

Daniel 10:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Analysis

The angel concludes: 'But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.' The 'scripture of truth' (סֵפֶר אֱמֶת/*ketav emet*) indicates a heavenly record of determined future events—God's sovereign decree written in His eternal counsel. This teaches divine foreknowledge and predestination: history unfolds according to God's predetermined plan. Michael, called 'your prince,' is Israel's angelic guardian (12:1, Jude 9, Revelation 12:7)—showing God assigns angelic protection to His people. The phrase 'none that holdeth with me...but Michael' indicates few allies in spiritual warfare against powerful demonic forces—most angels have other assignments; only Michael specifically aids this messenger. This reveals both spiritual warfare's reality and angelic organization under God's command.

Historical Context

Michael the archangel appears in Daniel (10:13, 21; 12:1), Jude 9 (disputing with Satan over Moses's body), and Revelation 12:7 (leading heavenly armies against the dragon). Jewish tradition recognized Michael as Israel's heavenly defender. The concept of 'books' or 'records' in heaven appears throughout Scripture: book of life (Exodus 32:32, Revelation 20:12), books of works (Revelation 20:12), scroll with seven seals (Revelation 5-6). These images teach that history isn't random but unfolds according to divine decree. God knows and has determined (while

including human free agency mysteriously) all events. The 'scripture of truth' being revealed to Daniel shows God graciously discloses portions of His eternal counsel to prophets for His people's benefit—not exhaustive knowledge but sufficient revelation for faithful living.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does the 'scripture of truth' (heavenly record of future events) teach about divine sovereignty and foreknowledge?
2. How does Michael's designation as 'your prince' demonstrate God's particular care for His chosen people?
3. Why does God reveal portions of His eternal counsel to prophets while keeping other aspects hidden?

Interlinear Text

אֲבָל	אֲנִי יִדְּ	אֶת לְךָ	הַכֶּשׂ וּם	בְּכֵת ב	אֵמֶת
But	I will shew	H0 H853	thee that which is noted	in the scripture	of truth
H61	H5046		H7559	H3791	H571

וְאֵין	אֵין ד	מְתַחֵי ק	עַמִּי	עַל	אֵלָה	כִּי	אֵם
H369	and there is none	that holdeth	H5973	H5921	H428	H3588	H518
	H259	H2388					

מִיָּכָא ל	שְׂרָפָם:
with me in these things but Michael	your prince
H4317	H8269

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 10:13 (Parallel theme): But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Revelation 12:7 (Parallel theme): And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Daniel 12:1 (Parallel theme): And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Jude 1:9 (Parallel theme): Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.