

The Book of Daniel: Kingdoms, Seen and Unseen



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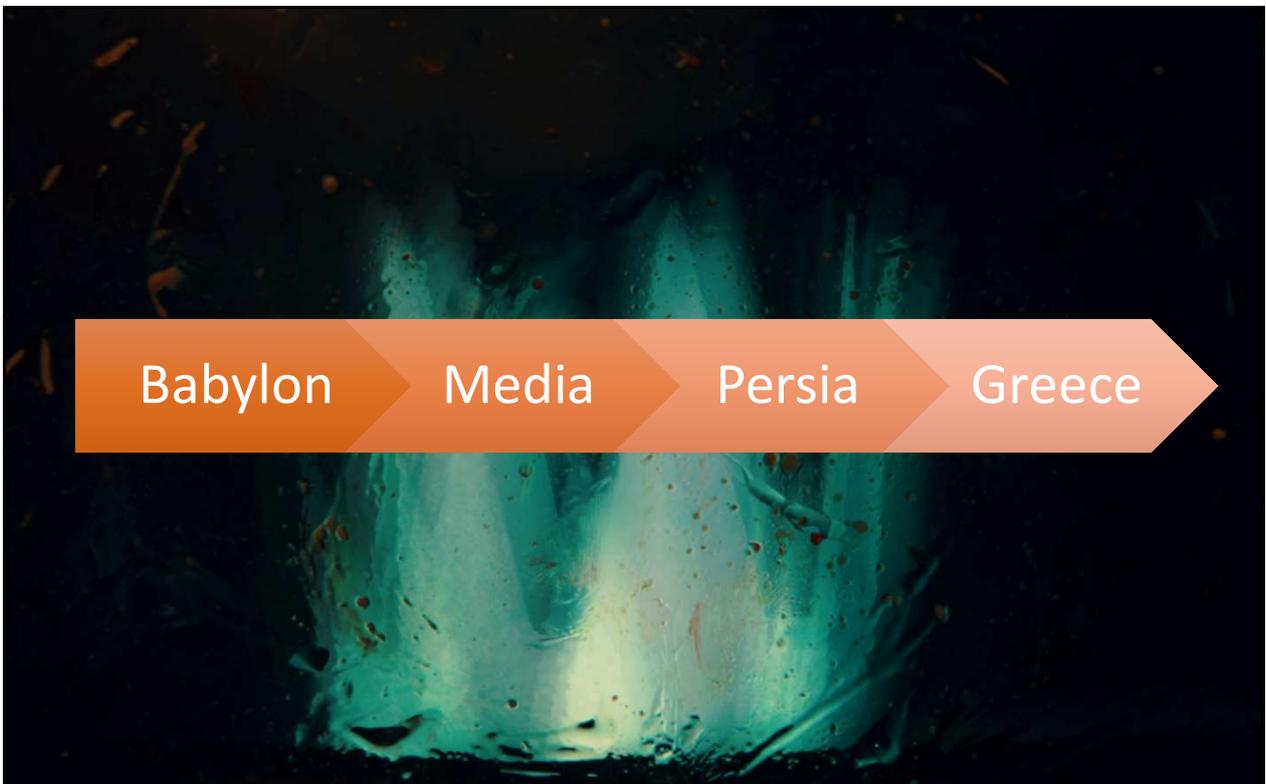
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8:27 I, Daniel, was worn out. I lay exhausted for several days... I was appalled by the vision; it was beyond understanding.

9:25 "From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. ²⁶After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. ^[g]The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed."

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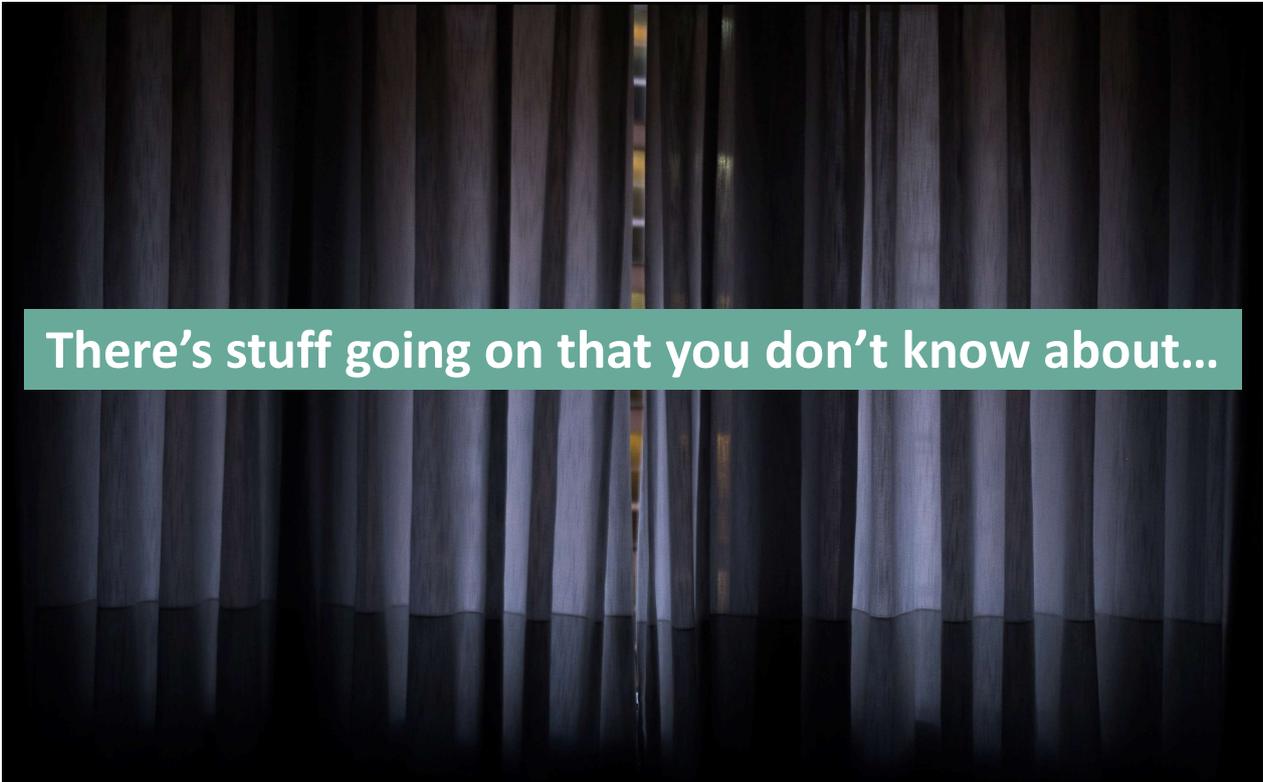


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Unseen Opposition, Certain Help.

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A photograph of dark, heavy curtains hanging in a room. A narrow vertical gap in the center of the curtains allows a soft, warm light to filter through, creating a subtle glow. The curtains are reflected on a dark surface in the foreground.

There's stuff going on that you don't know about...

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² At that time I, Daniel, had been mourning for three weeks. ³ I had eaten no rich food, no meat or wine had entered my mouth, and I had not anointed myself at all, for the full three weeks.

Daniel 10:2-3

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¹⁰ A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹ He 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.” And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

¹² Then 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.

¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia”

Daniel 10:10-13

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There’s an unseen realm of spirit beings who have been created by God with authority *in* and responsiveness *to* human affairs

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⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris), ⁵ I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude.

Daniel 10:4-6

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¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia”

²⁰ Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. ²¹ But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

Daniel 10:13, 20-21

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Daniel 10 is the Old Testament’s clearest reference to:

1. the presence of Protector Angels/Patron Angels over nations/empires/territories
2. the existence of angelic warfare in the unseen spiritual realm (“heavens”)

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The Presence of other spiritual beings “in the beginning”

- Genesis 1 – Let us make humankind in our image
- Genesis 3 – The Serpent in the garden, the angel at the gate
- Genesis 6 – The Sons of God & Daughters of Men
- Genesis 10/11 – The table of nations/the scattering of Babel

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Deuteronomy 32:8-9 (NRSV)

⁸ When the Most High apportioned the nations,
when he divided humankind,
**he fixed the boundaries of the peoples
according to the number of the gods;** *“Sons of God” OR “Sons of Israel”*

⁹ the LORD’s own portion was his people,
Jacob his allotted share...

¹⁶ [But Israel] made him jealous with **strange gods**,
with abhorrent things they provoked him.

¹⁷ **They sacrificed to demons, not God,
to deities they had never known,**
to new ones recently arrived,
whom your ancestors had not feared.

¹⁸ You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you;
you forgot the God who gave you birth.



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Psalm 82

- ¹ God presides in the great assembly;
he renders judgment among the “gods”:**
- ² “How long will you defend the unjust
and show partiality to the wicked?”**
- ³ Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.**
- ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**
- ⁵ “The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing.
They walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**
- ⁶ “I said, ‘You are “gods”;
you are all sons of the Most High.’**
- ⁷ But you will die like mere mortals;
you will fall like every other ruler.”**
- ⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations are your inheritance.**

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**There’s no neutral ground.
In the Bible’s “cosmic geography” humans are
either in the kingdom(s) of darkness, held captive
by and partnering with evil forces who are in
opposition to God,
or they are in the holy Kingdom of God,
supported by angels who serve His mission.
This hasn’t changed.**

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^{10:15} While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. ¹⁶ Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I feel very weak. ¹⁷ How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe."

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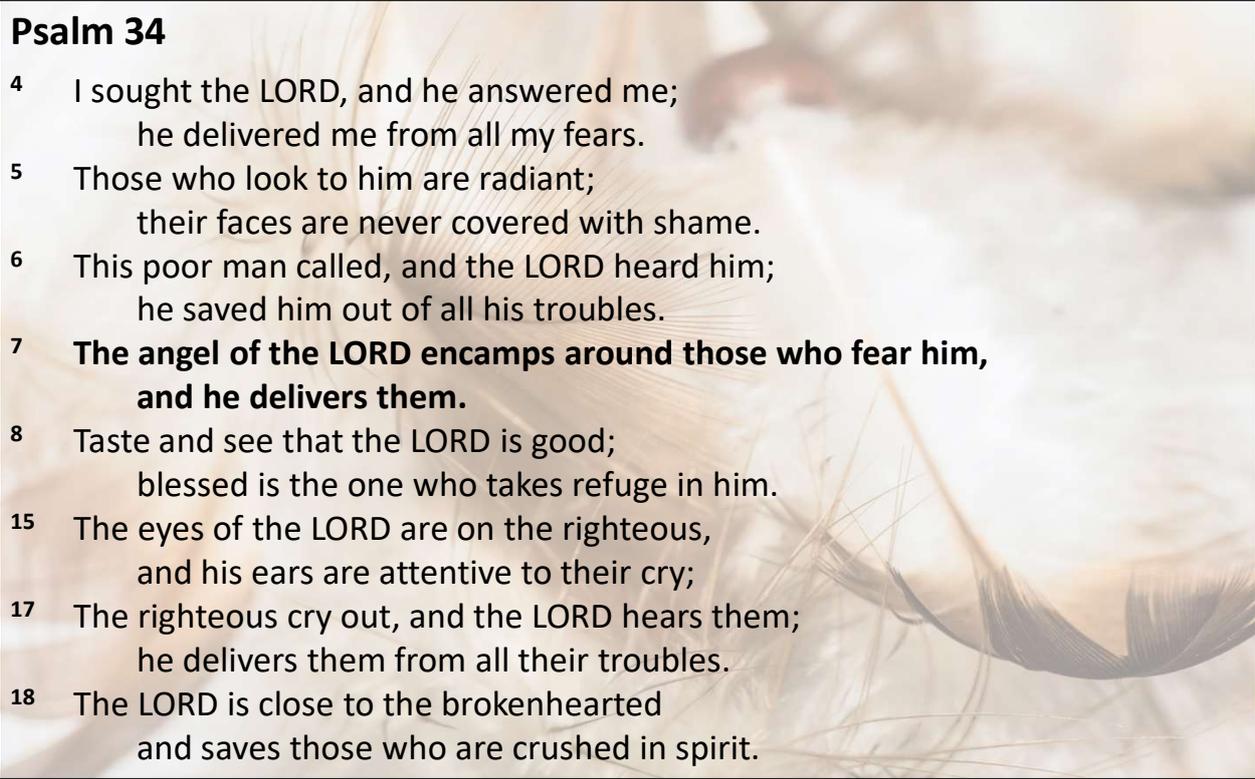
¹⁸ Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. ¹⁹ "Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong."

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

²⁰ So 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; ²¹ but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

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Psalm 34

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- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- 6 This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 **The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.**
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
- 17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

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“Peace! Be strong now; be strong.”

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God is not a territorial spirit

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
² for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

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The Messiah will have authority over every power and will inherit every nation.

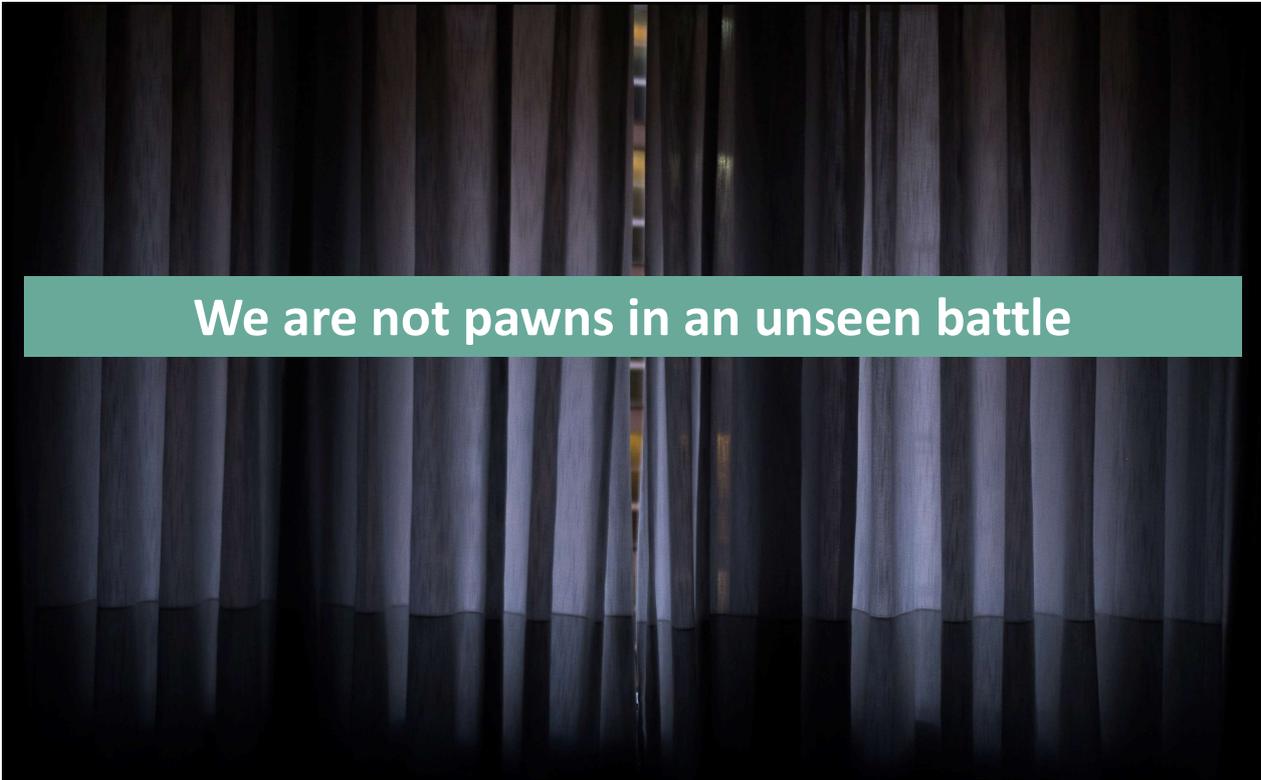
Daniel 7:13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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Jesus is this Messiah. He has this authority now.

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. [Ephesians 1:18-23](#)

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We are not pawns in an unseen battle

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As a Christian, you live on Holy Ground...

Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



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...so don't give it up,

Ephesians 6:10-13

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

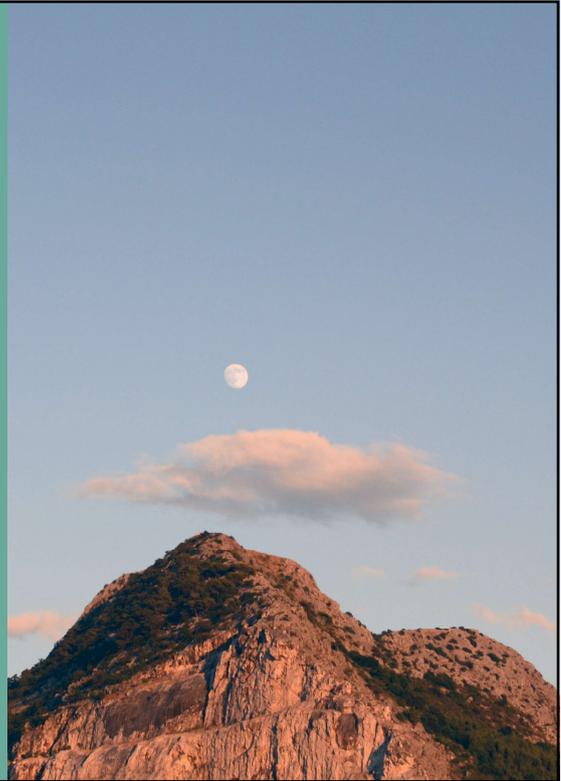


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**...but take Christ's
authority to extend
it!**

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



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Bible Reading
Daniel Chapter 10

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