

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS – NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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Daniel 10:1-11:1

GETTING TO KNOW ME

Do you know someone who is a military veteran? How has familiarity with war affected this veteran's outlook on life?

INTO THE BIBLE

- 1) Read Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12:7-12. Notice that a spiritual conflict exists in both passages.
 - What do these passages teach us about the spiritual war running through history?
 - What other biblical passages portray this conflict?

- 2) Daniel 10 opens with a reference to the date of the events: “in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia.” Read Ezra 1:1-11; 3:1-4:5 to understand what was going on in Jerusalem at that time. While Daniel did not return with the exiles, he probably received reports from them. How might these reports explain his mourning in Daniel 10:2-3. What news of the church in other places might cause us to mourn?

- 3) Daniel 10 serves to introduce a vision concerning the future in 11:2-45. This vision includes wars and persecution of God's people.
 - How does the introduction in Daniel 10 prepare us for the vision of Daniel 11?
 - What conflicts are you experiencing today?
 - What does this passage encourage you to remember or do while living in a spiritual conflict?

- 4) The “man clothed in linen” from Daniel 10:5-6 is difficult to identify. Read Revelation 1:13-16 and Ezekiel 1:13-14, 27-28.
 - Who do you think the person in Daniel 10 is? Why?
 - How does this identification affect your understanding of the passage?

- 5) Daniel 10:13 seems to imply that demonic forces can delay the answers to our prayers. How should this affect our prayers? How might this chapter affect your prayer life?

- 6) Based on the date in Daniel 10:1, this vision occurs in 536 BC, about 70 years after Daniel was taken into exile by Nebuchadnezzar.
 - What had Daniel done during this time such that the divine messenger addresses him as “man greatly loved” in Daniel 10:11?
 - How does Daniel's life encourage you to a life of faithfulness to God?
 - How might God use you for his kingdom when you are in your late-80s or 90s (Daniel's approximate age in chapter 10)?