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~ Lesson 10 ~

“Michael & The Prince of Persia”

WEDNESDAY CONNECT STUDY

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Time Frame (Daniel 10:1-2)

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- 536/5 BC

- Three years after the fall of Babylon

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The Vision Understood (Daniel 10:1-2)

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- 70 Weeks (Daniel 9:20-27)

- 2300 Days (c.f. Daniel 12:8-9)

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- Concern for those who left for Jerusalem (Ezra 4:4-5)
- Concern for those who stayed in Babylon (Esther 3:8)
- Concern for the future of his people (Daniel 10:14)

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- *For what purpose did this aged servant of God thus humble himself and afflict his soul? – Evidently to understand more fully the divine purpose concerning the events that would befall the church of God.*

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Daniel's Day Vision: Time Frame (Daniel 10:4-6)

- ⁴ ¶ Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that *is*, the Tigris, ⁵ I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist *was* girded with gold of Uphaz! ⁶ His body *was* like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.
 - Shortly after the Passover
 - Commemoration of the liberation of God's people and a reminder of God's promised rest.

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Daniel's Day Vision: The Man Clothed in Linen

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- and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 1:13-18

Daniel 10:4-9 c.f. Acts 9

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 - The Preincarnate Christ as Priest and King
 - Beryl – a stone found on the chest plate of the high priest.
 - (Exodus 28:17–20 c.f Revelation 21:19-20)
 - Linen – Garment of both Priest and Kings

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A Character Shift (Daniel 10:10-12)

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Daniel 10:10-12 (KJV)

- ²¹ Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, **touched me about the time of the evening oblation.**²² And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.²³ **At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved:** therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Daniel 9:21-23 (KJV)

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- Gabriel

- Daniel’s guide in the dreams of Daniel 8 and 9.

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- ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.
 - The Devil (c.f. John 12:31)
 - ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. (*Ephesians 6:12*)

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 - Michael is Jesus Christ
 - The name Michael means “Who is Like God” (Jn. 10:30)
 - Jewish literature identifies Michael as the highest of angels, often reflecting it in the scriptures by the title the *Angel of Yahweh*
 - The *Angel of Yahweh* is portrayed as having the ability to forgive sins (Exodus 23:21, c.f. Mark 2:7)
 - Angel does not signify a created being but describes a function as messenger.
 - In Daniel 10:21, Michael is called “your prince”, meaning the prince of you (Daniel) of God’s people. Isaiah calls the Jesus the Messiah the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6) and Daniel refers to the Jesus the Messiah as “Messiah the prince” (Daniel 9:25).

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Troubled in the Presence of Holiness (Daniel 10:14-17)

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• c.f. Daniel 8:26

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• c.f. Isaiah 6:5, Ezekiel 1:25-28, Luke 5:8, Revelation 1:13-18

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 - *“As he beheld the glory and majesty of the heavenly messenger, his strength left him, and he was speechless. All who encounter Jesus lose any pretense of self-righteousness, nor do they wrap themselves in a garb of holiness; instead, pride and egotism are discarded. By seeking the righteousness of Christ, they desire to be like Him in character.”*

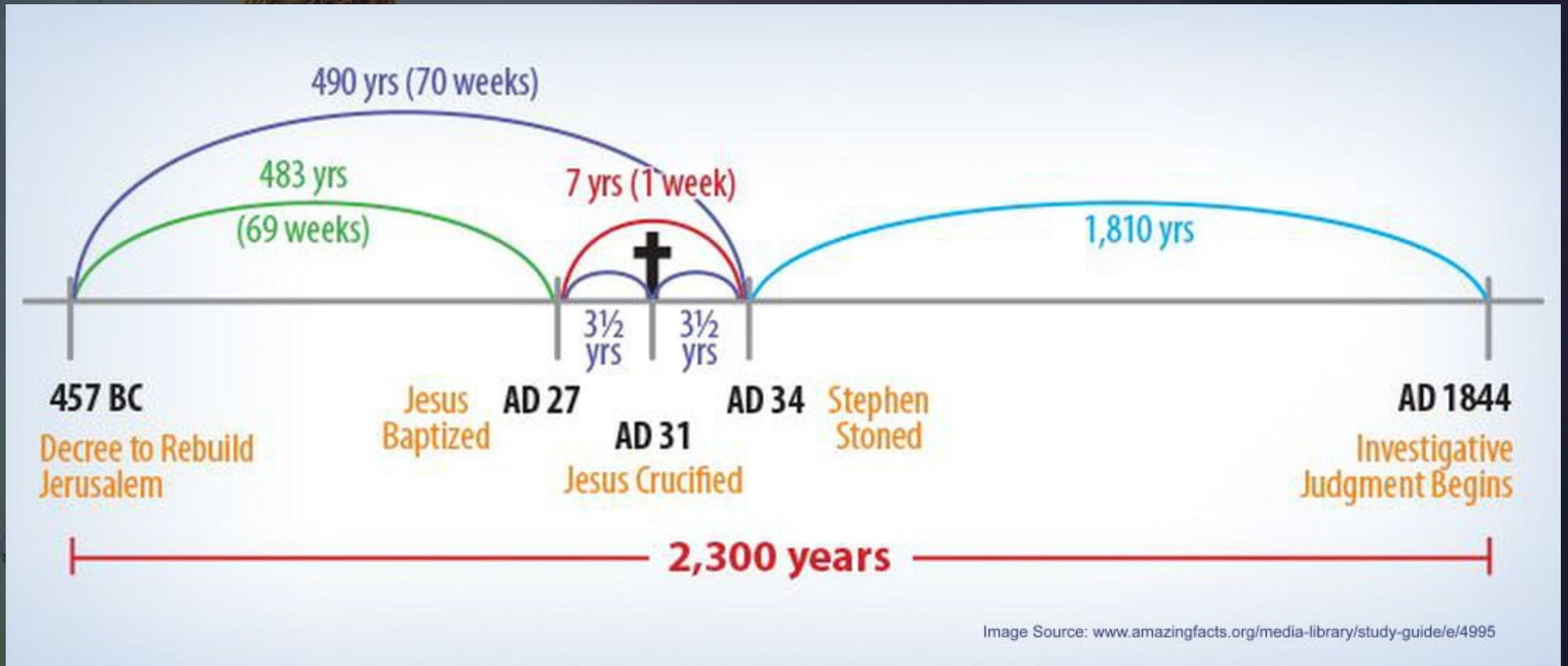
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Comforted by the Messenger (Daniel 10:18-21)

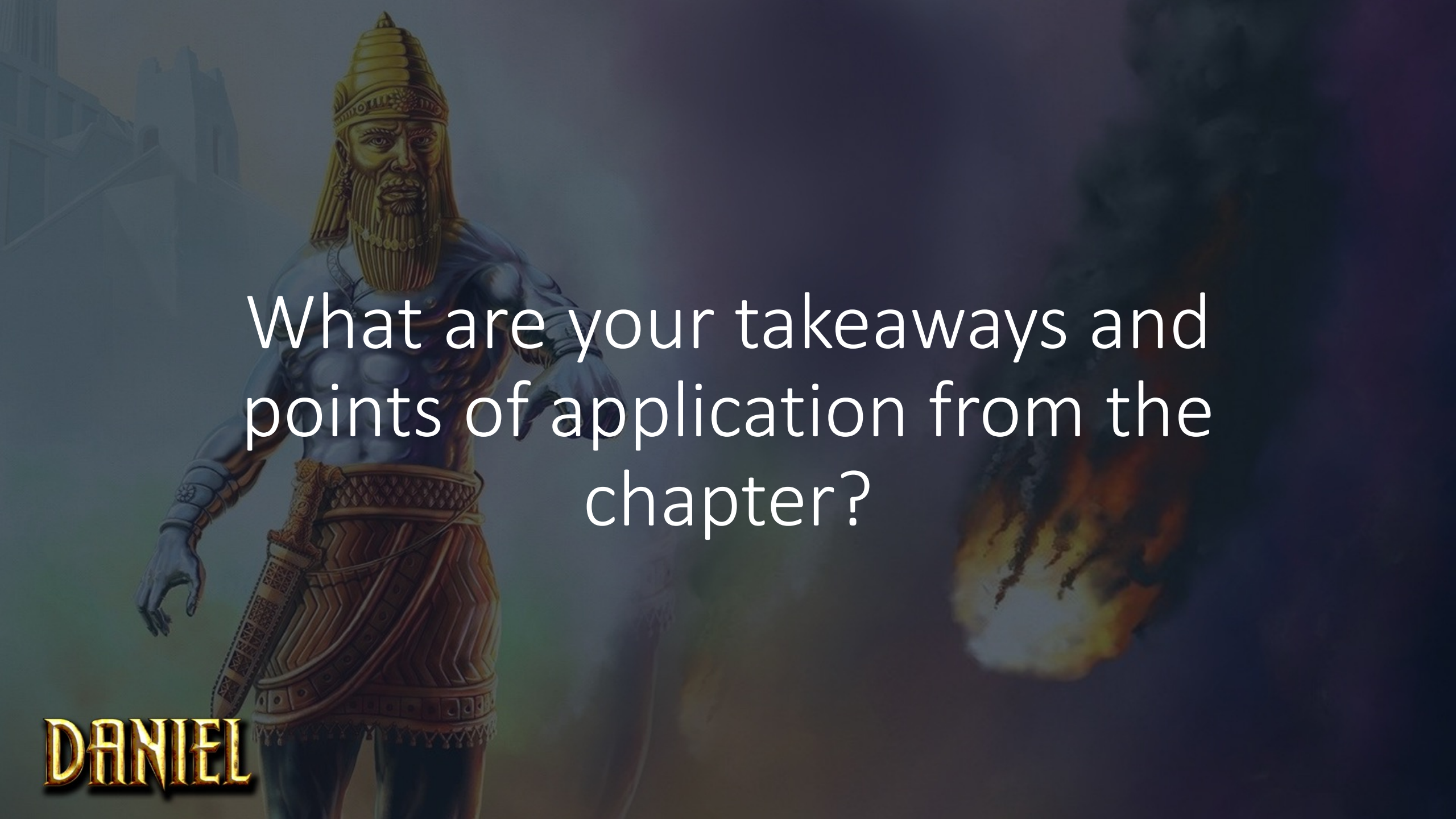
- ¹⁸ Then again, *the one* having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. ¹⁹ And he said, “**O man greatly beloved**, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!” So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” ²⁰ Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. ²¹ But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

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More to be Revealed of the Time Prophecy



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A golden statue of a bearded man wearing a crown, standing in a dark, atmospheric setting. The statue is highly detailed, showing a long, flowing beard and a crown with intricate patterns. The background is dark with a glowing, fiery orb on the right side. The overall mood is dramatic and historical.

What are your takeaways and points of application from the chapter?

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