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S	Day 3, Chap 10:1 – 11:1
1	<p>Years and Months</p> <p>With how many days a month does the bible count?</p> <p>Gen. 7:11, ¹¹<i>In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.</i></p> <p>Gen. 8:3-4, <i>And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. ⁴ Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.</i></p> <p>5 months = 150 days, so 1 month has 30 days.</p> <p>Rev. 11:2-3, <i>But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. ³ And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”</i></p>
2 3	<p>69th Week</p> <p>V26, <i>“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall ^lbe cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.</i></p>
4	<p>The Gap</p> <p>The 69th week has passed and now we are in a gap that is called the Church Age. The Church Age will last until the Lord will call us out and gather us in the air to be with Him. The experience of apostle John is a type of the rapture, of Jesus calling us to join Him. The following are the promises of Jesus for the believers who “overcome”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ephesus, Rev.2: 7, <i>“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’</i> ➤ Smyrna, Rev. 2:11, <i>“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” ’</i> ➤ Pergamum, Rev. 2:17, <i>“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.” ’</i> ➤ Thyatira, Rev. 2: 26, <i>And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—</i> ➤ Sardis, Rev.3: 5, <i>He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.</i> ➤ Philadelphia, Rev. 3: 12, <i>He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.</i>

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	<p>➤ Laodicea, Rev. 3: 21, <i>To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.</i></p> <p>At the close of Chapter 3, the Church disappears and is not heard of again until the 19th chapter, where her marriage to the lamb is announced, Rev. 19:7-9. The removal of the Church at the end of chapter 3, opens the way for God to renew His dealing with Israel, and to take up the broken thread of Jewish history.</p> <p>From Chapter 4 to 19, the book is largely made out of symbols taken from the OT. So for their explanation we shall look to the OT.</p> <p>Chapter 4 & 5 are introductory and preparatory to the Prophetic Action of the Seals, Trumpets and Vials and must be considered first.</p>
	<p>The Heavenly Door</p> <p>Rev. 4: 1, <i>After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."</i></p> <p>➤ V2, <i>Immediately I was in the Spirit;</i></p> <p>➤ Experience is similar as that one of Paul, 2 Cor. 12:2-4. Paul was caught up, like we will be caught up. <i>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.</i> ³<i>And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—</i> ⁴<i>how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.</i></p> <p>1 Thes. 4:17, <i>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.</i></p> <p>➤ Paul was forbidden to speak about the words he heard, but John was ordered to write them down in a book, and send them to the Seven Churches in Asia.</p>
	<p>Time of the Vision, Daniel 10:1-3</p> <p>In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, ^[a]but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. ²In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. ³I ate no ^[b]pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.</p> <p>➤ Daniel's last vision, third year of King Cyrus, B.C. 533.</p> <p>➤ Daniel no longer active in public affairs, Dan. 1: 21. Until the first year of Cyrus.</p> <p>➤ Daniel refrained from eating nice food. Not complete fasting.</p>
	<p>The Vision of the Son of Man, V4-6</p> <p>Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the ^[a]Tigris, ⁵I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! ⁶His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.</p> <p>➤ Who was this certain man? No other than the Lord of Glory. Compare with John, Rev.1:12-15, <i>Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴His head and hair were white like wool, as white as</i></p>

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	<p><i>snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Daniel saw the Lord before His incarnation and John saw Him after His ascension. In both instances His appearance was the same. The effect of the vision of Daniel and John was the same. Daniel said; V8, <i>Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my ^[a]vigor was turned to ^[b]frailty in me, and I retained no strength.</i> John said; Rev. 1:17, <i>And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying ^[a]to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.</i> ➤ The man who was seen by Daniel and John was the Lord of Glory and not an Archangel. Also, Saul of Tarsus experienced this.
	<p>The Heavenly Messenger, V10-11</p> <p><i>Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ From this we see that the Lord of Glory was not alone. He was accompanied by a heavenly messenger, no other than the Angel Gabriel. This we know from the words and conduct of the messenger. Compare with Daniel 8:15-19, six years before. Also, here Daniel saw the “appearance of a man”. The man told Gabriel to make the man (Daniel) understand the vision. In Dan.9:20, it was again Gabriel who spoke to him and used the same words “greatly beloved”.
	<p>The Prince of Persia, V12-13</p> <p><i>Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First words that Gabriel spoke to Daniel was an explanation of his delay. Gabriel was detained by the prince of Persia the same length of time as Daniel had been praying.
	<p>Kingdom of Darkness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We see here what is going on in the unseen world. The connection between the Spirit world and the affairs of men and nations on the earth. This is not about Cyrus the king of Persia. No one would think that a mere human being could withstand a supernatural being as Gabriel, carrying a message from God for 21 days. ➤ Scripture teaches that there is a kingdom of darkness. Matt. 12:24-30, and that his kingdom is composed of; Eph. 6:12, <i>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.</i> <p>Eph2.2, <i>in which you once walked according to the ^[a]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,</i></p> <p>From this we see that Satan has organized in an efficient and wonderful manner. It is divided into kingdoms and principalities. These divisions correspond with those we have on earth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ So great and powerful are these princes that it takes a supernatural being as Michael to overcome them. We saw also in Jude 9, that Michael contended with Satan over Moses’ body. While victorious, he had to treat Satan respectfully. ➤ In Rev. 12: 1-9, we are told that there is to be war in Heaven and that Michael and his angels shall prevail over Satan and his angels, and they shall be cast out of the heavenlies on to the earth.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ From Daniel 12:1, we see that Michael is the guardian angel over Israel. ➤ What was the purpose of the prince of Persia to detain Gabriel for so long?
	<p>The Purpose of Gabriel’s Visit, V14 <i>Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Key to the interpretation of the remainder of this book.
	<p>The Prophet Strengthened, V15-21 – 11:1</p> <p><i>When he had spoken such words to me, I [a]turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. ¹⁶And suddenly, one having the likeness of the [b]sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, “My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have [c]overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength. ¹⁷For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.” ¹⁸Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!”</i></p> <p><i>So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”</i></p> <p><i>²⁰Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. ²¹But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.</i></p> <p><i>“Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>After Daniel realized the importance of Gabriel’s words, he became dumb / speechless.</i> ➤ <i>Another angelic being assisted him and he touched his lips, so he could speak again. But Daniel needed more assistance from the angel. He was encouraged to be strong, yes strong, V19. This looks like the seraphim who touched Isaiah’s lips in Isaiah 6:6-7.</i> ➤ <i>After, V20, Gabriel took over again to tell that he had to return to Michael to fight the prince of Persia.</i>