**Daniel 10:11-20a**

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.

2At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks….

4On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, …. 5I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. 6His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

….8So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. 9Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

10A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11He said, “Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you.” ….

12Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. 14Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”

15While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. 16Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak…..

18Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. 19“Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,” he said. “Peace! Be strong now; be strong.”

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”

20So he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;

Q: How would you feel if you saw this angel? How was Daniel comforted in his fear?

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| Q: How quickly did God respond to Daniel’s prayer? What delayed the angel? What power did the angel have?  |
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**Exodus 15:1-8**

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord,
    for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
    he has hurled into the sea.

2“The Lord is my strength and my defense;
    he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him,
    my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
3The Lord is a warrior;
    the Lord is his name.
4Pharaoh’s chariots and his army
    he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh’s officers
    are drowned in the Red Sea.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+15%3A1-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1925b)]
5The deep waters have covered them;
    they sank to the depths like a stone.
6Your right hand, Lord,
    was majestic in power.
Your right hand, Lord,
    shattered the enemy.

7“In the greatness of your majesty
    you threw down those who opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger;
    it consumed them like stubble.
8By the blast of your nostrils
    the waters piled up.
The surging waters stood up like a wall;
    the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

Q: What happened to Pharoah’s army?

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| Q: What forces did God call upon to deliver the Israelites from Pharoah’s army? |
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**Judges 5:19-20**

19“Kings came, they fought,
    the kings of Canaan fought.
At Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo,
    they took no plunder of silver.
20From the heavens the stars fought,
    from their courses they fought against Sisera.
21The river Kishon swept them away,
    the age-old river, the river Kishon.
    March on, my soul; be strong!

Q: What forces did God call upon to delivery Deborah’s army?

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**2 Kings 6:15-20**

15When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

16“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

17And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, “Strike this army with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

19Elisha told them, “This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to Samaria.

20After they entered the city, Elisha said, “Lord, open the eyes of these men so they can see.” Then the Lord opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

Q: What were Elisha’s actions in this crisis?

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| Q: What forces did God call upon? |
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**Isaiah 24:21-22**

21In that day the Lord will punish
    the powers in the heavens above
    and the kings on the earth below.
22They will be herded together
    like prisoners bound in a dungeon;
they will be shut up in prison
    and be punished[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+24%3A21-22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18118a)] after many days.

Q: What will be the fate of “the rulers, the authorities, and the powers of this dark world and the spiritiual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.” (ref. Eph. 6:12)

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**Matthew 28:18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

**Acts 7:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Luke 10:18-20** 18He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**Matthew 28:20b** “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**1 Peter 5:7**  Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Q: What powers does the Holy Spirit make available to us?

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