

Go on Your Way

Daniel 10 - 12

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Daniel encountered a heavenly messenger floating in mid-air over the waters of the Tigris River.

The messenger spoke to Daniel at length, giving him a detailed future history spanning the next few hundred years. This history spoke of constant conflict among Persia, Greece, and Egypt as power shifted from one kingdom to another. It told of a marriage of convenience gone awry. It talked of battles, of plunder, and of prolific bloodshed. It spoke of kings both well established and short-lived, strong alliances and those made with deceitful motivations.

"Even so," said the messenger, "the machinations of human beings do not determine history – God controls all."

Then the messenger told Daniel about another king, the same king Daniel had seen in his previous visions. "He will be persuasive, shrewd, and deceptive. He will persecute the people of God and close down their worship. He will set up an idol of his own god in the Temple of the Lord – the desolating abomination. Many will die at his hand. It will be an unprecedented time of trial for God's people. Those who remain faithful will survive. But his time of dominance over them will last only a few years. He will meet his demise at the time appointed by God. Then many who have died will be raised, some to everlasting life and some to everlasting shame."

Daniel asked, "What will be the outcome of all this?"

The messenger replied, "The end is in God's hands. Until then, go on your way in simple trust. Then you will rest and rise for your reward at the end of days."