

Daniel's Fourth Vision

- **This is Daniel's Fourth Vision:**
 - **Chapter 7**
 - **Chapter 8**
 - **Chapter 9**
 - **Chapters 10-12**

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

(Daniel 10:1)

- **Daniel's fourth and final vision came "in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia."**
- **Each of the four visions (chaps. 7-12) are dated.**

- **The visions appear in two groups of two.**
- **The first and third years of Belshazzar and the first and third years of Cyrus.**
- **Cyrus's third year would have been 536/535 b.c.**

- **Two years after Gabriel appeared to Daniel in chap. 9**
- **Shorty after the first return of the Jewish exiles home to Israel.**
- **This was very close to Daniel's Lion's den experience.**
- **Daniel was around 85 years old at this point.**

A Great War

- **A great conflict or “great war.”**
- **Could be referring to the war spoken of in the prophecy.**
- **Or it could also refer to the spiritual warfare discussed.**
- **Likely an interrelated combination of both.**

- **The fourth vision is an expansion of the previous visions.**
- **Especially concerning the Antichrist and the tribulation period of the last days.**

In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.

(Daniel 10:2-3)

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

(Daniel 10:4-6)

7 Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

9 But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

(Daniel 10:7–9)

10 Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

11 He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

(Daniel 10:10–12)

- **The Danielic model is repeated:**
 - **Humbling ourselves**
 - **Praying**
 - **Fasting**
 - **Studying the Scriptures**
 - **Seeking the Lord**

**8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given,
to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of
Christ,**

**9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the
mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who
created all things;**

**10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be
made known through the church to the rulers and the
authorities in the heavenly places.**

**11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which
He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(Ephesians 3:8–11)

13“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

14“Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.”

(Daniel 10:13–14)

15When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

16And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17“For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.”

18Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me.

(Daniel 10:15–18)

19He said, “O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!” Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, “May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

20Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come.

21“However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince.

(Daniel 10:19–21)

Chapter 11

1“In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him.

2“And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece.

(Daniel 11:1-2)

3“And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases.

4“But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them.

(Daniel 11:3-4)