

THE INVISIBLE CONFLICT BEHIND OUR EXILE

Daniel 10:1-11:1 // March 3, 2024 AM

I. Covenant restoration unfolds *through the unseen cries of God's weak exiles.*

II. Covenant restoration unfolds *through the unseen conflicts of God's warrior angels.*

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What are the two extremes we can fall into when it comes to spiritual warfare? Why does the devil want us to either be a materialist or a magician?
2. Why is Daniel mourning? Haven't thousands of exiles returned to the land to rebuild the holy city and temple? Shouldn't he be celebrating?
3. What is the most likely reason why Daniel did not return with the exiles to Canaan? What is he devoting himself to in his later years?
4. Read Revelation 1:12-16. How does John's vision help us to understand the mysterious heavenly figure who appears to Daniel? Who is He?
5. Why did it take this angelic Warrior 21 days to get to Daniel?
6. What does it mean for the kings of Persia and Greece to both have a prince? How does this relate to what John tells us in Revelation 13 about the beast being animated by the dragon?
7. When we see God's people being persecuted by the state what is the ultimate reason for that? How does this introduction to Daniel's vision challenge us to view the world differently?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I more prone to be a materialist or a magician? Why?
2. Why is prayer one of the saints primary spiritual weapons? What does prayer express, and how does it relate to the nature of the heavenly kingdom as opposed to man's kingdom?
3. Am I taking refuge in the LORD through prayer in the confidence that the host of heavens will preserve me as I journey through this wilderness to my promised rest? Am I devoted to prayer for my local church and the broader church (especially the persecuted church) with the same confidence?