

## **GABRIEL'S VISITATION**

INTRO: Daniel has outlived two Babylonian kings as well as their nation. Daniel, Ch.9 opens with the reign of the Medo-Persians over Babylon and the Israelites (Dan.9:1). As their pastor-teacher, Jeremiah has been sending doctrinal lessons from the homeland to the Israelite exiles in Babylon (Jer.29:1).

Daniel had just finished studying Jer.29 and had been studying the 70 years of the 5<sup>th</sup> Divine Discipline upon Israel and God's promises to Judah (Jer.29:2-14). This led to the intercessory prayer of Daniel in (Dan.9:1-19).

Pay special attention to (Dan.9:3) and the "now" of (Dan.9:15-16) and of (Dan.9:17-19) (Mosaic Law of Lev.26 and Deut.28).

We are told Daniel's intercessory prayer was offered at the evening offering (Dan.9:21) (Ex.29:38-41, 46).

We are also told that Daniel's intercessory prayer was interrupted by Gabriel's Visitation with God's answer to his prayer and vision (Dan.9:20-23).

(Dan.9:23) "At the beginning of your supplications the was issued, and I have come to tell you, for **you are highly esteemed**; so, give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision." (Dan.8:16-17; 9:21)

**This lesson will study five aspects of Gabriel's Visitation to Daniel at the beginning of the Medo-Persian rule over Babylon and Israel (Dan.9:1-3).**

### **1. Gabriel is one of three archangels named in the Bible: Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer.**

- Gabriel was the messenger of messianic doctrines from God.
- Michael was the military commander for God.
- Lucifer was the fallen angel of eternity past; who is now called great dragon, satan, and devil.

In Jude 9, Michael is called an archangel (Dan.10:13, 21).

In Isa.14:12-14, Lucifer (helel) was called a guardian cherub before his fall (2 Cor.11:13-15).

### **2 Gabriel was recorded as a messenger of Christ to four biblical persons (one in the OT and three in NT).**

OT:	Daniel	(Book of /Daniel)
NT:	Zacharias	(Luke 1:11-20)
	Mary	(1:26-38)
	Joseph	(Matt.1:18-25)

3. **Gabriel was given instruction by God how to address Daniel as a super grace believer with the details of directive will of God for Daniel – “Highly Esteemed (chamudah) (Dan.9:23; 10:11,19).**

Highly esteemed is a salutation of **super grace status of spiritual maturity**.

Gabriel did the same thing with Mary – “**Hail** (chairo/ p.a.impv.2ps) [salutation], **avored one** (charitoo/ perf.p.ptc.vsf) The Lord is with you.” (Luke 1:28, 30)

4. **Super Grace status is a believer who has progressed in the word of God through three stages of spiritual growth; and has chosen to maintain spiritual mature integrity (Job 2:3).**

- **First stage            The baby believer:**
  - Saved (1 Pet.2:2)
  - Called a brephos (Heb.5:13)
  - Desires milk doctrine, the basics
  
- **Second stage        The immature believer:**
  - Spiritually advancing in basic Categorical Bible doctrine (CBD)
  - Functioning in the Christian Way of Life (CWL)
  - Called a nepios (Heb.5:12-14)
  - Needs milk and meat doctrine (1 Cor.3:2; 13:11).
  
- **Third stage            The spiritually mature believer:**
  - Consistent daily inhale and exhale of advanced CBD in the CWL
  - Called a teleios (Heb.5:14)
  - Feeds on the meat doctrines of the Word. (2 Tim.3:16-17; Eph.4:11-16).

Once a spiritually mature believer reaches and maintains spiritual maturity in the CWL, he / she, in spite of adversities (Angelic Conflict), he / she reaches and maintains **super grace status**.

(2Thess.1:3) “Because your **faith (he pistis) is greatly enlarged** (huperauxano) [super growth].”  
(Rom.10:17; 2 Pet.3:18)

- This is Daniel’s spiritual status in Book of Daniel (Heb.11:33).

5. **I have outlined our lesson text by four homiletic characteristics of super grace status for your home study.**

- Dan.9:20    Intercessory prayer of Daniel (“while”/NASB)
- Dan.9:21    Interruption of prayer by Gabriel (“while”)
- Dan.9:22    Instruction of answer to prayer by Gabriel
- Dan.9:23    Insight and understanding of details of the directive will of God by Gabriel