



THE BOOK OF  
**DANIEL**

# THE PURPOSE OF THE MAN

## DANIEL 10:14-21

*“Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to come”—verse 14 is the key to the rest of the book of Daniel.*

### THE VENERATION OF THE MAN v. 15-17

- Daniel silently bowed with his face towards the ground in an act of worship before the Man in this vision (called “my Lord”).
- He was so excited that he could not catch his breath. What was so breathtaking?
  - The prophet had identified who was speaking to him.

The words *ynda* as well as *adoni*, plus “me or my lord,” also appears in **Genesis 24:12, 14; 2 Samuel 19:37; and 1 Kings 1:37**. Yet, clearly in this passage we do not have a normal man!

# *IS THIS MAN JUST ANY OLD LORD/“SIR”?*

This is another leftover difficulty from the 1611 King James translation that requires some additional thought!

- The Hebrew word “*ynda*” is capitalized numerous times when it obviously refers to deity, in passages like “*the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord ‘ynda’ of all the earth.*” **Joshua 3:13**
- Here Daniel uses “*My Lord*” exactly as Thomas did when he recognized the risen Christ: “*My Lord and my God!*” **John 20:28**
- Daniel’s “*My Lord*” is an obvious expression of veneration or worship.
- *And it compares to Joshua’s reaction and worship of the Lord when the pre-incarnate Christ appeared to him as well in **Joshua 5:13.***

***Unfortunately, it was not capitalized because it did not fit prevailing Reformation theology, not because the text didn’t call for it in context.***

# ***THE POWERFUL TOUCH OF THE MAN* v. 18-19**

For the third time, Christ touches Daniel and speaks words to strengthen him. *“Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed,”* He said. *“Peace! Be strong now; be strong.”*

- Shalom, *“peace,”* is the result of sin being atoned, of guilt being taken away, and all fear being removed.
- In Jesus Christ alone we can stand before a holy God without shame—no fear.
- That is the peace that Christ brings. *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”* **Isaiah 41:10**
- The cleansed sinner, who is strengthened by the Lord, is qualified to hear Him speak and to speak for Him, just as Jesus said in **John 14:27.**

# *THE WARFARE OF THE MAN* **v. 20-21**

- Insight into this invisible war provides the background of the book of Esther, where the great conflict over the preservation of God's covenant people Israel is apparent.

## *What is this Book of Truth?*

- It cannot be the Bible as we now know it as it was not written yet.
- Could it be God's Plan of the Ages, recorded in one of the books in heaven? Or, was the Bible always in Heaven?? We know the word **was**.

### **John 1:1**

After announcing His intentions to fight against the princes of Persia and Greece, the Lord told the prophet Daniel: *"But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth."* **Dan. 10:21 RSV**

# ***GOD'S UNCHANGEABLE WORD***

*Instead of “inscribed,” some translations use the word “noted” and others have “written.” These translations are acceptable in stating the fact of the writing, but they fall short of emphasizing the permanent, unchangeable and binding nature of that writing.*

- *The force of this Hebrew word **ketah** is especially seen where the word is used as a verb **katah**. For example, **Exodus 31:18**.*
- *God personally and permanently “inscribed” or engraved the words of the Ten Commandments into the two tablets of stone.*
- *David wrote, “Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in Heaven.” **Ps. 119:89***
- *Jesus and Peter said that Heaven and earth would melt away, but His Word would endure forever! **Matt. 24:35; 2 Peter 3:10; Peter 1:24-25***

# ***GOD'S TRUTH MATTERS***

It is because they do not respect it. Notice that when the Lord spoke to Daniel He said, *"I will tell you what is inscribed in the Book of Truth."* **Dan. 10:21**

- *Is this what you tell people when they ask you questions about Christianity and salvation?*
- *Do you limit your comments to things that are actually found in the Scriptures—in context and correctly interpreted?*

*I assure you that this is not the standard policy of the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.*

- This is precisely why these two groups *"preach another Jesus"* whom Paul never preached, and why they all preach *"another gospel"* that Paul never preached. **2 Cor. 11:4; Gal. 1:8-9**
- They have no loyalty to what is inscribed in the Book of Truth!

## ***SOME CLOSING THOUGHTS***

- God's word has been providentially preserved, being inscribed in rocks, scrolls, and books. **2 Tim. 3:16-17**
- We have access to those scriptures in our reliable English translations of the Bible; like the NKJ, ESV, NLT, NASB, NIV.
- Through study, meditation, and application of those scriptures, God's word becomes a part of us, being inscribed in our hearts and minds. **Rom. 10:17**
- It is clear that every Christian is involved in a great conflict. **Eph. 6:11-12**
- The whole counsel of the Scriptures is not understood by an unregenerate person. **1 Corinthians 2:6-8**

***We fight in the power of the Holy Spirit with the Word of God and prayer; it is the touch of Jesus that empowers us to fight on to the final victory!***