Daniel chapter ten is somewhat confusing. It records a vision Daniel had, his response to it, and dialogue he had with an angel. The angel is sent in response to Daniel’s prayer in order to give him understanding about the vision he had about one that looked like a man. Yet Daniel is told very little. He is told that the vision pertains to things future and that “the prince of Greece is about to come.” Other than that, the entire chapter is taken up with dialogue between Daniel and the angel. Yet from this dialogue we can learn some interesting and important things.

I. DANIEL HAS A TERRIFYING VISION (Read Dan. 10:1-9)

A. What year did Daniel receive this vision?

B. In vs. 1, what four phrases describe the message Daniel received and what do they teach us?

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

C. In vs. 2 is Daniel recalling what happened to him before vs. 1 or does vs. 2 follow vs. 1 and describe things that happened afterwards? Why?

D. According to vss. 2-3 what four things do we learn Daniel was doing?

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. How long was he doing these things?
6. Why would Daniel do these things?

E. According to vs. 4, on the 24th day of the first month something happened. What month and day was it according to Jewish reckoning?

F. Where was Daniel according to vs. 4? See if you can find a map and discover where this location is. Then describe in your own words where Daniel was located.

G. According to vss. 5-6 Daniel described what he believed was a “certain man.” Fill in the chart below which compares this text to a similar text in the book of Revelation.

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Who is the “certain man” that Daniel saw in vss. 5-6? How do you know?
H. According to vs. 7 Daniel was with some of his companions. How many saw the vision?

1. How did Daniel’s companions respond? Why?

2. Read Acts 9:1-7; 22:6-11 and comment on any similarities you see between these two texts and Dan. 10:7.

I. In vs. 8, after Daniel’s companions fled, what four responses did Daniel have to the vision? Why?

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

J. According to vs. 9 what happened when Daniel heard the voice of the one in the vision? What does this mean?

1. What do you think was the purpose of this vision?

2. Was the vision of vss. 5-6 the one that the angel was referring to in vs. 14 or another vision? If so, why? If not, then what vision is being referred to?
II. DANIEL RECEIVES ANGELIC ASSISTANCE (Read Dan. 10:10-21)

A. After Daniel fainted (vs. 9), a “hand” touched him and revived him. Whose hand was this?

1. Why was Daniel trembling?

2. Why was Daniel on his hands and knees?

B. In vs. 11 how did the angel greet Daniel? What does this mean?

1. What did the one speaking to Daniel tell him to do?

2. Why was this person sent?

3. What did Daniel do?

C. According to vs. 12:

1. What was Daniel told not to be?

2. What was Daniel intent on understanding?

3. Why did Daniel humble himself before God?

4. How did Daniel humble himself before God?

5. Why did the angel come to Daniel?

D. What delayed the angel in coming to Daniel according to vs. 13?

1. Who is “the prince of the kingdom of Persia”? What does this mean and/or imply?
2. How was the prince of Persian “withstanding” the angel sent to Daniel? What does this mean and/or imply?

3. Whose assistance enabled the angel to come to Daniel? Who is this and what does this mean and/or imply?

4. Why did the angel need help from another angel named Michael?

5. Look up the texts below and write down what they teach you about angels.
   a. II Kings 6:8-20
   b. Mt. 26:52-53
   c. Eph. 6:10-12
   d. Heb. 1:13-14
   e. Rev. 12:3-4, 7-17

E. What understanding did the angel come to give in vs. 14? Is the angel interpreting what Daniel saw in ch. 8, or at the end of ch. 9, or at the beginning of ch. 10, or something else?

1. Does the angel ever get around to giving Daniel understanding? If so, what was it?
2. When does the angel say these things will take place? What does this mean?

F. When the angel spoke to Daniel what did he do according to vs. 15? Why?

G. Who touched Daniel’s lips according to vs. 16? Why?

H. In vs. 16 what vision caused anguish to come upon Daniel? Was it the vision of ch. 8, ch. 9, beginning of ch. 10, the one he is now experiencing or another vision?

I. At the end of vs. 16 and in vs. 17 we learn how this encounter affected Daniel.
   1. What does the end of vs. 16 tell us?
   2. What was Daniel’s reply in vs. 17?
   3. How did Daniel describe the affects of this vision upon him in vs. 17?

J. In vs. 18 what did the one who resembled a human being do for Daniel?

K. In vs. 19:
   1. How is Daniel referred to?
   2. What blessing is he given?
   3. What three commands is he given?
      a.
      b.
      c.
4. What affect did this have on Daniel?

5. How did Daniel reply after receiving strength?

L. In vs. 20 what question did the one talking to Daniel ask?
   1. What is the answer to that question?
   2. What was Daniel’s helper going to depart to do? What does this mean?
   3. Who was about to come? What does this mean?

M. According to vs. 21 what did Daniel’s helper promise to reveal? Did he do this?
   1. Why wasn’t anyone standing firmly with Daniel’s helper except Michael?
   2. Why is Michael referred to as “your prince”? What does that mean?

N. If there is war in heaven, then why doesn’t God do something about it? Why does he allow the heavenly battle to continue? What is its purpose?

O. What do we learn from this chapter that we can apply to our life concerning:
   1. Daniel’s humbling of himself?
   2. Daniel’s response to the vision?
   3. God’s estimation of Daniel?
   4. Angels and their role in the world?
   5. Angels and their role in our lives?
   6. Why God allows war to continue in heaven and on earth?