

## “A Glorious Vision” 3

Daniel 10:1-21

Hello friend and welcome to *Hope for Today*. My name is J. Mark Horst; I’m your friend and Bible teacher. The program you’re listening to is produced by Heralds of Hope, an international Gospel radio and literature ministry.

Each week the Bible teaching broadcasts of *Heralds of Hope* circle the globe in English and 16 other major languages. And our Bible teaching programs in several languages are available all the time and any time at the website, [twr360.org](http://twr360.org). That’s [twr360.org](http://twr360.org). Thousands are logging on to the site for spiritual nourishment and blessing. You can join them and be blessed too!

As I was preparing this program, we received the latest report from our Hausa language programs to northern Nigeria. In a six-month period, we received 14,147 responses! That is more than 500 responses to each weekly, 15-minute program. That is simply astounding. Especially coming from an area where followers of Jesus are severely persecuted.

One listener wrote this; *We here are facing Boko Haram. You are our source of encouragement. Would it be possible for you to increase the broadcast time to 30-minutes?* Another wrote, *My salvation is sure because of what I have learned from Heralds of Hope Hausa programs. Thank you so much.*

For the past few weeks on *Hope for Today* we’ve been studying from Daniel chapter ten. Our study is titled “A Glorious Vision.” Chapter ten and the first verse of chapter eleven lays the foundation for the amazing vision that Daniel is given in the remainder of the book. Our study is titled “The Skill to Understand.”

Last week, we looked at some of the details of Daniel’s vision. We weren’t able to finish that section, so we’ll return to it today. As we resume our study, I will read **Daniel 10:1 to 14**.

Verses 12 to 14 introduce us to a Scriptural truth that we don’t often think about, the unseen spirit world of both good and evil. Here, God pulls back the curtain and gives us a glimpse into that world. After once more exhorting Daniel not to be afraid, the angel tells him that from the very first day of his mourning and fasting, his prayer was heard.

He told Daniel that he had immediately been sent with the answer to his prayer, but there was opposition. He told Daniel that he was opposed by “prince of the kingdom of Persia.” This opposition lasted three weeks or 21 days. This prince isn’t the king of Persia, but a demonic spirit

under Satan's control who is assigned control over that jurisdiction.

It is clear that he is evil because he is in opposition to God's messenger. Michael is the angelic prince who leads and protects God's people. This prince oversees the kingdom of Persia and its opposition to God's people. We must remember that the kingdoms of this world are temporarily under the control of Satan. See Matthew 4:8 and 9, and First Corinthians 15:24

This scene reminds me of Paul's words in Ephesians 6:12; *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."* All during this 21-day period of time a battle was raging, unknown and unseen by Daniel. Michael's appearance tips the scales in favor of this messenger, allowing him to finally reach Daniel.

This messenger makes an interesting statement in verse 13; *"...and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia."* How was the messenger "alone" when Michael was there to help him? Samuel Driver explains that the Hebrew word translated "left alone" does not signify to remain behind, but rather to remain over, or to be superfluous, unnecessary. So, once Michael joins the battle and prevails, this messenger speaking to Daniel was free to go on his way; he wasn't needed there anymore.

Next, the messenger informs Daniel of the reason for his coming. *"Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."* The term, *the latter days* is one that appears in the Scriptures as early as Genesis 49:1. There, Jacob *"...called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last [or latter] days..."* This time period seems to extend from Jacob's time until the Second Coming of Christ to the earth, encompassing the whole history of Israel and climaxing in the establishing of the earthly kingdom.

I know, some think the idea of Christ setting up an earthly kingdom, what's commonly called the Millennium, isn't to be taken literally. But I take the Scriptures as literally as possible, and I believe this reign of Christ is exactly what it says. I also remind you that after Jesus' resurrection the disciples asked him, *"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"* Jesus didn't say to them, "hey guys, you've got it all wrong; there will be no earthly kingdom for Israel." He simply said that decision was not in the realm of their responsibility.

This messenger ends his delivery by saying the message he gave through the vision was for many days in the future, i.e. far beyond Daniel's lifetime.

As we continue, let's look at **the Effects of Daniel's vision.**

Once again, Daniel is overcome by weakness and astonishment. He is rendered speechless and turns his face toward the ground. And, once again, he is strengthened by a heavenly messenger. This angel touched his lips, restoring both physical strength and his speech.

Daniel confesses that the vision he's received has added to his sorrows, or pains. He finds it difficult to speak because both strength and breath have left him. He's helpless. He asks the messenger "*how can I as a lowly servant of the Lord have a conversation with so great a servant of my Lord?*"

Then, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in this chapter, Daniel is strengthened supernaturally. This may be the same angel that addressed him in verse 11. The wording he uses is similar and so is the designation of "*Oh man, greatly beloved.*" He encourages Daniel to receive peace from God and to be strong, repeating the words for emphasis. His words were sufficient to strengthen Daniel to the point where he could respond, "let my lord speak."

## **CLOSING**

My friend, I hate to interrupt, but we're almost out of time for today's broadcast. Lord willing, we'll be back in one week to continue this study. If you'd like an audio CD or a printed copy of this complete teaching, just request it by its title, "A Glorious Vision."

The quickest way for you to contact me is to send an e-mail to [mail@heraldsofhope.org](mailto:mail@heraldsofhope.org). That e-mail address is [mail@heraldsofhope.org](mailto:mail@heraldsofhope.org). Or you may write to *Hope for Today*, Box 3, Breezewood, Pennsylvania 15533. Remember, you can request a printed manuscript or an audio CD of this teaching, "A Glorious Vision." I'd be happy to send one to you.

Once again, the quickest way for you to contact me is to send an e-mail to [mail@heraldsofhope.org](mailto:mail@heraldsofhope.org). Or you may write to *Hope for Today*, Box 3, Breezewood, Pennsylvania 15533. Remember; you can request a free copy of this teaching, "A Glorious Vision." It's available in print or on an audio CD.

And don't forget our Bible teaching programs are available to you all the time and any time at the website, [twr360.org](http://twr360.org). That's [twr360.org](http://twr360.org). Thousands are logging on to the site for spiritual nourishment and blessing. You can join them and be blessed too!

Now friend, I urge you to tune in next week as we continue our study, "A Glorious Vision." from Daniel chapter ten. And until then, keep looking for that blessed HOPE.