

10.1-3 – Setting and Daniel’s Devotion

10.4-14 – Daniel’s first conversation with the “messenger”

- **What does the messenger say?**
 - Vs 11 – “Understand” (also vs 14); Vs 12 – “Do not fear”
 - Reminder of God’s response to humble prayer
- **Reality of Unseen Spiritual Warfare**
 - Prince of Kingdom of Persia; Michael - Archangel

10.15-11:1 – Daniel’s second conversation with the “messenger”

- **Reminders of Daniel’s humanity & humility**
 - Turns face to the ground
 - “Messenger” touches his lips – compare with Isaiah 6:6
 - References the “messenger” as lord (Adonai)
 - Recognizes he has no strength
- **What does the messenger say?**
 - “Beloved, do not fear - Peace to you”
 - Notice the paradigm of interaction – vs 15; 16; 18; 19.
 - Vs 20 – indication of purpose – speak the truth (relieve fear and strengthen

11:2-20 – Revelation of future kingdoms & wars

- **Persian Kings** – compare with chapter 8
 - Xerxes “stirs up” Alexander the Great
- **Grecian Kings** – 5 groups of kings
 - Seleucus I – Ptolemy I – vs 5
 - Antiochus II – Ptolemy II – vs 6
 - Seleucus II – Ptolemy III – vs 7-9
 - Antiochus III – Ptolemy IV – 10-12
 - Antiochus III – Ptolemy V – 13-19
 - Seleucus IV – Judah – vs 20

11.21-35 – A second description of Antiochus Epiphanes

- **Character of Antiochus Epiphanes**
 - Deceitful action – vs 23
 - Heart bent on evil and destruction – vs 25; 27
 - Defiles the sanctuary
 - he offered a pig in the temple to Zeus...(167 BC)
 - Reminder of Hanukah

Theological Point:

God’s knowledge of and plan for the future of Israel is true, and our understanding of God’s sovereign plan should comfort us in our fear and strengthen us in our weakness.

- **Paradigm of Daniel’s Interaction with the “Messenger”**
 - vs 15; 16; 18; 19.
- **Imagining the vision** – cultivating affections/ worship.
- **Recognizing historical accuracy of prophecy** – confidence in the truth of God’s Word
 - Seek understanding
 - Ask for help
 - Devote ourselves to knowledge of God’s Word