

When
Heaven
Broke Through:

*Daniel Undone by Visions
of the Glorious Ones*

DANIEL 10:1–4

- 1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a word was revealed to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar); and the word was true, but the time appointed was long. So he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.
- 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.
- 3 I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all, till three weeks were fulfilled.
- 4 Now in the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the great river, which is the Tigris,





DANIEL 9 TIMELINE



JEREMIAH'S 70 YEARS AND DANIEL'S PRAYER

605 BC

**FIRST EXILE
TO BABYLON**

*Daniel Taken
to Babylon*

586 BC

**TEMPLE DESTROYED
BY BABYLON**

*Jerusalem Falls
Solomon's Temple
Burned*

539/538 BC

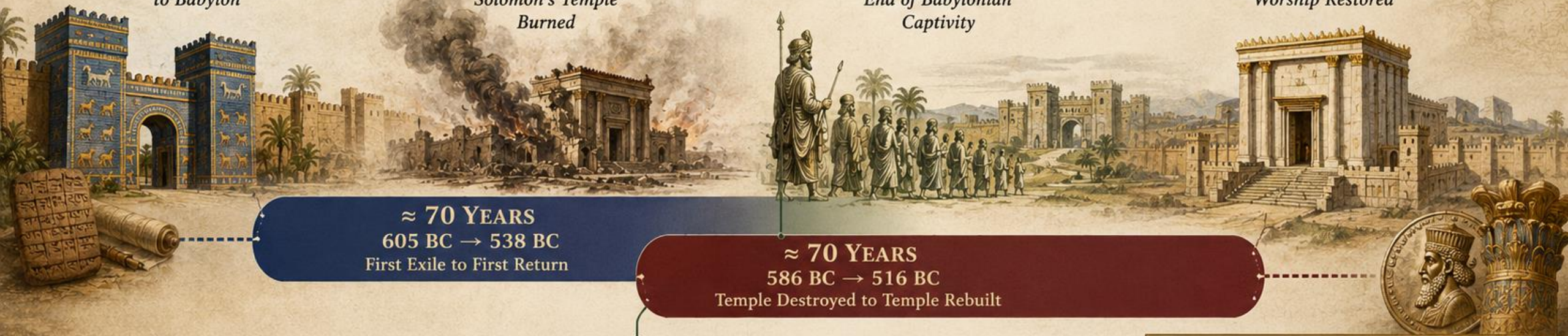
**FIRST RETURN
UNDER CYRUS**

*Exiles Return
End of Babylonian
Captivity*

516 BC

**SECOND TEMPLE
COMPLETED**

*Temple Dedicated
Worship Restored*



≈ 70 YEARS
605 BC → 538 BC
First Exile to First Return

≈ 70 YEARS
586 BC → 516 BC
Temple Destroyed to Temple Rebuilt



DANIEL'S QUESTION

*"Has the 70 years
been fulfilled?"*

Daniel 9:2



DANIEL 9 SETTING

539–538 BC

*Daniel reads Jeremiah's prophecy of 70 years
and realizes the exile is ending.*



GABRIEL'S ANSWER

*"Seventy sevens are decreed
for your people and your
holy city..."*

Daniel 9:24



KEY INSIGHT

*Daniel begins with Jeremiah's 70 years—
a judgment period ending in restoration.
Gabriel reveals a greater plan:*

70 SEVENS (490 YEARS)

a longer timetable for ultimate redemption.

Daniel 9:24–27



*"For thus says the Lord: 'When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you,
that I may cause you to return to this place.'" Jeremiah 29:10*



DANIEL 10:5–7

- 5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.
- 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.
- 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.





DANIEL 10:7–9

- 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.
- 8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me; for my appearance was changed in me, and I retained no strength.
- 9 Yet I heard the sound of his words, but when I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep with my face to the ground.

DANIEL 10:10–12

- 10 And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.
- 11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.
- 12 Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.



TWO REVELATIONS. ONE GLORIOUS LORD.

THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND REACTION

DANIEL'S REVELATION

Daniel 10:5-9

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow; his face like the sun, his eyes like blazing fire; his arms and feet like burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

DANIEL'S REACTION

I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision. And I was left alone, gazing at this great vision, with no strength left in me. My face turned pale and I had no strength.



Daniel was left alone, **overwhelmed with awe**. His strength left him, and his face turned pale.



JOHN'S REVELATION

Revelation 1:12-17

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like a flame of fire; his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in full strength.

JOHN'S REACTION

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.

John fell at His feet **as though dead**. The glory of Christ leaves no one unchanged.

"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA," SAYS THE LORD GOD, "WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY." — REVELATION 1:8

DANIEL 10:13–14

13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,

14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.



THE HIERARCHY OF ANGELIC POWERS

→ AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE ←

HOLY ANGELS

MINISTERS OF GOD'S GLORY AND WILL

SERAPHIM

Isaiah 6:2-3

Highest order. Stand before God's throne, worship Him and proclaim His holiness.

CHERUBIM

Ezekiel 1:5-10 | 10:20

Fullness of wisdom and knowledge of God. Guardians of His presence and His glory.

THRONES

Colossians 1:16 | Ezekiel 1:26

Uphold and stabilize God's sovereignty and the heavenly order.

DOMINIONS

Colossians 1:16 | Daniel 7:27

Govern lesser angels and oversee the execution of God's justice.

VIRTUES (POWERS)

Ephesians 6:12 | 2 Peter 2:11

Operate miracles and divine power; restrain and overcome evil influences.

PRINCIPALITIES

Ephesians 6:12 | Daniel 10:13

Rulers over nations and peoples; establish and protect God's purposes.

ANGELS

Hebrews 1:14 | Psalm 91:11

Messengers and ministers sent to serve, protect and guide God's people.

ORDER (RANK)

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SATANIC (FALLEN) ANGELS

MINISTERS OF DARKNESS AND DECEPTION

SATAN (LUCIFER)

Isaiah 14:12-15 | Ezekiel 28:12-17

Highest fallen angel. Pridelful usurper who opposes God and seeks His throne.

CHIEF DEMONS

Matthew 12:24 | Mark 3:22

Leaders under Satan with authority over regions and strongholds.

THRONE DEMONS

Ephesians 6:12

Sustain and enforce satanic rule in the heavenly realms.

DOMINION DEMONS

Ephesians 6:12 | Luke 22:31

Oversee demonic operations and command lesser demons.

POWER DEMONS

Ephesians 6:12

Work signs, wonders and deceptions; oppress and attack mankind.

PRINCIPAL DEMONS

Daniel 10:13 | Ephesians 6:12

Rulers over nations and peoples; influence culture, laws and strongholds.

DEMONS

Matthew 12:43-45 | Mark 5:1-20

Lowest order. Carry out schemes of evil, tempt, afflict and deceive mankind.



**HOLY ANGELS ARE
LOYAL SERVANTS OF GOD**

"Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?" Hebrews 1:14



**FALLEN ANGELS ARE
ENEMIES OF GOD AND MAN**

"Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8

Note: Scripture presents this hierarchy symbolically to reveal order and function, not to satisfy curiosity.

**OUR AUTHORITY IS IN CHRIST.
RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE.**
James 4:7

Primary References: Daniel 10:13, Ephesians 6:12, Colossians 1:16, Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1 & 10, Revelation 12:7-9

DANIEL 10:15–17

- 15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute.
- 16 And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke.
- 17 I said to him who stood before me, “O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength.
- 17 How can my lord’s servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.”



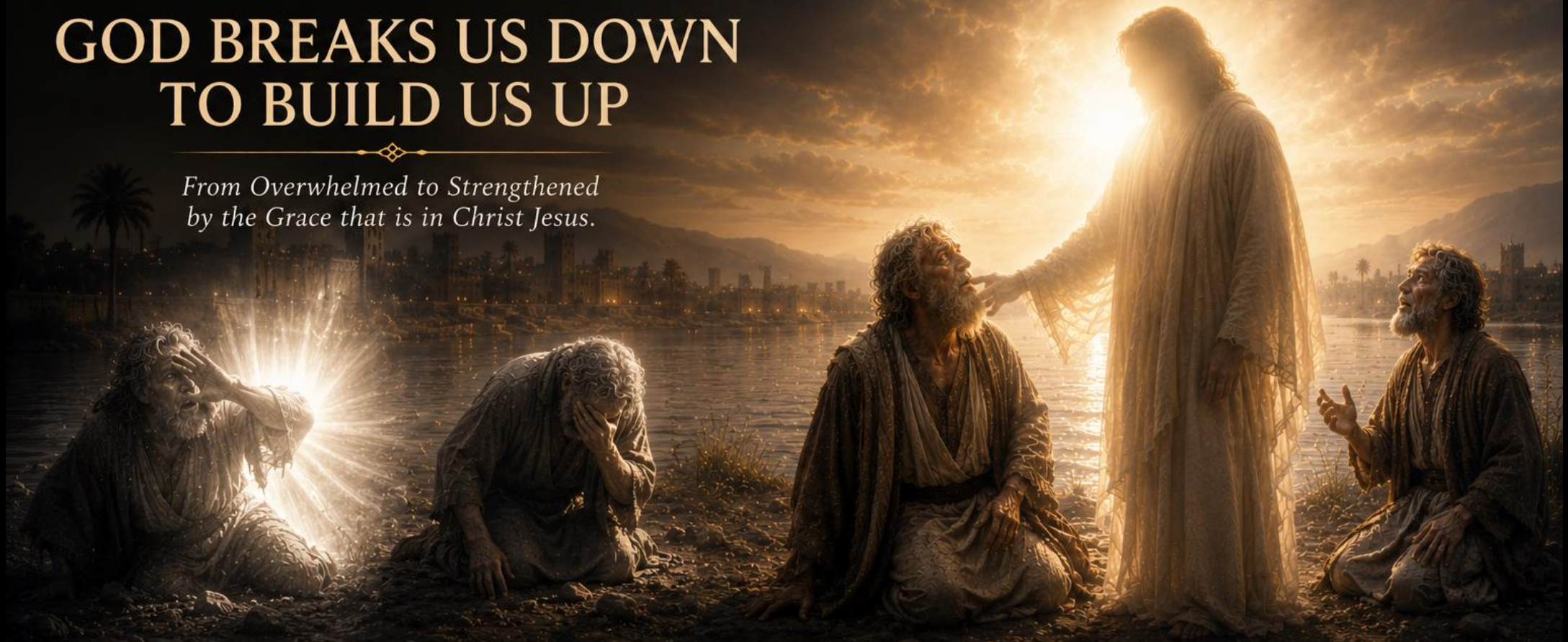
DANIEL 10:18–21

- 18 Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.
- 19 And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”
- 20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come.”
- 21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.”



GOD BREAKS US DOWN TO BUILD US UP

*From Overwhelmed to Strengthened
by the Grace that is in Christ Jesus.*



HE REVEALS HIS GLORY

We are undone.

v. 5-9

*"I turned my face toward
the ground and was mute."*

WE CONFESS OUR WEAKNESS

We are broken.

v. 15, 17

*"By reason of the vision
pains have come upon me,
and I retain no strength."*

HE TOUCHES AND STRENGTHENS US

We are restored.

v. 16, 18-19

*He touched my lips...
I was strengthened...
Fear not, be strong..."*

HE REVEALS HIS PLAN

We are entrusted.

v. 20-21

*"Do you know why I have
come to you?"*

WE RESPOND IN OBEDIENCE

We speak.

v. 19

*"Let my lord speak,
for you have
strengthened me."*

THE REVELATION OF GOD WILL ALWAYS CRUSH OUR PRIDE BEFORE IT BUILDS OUR STRENGTH.

Not to leave us there, but to prepare us for His purpose.