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LIVING AS FAITHFUL STRANGERS

Soldiers in a Great War, Part I Daniel 10-12

*“In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel. . .
Its message was true and it concerned a **great war**.”*

Have your hopes hit a wall?

Daniel 10:2-3, “At that time I, Daniel, *mourned* for three weeks. ³I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.”

See your difficulties as part of a far larger battle.

Daniel 10:12-14, “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.”

Daniel 10:20-21, “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; ²¹but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth.”

I Thessalonians 2:18, “We tried over and over again to return to you, but Satan blocked our way.”

I Thessalonians 3:5, “I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.”

I Thessalonians 3:10, “Night and day we pray most earnestly that *we may see you again* and *supply what is lacking in your faith*.”