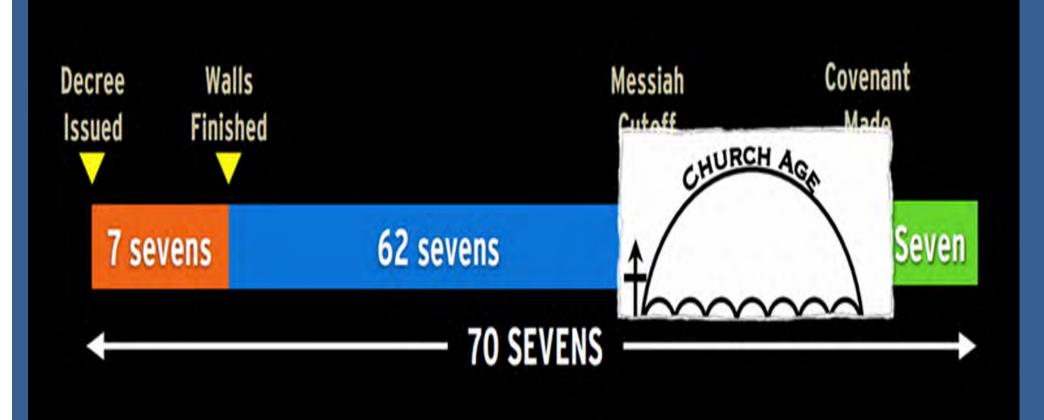
"A Peak Into The Unseen World" Part 1 <u>Daniel 10: 1-11</u>

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The time we are living in is the <u>Church Age</u>







There is a world referred to in Scripture that is quite unseen, but also quite present and active!

- Angels are real and fallen angels are real
- Satan rules over the fallen realm, angels and humans -<u>Ezekiel 28: 12-15</u>

 Lucifer, with the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty, chose contrary to God Satan, with charismatic influence, convinced 1/3 of the angels to side with him - <u>Revelation 12: 4</u>

From this point forward, there has been a cosmic war taking place

Daniel is giving us a peak into this unseen realm of high-ranking demons, world empires, kings and governments

Verse 1 - 3 Why is Daniel so distressed?

Daniel mourned as he sensed a lack of concern in his people for the things of God

They preferred Babylon to Jerusalem (they had been Babylonized, indoctrinated)

Think about the modern church; think about people you know and love who have been indoctrinated

A little of God, a lot of the world, and think *"I'm okay..."*

Take it or leave it, Laodicean, American Christianity, *blending with the world*!

Perhaps you, *like Daniel,* are distressed, heartbroken and mourning!

Verse 4 - 6 For the distressed there is relief

All eyes off the distress and all eyes on Jesus!

Daniel, in his distress, sees a pre-incarnate Jesus - *our stress reliever, our Gentle Shepherd*!

Jesus is Almighty God and He is in full control - so stop stressing!!

The person that Daniel sees looks similar to the glorified Jesus in Revelation 1: 13-16

<u>Verse 7 - 9</u> Daniel falls on his face

Daniel, the man of God and in the presence of God, was completely aware of his unholiness

The struggle between light and dark, *good and evil*, is a battle over THE TRUTH!

Can you see this battle for truth in our world? Can you see through the deception? <u>Ephesians 1: 18</u>

<u>Verse 10 - 11</u> Daniel experiences God's grace

Watch what grace does:

 Grace touches and arouses us out of our slumber *"a hand touched me"* - woke me up!!

2) Grace reassures me! *"I'm okay, God is with me"* <u>Psalm 46: 1</u> Why was Daniel greatly beloved? In a world running from God, Daniel knew his God!!

Daniel did not compromise
 <u>Daniel 1: 8</u>

2) There was no grounds for accusation of corruption against him - <u>Daniel 6: 4</u>

3) Daniel stood firm regardless of the cost - <u>Daniel 6: 10</u>

4) Daniel allowed God's Word to be a light to him amid dark places - <u>Daniel 9: 2</u>

<u>CONCLUSION</u>: THE UNSEEN WORLD - PART 1

There is an unseen realm around us that we know little about

Prior to Daniel being introduced to this world, he saw the *One* who is the *Sovereign Ruler* over all -*JESUS CHRIST!* *Our God reigns!!* Satan and his demonic hordes can operate only under proscribed boundaries laid out by God!

The battle is centered on the control of our minds (our souls)

Their goal is for you to act contrary to God

Our protection:

- Do not focus on yourself
- Do not focus on the demonic realm
- FOCUS ON JESUS!!

"Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee, come near to God and He will come near to you." James 4: 7 *"Take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ"* <u>2 Corinthians 10: 5</u>

- He who controls the mind, controls the person
- Know your enemy
 ...stand against the wiles of the devil" Ephesians 6: 11
- Take up the whole armor of God <u>Ephesians 6: 13</u>



The unseen realm is real!

There is no fear for those close to the Shepherd!!

The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still!!!

STILL YOUR HEART and TRUST JESUS