, and had ascribed the glory of their kingdom to human achievement**. The Medo-Persian realm was visited by the wrath of Heaven because in it God's law had been trampled underfoot. **The fear of the Lord had found no place in the hearts of the vast majority of the people**. Wickedness, blasphemy, and corruption prevailed. The kingdoms that followed were even more base and corrupt; and these sank lower and still lower in the scale of moral worth.” {PK 501.3}
- “From the dawn of history till today the great nations that have fallen, **fell when they were best armed and most independent of God**. This should be a great lesson to all, but who realizes it!” —V.T. Houteff, Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 41, p. 17.
- **Lesson Note:** “The heavenly messenger pulls the curtain aside and reveals to Daniel the cosmic war that transpires **behind the scenes of human history**. As soon as Daniel begins to pray, a spiritual battle starts between heaven and earth. **Heavenly beings began a struggle with the king of Persia to let the Jews continue the reconstruction of the temple**. We know from the opening of Daniel 10 that the king of Persia is Cyrus. However, a human king left to himself cannot offer significant opposition to a heavenly being. This indicates that **behind the human king stands a spiritual agent who instigates Cyrus to stop the Jews from rebuilding the temple.**”
- In the halls of Congress and Parliament are wicked and oppositional forces of darkness—wicked spirits seeking to enact legislation that will work in the near-term or the long term to the injury of the people of God—His Church on earth.
- “**13** 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**... **20** 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.**” Dan. 10: 13, 20.
- “**1** ¶ Now when **the adversaries of Judah** and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity **built the temple** unto the LORD God of Israel; **2** Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, **Let us build with you**: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither. **3** But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, **Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God**; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as **king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us**. **4** Then **the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah**, and **troubled them in building**, **5** And hired **counsellors** against them, to **frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.**” Ezra 4: 1-5
- “While Satan was striving to influence the highest powers in the kingdom of Medo-Persia to show disfavor to God's people, **angels worked in behalf of the exiles**. The controversy was one in which all heaven was interested. Through the prophet Daniel we are given a glimpse of this **mighty struggle between the forces of good and the forces of evil**. {PK 571.2}

- For three weeks Gabriel wrestled with **the powers of darkness**, seeking to counteract the influences at work **on the mind of Cyrus**; and before the contest closed, Christ Himself came to Gabriel's aid. "The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days," Gabriel declares; "but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia." Daniel 10:13. All that heaven could do in behalf of the people of God was done." {PK 571.2}

A Victorious Prince; [Thursday March 12—Who is Michael](#)

- For an exhaustive study on the identity of Michael's being Jesus Christ, read our Online article, [Who is Michael Your Prince? @ www.sdaprophecies.com](#)
- "21 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**." Dan. 10: 21
 - "Study to shew thyself **approved unto God**, a workman that needeth **not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth**." 2Tim. 2:15
 - "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for **if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ**." Gal. 1:10
 - "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, **even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God**, which trieth our hearts." 1Thes. 2:4
- "2 And I saw a **strong angel** proclaiming with a loud voice, **Who is worthy to open the book**, and to **loose the seals** thereof? 3 And **no man** in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, **was able to open** the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because **no man was found worthy to open** and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof**. 6 ¶ And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. 7 **And he came and took the book** out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne." Rev. 5: 2-7
- That which even a "strong angel" could not do, the Lamb of God, as the ONLY One that was "worthy," easily accomplished the task of not only looking upon, and opening the book, but the more difficult task of reading its contents! Jesus Christ, Y'shuah, is the only worthy One! Think about that! That which made Him worthy was His sinless life and sacrificial death for Adam's race, and so he is represented as a slain lamb (read John 1: 29), slain from the foundation of the world, even while He reigns as "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." The fact that Christ read the book is added confirmation that He is the One called Michael—the Mighty and unique Warrior in the universe. In Daniel 12, he again appears as he reads the book of life, and rescues only those found written in its sacred pages. That He read the book is evident in His being the "only one worthy" to open and read its contents, providing a SURE proof that Jesus Christ is unmistakably the Michael of history and prophecy!

Further Study & Application; Friday March 13

- 1 ¶ And at that time shall **Michael stand up**, the **great prince** which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a **time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time **thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book**. 2 And many of **them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Dan.,. 12: 1, 2*
- * Here, as in Jude verse 9, Michael appears with resurrection power, and since in Christ we live, and move, and have our being, for He is "the resurrection and the life," we again have demonstrable proof from the testimony of the Scriptures that Michael is none other than Y'shuah our Messiah.
- "10 ¶ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 **Put on the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For **we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**" Eph. 6: 10-12
- **If you believe the Coronavirus just happened on the world without any Satanic schemes behind it, you'd be greatly tricked. Do not be deceived, COVID-19 is being used as a dry run, or practice run on population control. There are many hands in secret places, seeking to ruin the USA at the very time that our God is preparing to liberate the oppressed of the ages, and in a few short months we shall have a clearer view of what has really gone on behind the scenes. Look at this video: <https://youtu.be/qEpxxQUwCxU>

Trump declares Sunday a National Day of Prayer amid coronavirus crisis

- "President Trump declared on Friday **this upcoming Sunday a National Day of Prayer**, shortly after declaring a state of emergency amid the fast-spreading coronavirus pandemic.
- "We are a Country that, throughout our history, has **looked to God for protection and strength in times like these....**," Trump tweeted. "No matter where you may be, I encourage you to turn towards prayer in an act of faith. Together, we will easily PREVAIL!"
- The annual National Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 7. Trump's announcement came after he declared a national emergency over the coronavirus pandemic, in addition to partnerships with several large companies to expand testing for the illness.
- "**Trump has large support from white evangelical Christians and Catholic voters.** As president, he's championed religious liberty and called for greater religious freedoms, such as strengthening prayer in public schools." Fox News, March 3, 2020 []
- While it is a noble proposition for the President of the United States to so humble himself as to recognize that "Science alone" cannot stop this pandemic called COVID-19, it shines another spotlight on the realm of prophecy that we have been teaching all these years! It clearly shows that the Lord's Sabbath is being trampled while the world elevates the "sanctity" of Sunday! While most SDA Churches will be closed on the Sabbath, in honor of what the social Scientists recommend, in mitigating the spread of the Coronavirus, most Sunday-keepers will be in church as a statement of confidence in the God they serve.
- From my blog, earlier today I wrote: "Have you noticed how obedient we (SDA Organization) are before the Government? Where is our faith? God promised safety to His people when they left their

businesses to come and worship Him. Can he protect us to come to church and worship him today? O, yes, I know the powers that be have mandated no assemblies in crowds of over 1000, but **another government mandate is coming**, and it will have all the trappings of the professionals, the Scientists, and everyone else between, and we will be required to comply. Just as surely as the nations are gaining their practice in population control and denial of public assembly, the same should happen with us, that we may be a testimonial (witness) before the world on behalf of our King! Today we are told to "listen to the Scientists," and all fall in sheep-like obedience, but **another decree will soon be handed down**, and how shall we stand in that fateful day? I pray we learn from these "dry runs" how to be ready for the real action of the Mark of the Beast System, when it is deployed by all governments on earth! That will be a decisive time for God's children, a time of trouble such as never was, since there was a nation, the very time when Michael will again stand up on behalf of his persecuted saints! What a Mighty God we serve!"

- "What great honor was shown to Daniel by the Majesty of Heaven! He comforts his trembling servant, and assures him that his prayer was heard in Heaven, and that in answer to that fervent petition, the angel Gabriel was sent to affect the heart of the Persian king. The monarch had resisted the impressions of the Spirit of God during the three weeks while Daniel was fasting and praying, but Heaven's Prince, the archangel, Michael, was sent to turn the heart of the stubborn king to take some decided action to answer the prayer of Daniel. {RH, February 8, 1881 par. 31}

Thought Questions:

1. In light of the great confusion that abounds on the nature of Michael, how can you easily demonstrate that He is Jesus Christ?
2. Why was the vision given of the Man in linen garments?
3. Why was Gabriel arm-wrestling, so to speak, with the princes of Persia, and what does that say of the national governments of today, who are themselves corrupt?
4. Can God accomplish his purposes through an evil king, President, Prime Minister, Ruler, etc.?
5. In light of Gabriel's testimony to Daniel (10: 21), how shall we study the Scriptures; shall we teach its Truths for the favor and praise of men, or teach and practice its truths even if "no man" holds in agreement with us?
6. Does the coronavirus offer an opportunity to the Church of God today to shine forth his glory? Consider Psalms 91 in your answer.

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