

TUESDAY NIGHT

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"The Shape of Things to Come"

An in-depth Study of the Book of Daniel Chapter 10

Subject: "The Unseen War"

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1. The image of the river (10:1-4; 11:22; 12:6);
 - (a) The man above the river who can see the end from the beginning (12:2,6).
 - (b) The importance of realising that we are not now thinking of man in relation to the animals around him but man in relation to the spirit powers above him.
2. The unseen war; the purpose is to destroy "the power of the people" (12:7).
3. The period and the prophet (10:1-4).
4. Who was the man above the river? (10:5-7; 12:6). The principles of prayer to be learned from God's response to Daniel's prayer;
 - (a) Believer's prayers are immediately heard by God (10:12).
 - (b) Demonic forces seek to delay answers to prayer (10:13). This Prince of the kingdom of Persia is generally believed to be a fallen angel given authority over the affairs related to the Medo-Persian empire.
5. The term "principalities appears no less than eight times in the New Testament (Romans 8:38; Ephesians 1:21; 3:10; 6:12; Colossians 1:16; 2:10,15; Titus 3:1). The word may be better translated "governments". The plurality of the principalities suggests there are many of them and it is probable that a demon, or prince is set over each principality. These evil forces are called "the rulers of the darkness of this world" and it is this army of evil princes against whom Christ and His own are in conflict.
6. Wrestling in prayer is an exhausting work (10:14-17). Following wearisome times of prayer, strength returns in extra measures (10:18-19). Overcoming demonic forces is not a once-for-all matter (10:20-21).

"Christian, read and meditate on the story of Elisha and the young man in 2 Kings 6. It should remind you that if you could see the invisible you would be truly amazed at what is going on between the forces of good and evil around you. You would also be encouraged by the invincible might of God within you."

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