

VISITS FROM GOD

Daniel is no stranger to supernatural visits

He is one of only 4 people that got a glimpse into the throne room of God, the others are Ezekiel, Isaiah, and John

He had held previous audience with the Angel Gabriel

He had visions provided to him straight from God

He had been given the ability to interpret the visions of others given from God

IT NEVER GOT OLD

I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. So, I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

v. 7-9

THEFINALVISIT

The understanding of the message came to him in a vision. At that time, I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

v. 1-2

God sends Daniel a messenger to minster to him

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."

v. 12-14

A WAR IS RAGING

So, he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.)

v. 20-21

DANIELS RESPONSE

While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I feel very weak. How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone, and I can hardly breathe."

v. 15-17





IN NOT OF

We understand now it requires that we look at our world just a little bit different

We cannot simply hate the world because we are called to love the world

While we love the world we cannot be in love with the world and its ways

We are citizens of heaven and our allegiance to not to God first, but to God only

That makes us foreigners and exiles in such we are here to be a testimony



Again, the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. "Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

v. 18-19

To Stand Strong we must allow God to touch our lives

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

He Touched Him

Isaiah 40:28-31

To Stand Strong we must relieve our fear

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

"Do not be Afraid"

DO NOT BE AFRAID

This is scary business

Just look at all Daniel went through

The angel called him esteemed: held in great respect; admired

You valuable to God and he is not about to leave you in the middle of the fight



To Stand Strong we must live in God's peace
The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord

blesses his people with peace.

The opposite of peace is chaos

Psalm 29:11

This is the trap, the more Chaos I have the less peace I have

The less peace I must frustrated I become

The more frustrated I get the more tired I am

God already gave me peace I just must EMBRACE IT.

To Stand Strong we must listen when God speaks

"Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left."

Joshua 23:6

Jesus promises he is in this with us (Matthew 11:28-30)



History says Daniel died about two years before Cyrus issued the edict allowing the first Israelites to return

He never got to go home

"As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."

Daniel 12:13

