

CHAPTER 10

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel;

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass,

and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 ¶ And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

CHAPTER 11

ALSO I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great

dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 ¶ And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion *shall be* a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in *these* times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall *one* stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and* with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there

shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand *on his side*, neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face

toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21. And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league *made* with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea*, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great

army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 ¶ For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall

take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAPTER 12

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall

run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapters 9—12 contain some of the most detailed prophecies in the Bible, most of which have already been fulfilled. Even though chapter 9 was included in yesterday's reading, I would like to devote a portion of today's comments on it, since an understanding of Daniel's 70 weeks is basic to Bible prophecy.

This chapter deals with two different periods of time as relating to the Jews. Verses 1-19 refer to the 70 years of captivity. Daniel was a great student of the Scriptures, particularly those prophecies relating to the destiny of his people. He was now 90 years old and, while reading from the Book of Jeremiah, the Lord caused him to see that His people would be in Babylon for 70 years. It is important to note here that

God does not give His people visions and dreams when He can teach them through His Word. Since today His Holy Spirit teaches us through His Word, we must beware of any new revelation.

Daniel saw in his reading that the 70 years of captivity were about to come to a close. Babylon invaded Palestine and began its siege in 606 B.C., and Daniel had an understanding of the prophecy in the year 539 or 538 B.C. Therefore, there were only about two years remaining in the 70 years promised in Jeremiah.

In the first part of chapter 9 we see Daniel's prayer for Jerusalem. Here is another lesson each of us can apply to our daily living. The Word of God and prayer always go together. Daniel did not boast about

his insight into God's Word; in fact, he did not even preach a sermon. But he did go to his knees in prayer.

The "70 weeks" is generally understood to mean 70 weeks of years. That is, 70 sevens of years, or seven times 70 years, which is 490 years. It was as though the angel was saying, "The captivity had been 70 years; the period between the captivity and the coming of the Messiah will be seven times that long." The date from which the 70 weeks was to be counted was the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (verse 25). There were three decrees issued by Persian kings for this purpose—in 536 B.C., 457 B.C., and 444 B.C. The principal one was in 457 B.C.

The 70 weeks are subdivided into 7 weeks, 62 weeks, and one week (verses 25 and 27). It is difficult to see the application of the "seven weeks"; but the 69 weeks, including the seven, equal 483 days, that is, on the year-day theory (Ezekiel 4:6), which is the commonly accepted interpretation of 483 years. This 483 years is the period between the decree to rebuild Jerusalem, and the coming of the "Anointed One" (verse 25). The decree to rebuild Jerusalem, as noted above, was 457 B.C. Adding 483 years to 457 B.C., brings us to A.D. 26, the very year that Jesus was baptized and began His public ministry. This is a remarkable fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, even to the year.

The final week of seven years constitutes the climax of Jewish history prior to the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom. It is divided into two half-periods (three and one-half years each). During the first half the prince (world ruler, little horn) or chapter 7:8,24,25, will make a covenant with the Jews, who are restored in Palestine, with a renewing of Temple worship. In the middle of the week the covenant will be broken—worship for the Jews ceases (II Thessalonians 2:3,4) and the time of Great Tribulation begins. The advent of Christ, the Messiah, consummates this period of desolation, bringing everlasting righteousness to Israel, and judgment upon the prince and his hosts (Revelation 19:20).

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 28: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 11.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1620

THE PILGRIMS LEFT FOR AMERICA.

Let us thank God today for our American heritage. Let us pray for our nation and ask God to bless us and give us the convictions of our fathers. Let us pray today that God will call America back to Himself and spare His hand of judgment upon the land of the free and the home of the brave.

1810

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE BEGAN.

As we turn our attention toward Mexico today, let us pray for the missionaries in Mexico. Perhaps you know of some. I have some dear, precious friends who are serving as a missionary in the country of Mexico. Let us thank God for them and pray God's blessings and watchcare upon them. Someone has said, "Perhaps the greatest thing you can do for another is to call his name in prayer." Maybe this is true or maybe not, but ONE of the great things that we can do for another is to call his name in prayer. Let us pray for our missionary friends in Mexico today.

THE LORD MADE VEGETATION.

September 16 is the day that tradition says the Lord made vegetation. Let us thank God for our food. Thank God for daily provision and His answering of our prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread."

On this day that we remember the making or creation of vegetation, let us claim God's provision for our lives. Matthew 6:26 says, "*Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*" Verses 28 and 29 say, "*And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all of his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*" It is God's business to take care of His children. Claim day-by-day provisions from the Heavenly Father.

Years ago, a young man came forward in a church to give his life to the Gospel ministry. He knelt at the altar and prayed, "Dear Lord, supply my needs. I know You will. Lord, I pray, even if it is potted meat, care for my needs."

The pastor interrupted him and said, "Don't pray like that!"

He said, "What do you mean, Pastor?"

The pastor replied, "Young man, remember this:

The Bible never says that God owns a thousand cans of potted meat, but the Bible does say that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Pray for God to give you T-Bones, sirloins, filet mignons, etc. God cares for His children!"

Many times Dr. John R. Rice would say, "When God made strawberries, He must have said, `I believe my children would like these.'"

So it was this day that the Lord made vegetation for us. Let us thank God for His provisions, and let us claim, as His children, our Heavenly Father's care and provision for us another day.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1848

SLAVERY ABOLISHED IN ALL FRENCH TERRITORIES.

1889

CLAUDE A. BARNETT FOUNDED ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS.

1971

SIX KLANSMEN ARRESTED in connection with the bombing of ten school buses in Pontiac, Michigan.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 88

AUTHOR: Heman

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

Here perhaps is the saddest of all the Psalms. It was written at the time of the division of the kingdom under Rehoboam. The theme of the Psalm and perhaps the key word would be the word “dark.” Notice verses 6, 12 and 18. Heman was one of the wise men that Rehoboam had rejected. Solomon, Rehoboam’s father, had burdened the people with taxes. Rehoboam was asked to lighten the load. He asked for three days in which to make up his mind. He first sought advice from the older men. They advised him to lighten the tax load. He then sought the younger men’s advice. They advised him to make the tax load even heavier. Heman was one of the wise old men whose advice was shunned. Though Rehoboam had been taught by his father, he nevertheless reached adulthood without much character. When one becomes an adult and is void of character, it becomes exceedingly difficult to acquire it. In such cases, the wise man will borrow it. Rehoboam not only was void of character, but he was void of enough wisdom to accept the advice of the wise old men. One of the wise old men, Heman, wrote the 88th Psalm when rejected because of the plight of a divided kingdom. This Psalm is almost a lamentation as the case seems hopeless.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD’S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was reserved to be used when God’s people were at the very bottom. When the blackest midnight would come, the wise Israelite fled to the 88th Psalm.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION: CHRIST'S BIOGRAPHY PREWRITTEN

(Assignment 28)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

His Birth (742 B.C.)

() Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Fulfilled—Matthew 1:23)

His Birth Place (710 B.C.)

() Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. (Fulfilled—Matthew 2:5-6)

Rejected by His own people (712 B.C.)

() Isaiah 53:3

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. (Fulfilled—John 1:11)

Sold for 30 pieces of silver (487 B.C.)

() Zechariah 11:12

And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price: and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. (Fulfilled—Matthew 26:14-16)

Hands and feet pierced (1000 B.C.)

() Psalms 22:16

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. (Fulfilled—John 19:37)