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## GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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### The Exiled Prophet, Part 12: The Terrifying Vision (Daniel 10)

#### TEACHING SUMMARY

This teaching examines Daniel 10, the introduction to a vision whose main details continue through chapters 11 and 12. Daniel receives the vision in the third year of Cyrus after mourning and fasting for three weeks.

The teaching suggests that Daniel's distress may have been connected with the interruption of Jerusalem's rebuilding and the temple's restoration. The teaching explains that Daniel's concern for Israel led him to humble himself before God.

Daniel encounters a messenger whose appearance resembles features associated with a high priest, a cherub, and Yeshua in Revelation. Because the messenger is delayed by the prince of Persia, the teaching concludes that a cherub is the most likely identification.

Daniel's companions flee in fear, while Daniel loses his strength and falls into a deep sleep. The messenger touches and strengthens him, telling him that God heard his words from the first day he humbled himself.

The angel explains that the prince of Persia delayed him for twenty-one days until Michael came to help. The teaching examines whether these princes are human rulers or spiritual powers connected with earthly kingdoms.

Daniel 10 presents prayer, humility, spiritual conflict, and God's faithfulness in sending comfort. Daniel's weakness and the messenger's strengthening show the physical and spiritual seriousness of receiving the vision.

#### SUMMARY POINTS

- Daniel receives the vision in Cyrus's third year.
- Daniel mourns and fasts for three weeks.
- The teaching suggests his concern may have involved Jerusalem and the temple.

- The messenger's appearance resembles several biblical figures.
- The teaching identifies a cherub as the most likely messenger.
- Daniel's companions flee in fear.
- Daniel loses his strength and falls into a deep sleep.
- God hears Daniel from the first day of his humility.
- Michael helps the delayed messenger.
- The chapter reveals spiritual conflict surrounding earthly kingdoms.

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### Basic

1. Daniel receives the vision in the third year of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Daniel fasts for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.
3. The teaching suggests Daniel may have been concerned about rebuilding the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Daniel's companions flee in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Daniel loses his \_\_\_\_\_ upon seeing the vision.
6. Michael comes to \_\_\_\_\_ the messenger.

### Challenging

1. The vision begins beside the river \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The messenger's body is described as like \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The prince of Persia delays the messenger for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
4. The messenger tells Daniel he is greatly \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The teaching identifies Michael as a protector of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The vision is received during the reign of the Persian king \_\_\_\_\_.

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What possible reason does the teaching suggest for Daniel's mourning and fasting?
2. What do the messenger's unusual features suggest about his origin?
3. Why does the teaching identify a cherub as the most likely messenger?
4. What happens to Daniel and his companions when the vision appears?

5. What does the twenty-one-day delay teach about the conflict surrounding the message?
6. How does this chapter encourage humility, prayer, and trust in God?

## ANSWER KEY – GROUP GUIDE

### Basic

1. Cyrus
2. three
3. temple
4. fear
5. strength
6. help

### Challenging

1. Tigris
2. beryl
3. twenty-one
4. loved
5. Israel
6. Cyrus