



## DANIEL

### DANIEL 10.14-21. PRINCES AND PRINCIPALITIES Part 2

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**Daniel 10:13** But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia** stood before me for twenty-one days.

**And** look, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to assist me, **and** I left him there beside the king of the Persians. <sup>1</sup>

“Stood before me . . .”

- **Distraction** – keep you occupied with useless activities, chasing the wind
- **Delusion** – lying to you, lying about you, lying through you
- **Destruction** – destroy everything around you, seek to destroy you
- **Diminish** – lower your expectations, tear you down, put your focus on yourself
- **Divorce** – separate you from the Lord, from your spouse, from them church

How can Demonic Angels frustrate the will of God?

- **Gleason Archer:** “While God can, of course, override the united resistance of all the forces of hell if he chooses to do so, he accords to demons certain limited powers of obstruction and rebellion somewhat like those he allows humans. **In both cases the exercise of free will in opposition to the Lord of heaven is permitted by him when he sees fit.**”

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<sup>1</sup> Newton observes, Daniel was now very far advanced in years; for the third year of Cyrus was the 73rd of his captivity; and being a youth when carried captive, he cannot be supposed to have been less than ninety. Old as he was, 'he set his heart to understand' the former revelations which had been made to him, and particularly the vision of the ram and he-goat, as may be collected from the sequel; and for this purpose he prayed and fasted three weeks. His fasting and prayers had the desired effect, for an angel was sent to unfold to him those mysteries; and whoever would excel in divine knowledge, must imitate Daniel, and habituate himself to study, temperance, and devotion. (B. Blayney, Thomas Scott, and R.A. Torrey with John Canne, Browne, *The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*, vol. 1 (London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, n.d.), 554.)

But as **Job 1:12** and **2:6** indicate, the malignity of Satan is never allowed to go beyond the due limit set by God, who will not allow the believer to be tested beyond his limit (**1Cor 10:13**)."

- **The powers of evil apparently have the capacity to bring about hindrances and delays, even of the delivery of the answers to believers whose requests God is minded to answer.** God's response was immediate, so far as his intention was concerned. But "the prince of the Persian kingdom" (v.13)—apparently the satanic agent assigned to the sponsorship and control of the Persian realm—put up a determined opposition to the actual delivery of the divine answer. <sup>2</sup>

## The Rest of Victory

By Alan Redpath

There is nothing  
No circumstance, no trouble, no testing  
That can ever touch me  
Until first of all it has gone  
Past God,  
Past Christ  
Right through me.

If it has come that far,  
It has come with great purpose  
Which I may not understand at the moment  
But as I refuse to become panicky  
As I lift up my eyes to Him  
And accept it as coming from the Throne of God  
For some great purpose of blessing to my own heart  
No sorrow will disturb me  
No circumstance will cause me to fret  
For I shall rest in the joy  
Of what my Lord is . . .

That is – The rest of victory!

Ranks in the Heavenly realm:

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<sup>2</sup> Gleason L. Archer Jr., "Daniel," in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Daniel and the Minor Prophets*, ed. Frank E. Gaebelin, vol. 7 (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986), 124–125.

## **Ephesians 1:20–21** NKJV

**20** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

**21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion,** and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

### Demonic Angels:

- **Warren Wiersbe:** “Well-meaning people may scoff at the idea of demonic forces and good and evil angels, and they may caricature Satan, but the fact remains that this is biblical theology. When Lucifer rebelled against God and was judged, some of the angels fell with him and became the demonic evil angels that oppose Christ and obey Satan (Isa. 14:12–15; Rev. 12:7–12; Matt. 25:41). According to Ephesians 6:10–18, Satan has a well-organized army of evil spirits that obey his every command. **Through His sacrificial work on the cross, Christ defeated Satan and his army (1:20–23; Col. 2:15; John 12:31; Rev. 12:11), and we can claim that victory by faith.”** <sup>3</sup>

- **Dwight Pentecost:** “**God has arranged the angelic realm in differing ranks referred to as “rule, authority, power, and dominion”** (Eph. 1:21).

Gabriel and Michael have been assigned authority over angels who administer God’s affairs for the nation Israel (cf. Michael in Dan. 10:21; 12:1; Jude 9).” <sup>4</sup>

- **The Deuteronomy Worldview:**
  - **Michael Heiser:** “Paul quite clearly alludes to the situation with the nations produced by God’s judgment at Babel, **the Deuteronomy 32:8–9 worldview**. God had disinherited the nations as his people and made a new people for himself, **Israel**, his own “portion” (Deut 32:9).” <sup>5</sup>

### **Acts 17:26–28** LEB

**26** And he made from one man (**Adam**) every nation of humanity (**the sons of Adam**) to live on all the face of the earth, **determining their fixed times and the fixed boundaries of their habitation,**  
**27** to search for God,

<sup>3</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Resolute*, “Be” Commentary Series (Colorado Springs, CO: Victor, 2000), 125.

<sup>4</sup> J. Dwight Pentecost, “Daniel,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 1366.

<sup>5</sup> Michael S. Heiser, *The Unseen Realm: Recovering the Supernatural Worldview of the Bible*, First Edition (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2015), 120.

if perhaps indeed they might feel around for him and find him.  
And indeed he is not far away from each one of us,  
**28** for in him we live and move and exist, . . .

**Deuteronomy 32:8–9** NLT

**8** When the Most High assigned lands to the nations,  
when He divided up the human race,  
He established the boundaries of the peoples  
According to the number in his heavenly court.

**9** **“For the people of Israel belong to the LORD;**  
Jacob is his special possession.

- **Michael Heiser:** Immediately after the judgment at Babel (Gen 11:1–9), God called Abraham for that purpose, initiating a covenant relationship with Abraham and his yet unborn descendants. That covenant relationship included the idea Paul refers to in Acts 17:27, the drawing of the disinherited Gentile nations (Gen 12:3). Paul’s rationale for his own ministry to the Gentiles was that it was God’s intention to reclaim the nations to restore the original Edenic vision. Every person in every nation was given the opportunity to repent and believe in the risen Christ (Acts 17:30–31). Salvation was not only for the physical children of Abraham, but for anyone who would believe (Gal 3:26–29). <sup>6</sup>

**14** And I have come to instruct you about what will happen to your people **in the future**, for there is a further vision here **for the future**.

- **Vision for the future times**

**Daniel 2:28** (LEB) But **there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries**, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what it is that will be at the end of days. This is your dream and the visions of your head on your bed. <sup>7</sup>

**Daniel 12:9–10**

**9** And he said, “Go, Daniel, **for the words are secret and are sealed up until the time of the end.**

**10** Many will be purified and will be cleansed and will be refined, but the wicked will act wickedly and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

**15** And while he was speaking with me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and I was speechless.

**16** Then look, there was one in the form of a human;  
he touched my lips

and I opened my mouth

and I spoke and I said to the one standing before me,

<sup>6</sup> Michael S. Heiser, *The Unseen Realm: Recovering the Supernatural Worldview of the Bible*, First Edition (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2015), 120.

<sup>7</sup> W. Hall Harris III et al., eds., *The Lexham English Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012), Da 2:28.

“My lord, because of the vision my anxieties fell upon me  
and I have not retained my strength.

**17 So how am I, a servant of my lord, to speak with you my LORD,  
and I just now have no strength in me?”**

**18** And he again touched me, the one in the form of a human,  
and he strengthened me.

**19** And he said, **“You must not fear, O beloved man.**

**Peace be to you;  
be strong and be courageous!”**

And when he spoke with me, I was strengthened

and I said, **“Let my Lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”**

The LORD knows when the journey will be **too great** on your own:

**1 Kings 19:7–8** NKJV

**7** And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched Elijah, and said, **“Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.”**

**8** So Elijah arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

- Carmel to Monterey
  - “Vineyard of the Lord” to the “Mountain of the Lord”

**20** Then he asked, “Do you know why I have come to you?”

And **now I return to fight against the prince of Persia**

and I myself am going,

and **look**, the prince of Javan (Greece) will come.

**“I return to fight”:**

- These references to contests of strength between the warriors of heaven and the warriors of hell raise interesting questions. Where do such battles take place? <sup>8</sup>
  - Apparently these wars occur in Heaven:

**Revelation 12:7–9**

**7 And war broke out in heaven:** Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

**8** but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

<sup>8</sup> Gleason L. Archer Jr., “Daniel,” in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Daniel and the Minor Prophets*, ed. Frank E. Gaebelin, vol. 7 (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986), 126.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

o BUT – good news, there is a war coming that will led to Lucifer being cast out of Heaven forever.

- The Bible tells us that they are organized into various provinces or domains, which are referred to in the NT as archai (“governments,” “rulers”), exousiai (“authorities”), and enjoy the status of kosmokratores (“world rulers,” “powers of this world”). Without flesh and blood, they are evil spirit-beings who occupy assigned superterrestrial regions (cf. Eph 6:12: “the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm”). It is encouraging for God’s people to know that he has mighty champions among the holy angels whose task is to defend the saints against the attacks of the evil one. 9

**21** However, **I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth,** and there is not one who contends with me against these beings except Michael, your prince.”

Why has Gabriel come to Daniel?

To tell Daniel what is inscribed in the Book of Truth

- Holy Scriptures
- What is the Book of truth? It was probably “God’s record of truth in general, of which the Bible is one expression” (John F. Walvoord, Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation, p. 250). 10

There seems to be a great camaraderie among the Angels in Heaven.

- Singleness of purpose
- Singleness of mission
  - o How I wish then church of Jesus Christ was as the Angels in their mission together.

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