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Did Daniel See A Pre-Incarnate Son in Daniel 10?

Daniel 10:5 NASB, "I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. 6His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult. 7Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision (the angel was invisible as Daniel only was a vision of him) while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.8So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength. 9But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. 10Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you (God the Father could not have sent a coequal pre-incarnate God the Son to Daniel as the sender is always greater than the sent)." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days (How could an Almighty God the Son be withstood by a Demonic Prince of Persia?); then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me (How could a coequal Almighty God Person need help from an angel?), for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. 14Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future. 15When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. 16And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. 17For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me." 18Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. 19He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." 20Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia (How can the Almighty as the Almighty be said to "fight against" the demonic "prince of Persia?); so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. 21However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince."

Daniel 10:13 says, "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me."

It is hard to imagine that a fallen demonic prince of Persia could have given so much trouble to an alleged Almighty pre-incarnate true God the Son Person that God Himself was withstood for "twenty one days". For an alleged pre-incarnate God the Son Person would have been just as Almighty as God the Father. Hence, there can be no doubt that it was a high priestly angelic being seen in Daniels vision (chapter 10) rather than an alleged coequally distinct omnipotent God the Son Person who would not have been sent by God and who would not have needed any help from Michael the archangel to defeat a demonic prince.

Barnes Commentary says, "Behold, a certain man clothed in linen - One who had the form and appearance of a man. The subsequent disclosures showed that he was an angel, but when angels have appeared on earth they have commonly assumed the human form. The margin is, 'one'. So also is the Hebrew 'one man'. From Daniel 12:6, it would seem that two other such beings appeared in the course of the vision, but either one only was manifest now to Daniel, or his attention was particularly directed to him. The name of this celestial messenger is not given, but all the circumstances of the case lead us to suppose that it was the same who had appeared to him on the banks of the Ulai Daniel 8:16, and the same who had made the revelation of the seventy weeks, Daniel 9:21, following. Linen was the common raiment of priests, because it was supposed to be more pure than wool, Exodus 28:42; Leviticus 6:10; Leviticus 16:4, Leviticus 16:23; 1 Samuel 2:18. It was also worn by prophets, Jeremiah 13:1, and is represented as the raiment of angels, Revelation 15:6".

Author Anna Diehl explained that the angel who appeared in Daniel chapter ten could not have been God.

"Now the dramatic description of this new figure rings familiar bells of other descriptions we've read of God Himself. Is Daniel finally seeing Yahweh? Alas, no, for when the being speaks, he talks about being sent by God to speak for Yahweh. It's just another angel, and he has to wake Daniel up before he can have a productive conversation with him because Daniel has passed out from shock." (Angels In The Book of Daniel, Sept. 2nd 2014, Anna Diehl)

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary says, "lifted up mine eyes—from the ground on which they had been fixed in his mourning. certain man—literally, "one man". An angel of the highest order; for in Daniel 8:16 he commands Gabriel to make Daniel to understand the vision, and in Daniel 12:6 one of the two angels inquires of him how long it would be till the end predicted. linen—the raiment of priests, being the symbol of sanctity, as more pure than wool (Ex 28:42); also of prophets (Jer. 13:1); and of angels (Re 15:6)."

The scriptures are replete with examples of unknown mighty angels who even appear to have authority over some of the archangels such as "Gabriel" and "Michael". Even Melchizedek who met Abraham appears to have been an angelic King and Priest over a specific angelic order (See my video and article: "Who Was Melchizedek" (https://youtu.be/_p6CdTEXI-c). Therefore the angel who was sent to Daniel must have also been an authoritative kingly messenger much like Melchizedek.

The powerful angelic messenger who appeared to Daniel could not have been an Almighty and coequal God the Son because the Almighty as the Almighty cannot be sent, nor could the Almighty as the Almighty have needed help from an angel such as Michael to defeat the prince of Persia. For if an Almighty God Person is not powerful enough to immediately defeat a demonic prince without receiving help from his angel, then that alleged God Person could not be a true Almighty God Person coequal with the Father. Thus, there is not a shred of scriptural evidence to suggest that any of the angelic appearances in Daniel or in any other inspired book was actually God speaking as an angel. God clearly spoke through angelic agency, but God is not an angel because angels are clearly "messengers" of God rather than God Himself.

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