

POWER HOUR

9/22/2024

Lesson Text:
Daniel 7:9-14

Background Scripture:
Mark 9:2-10

Devotional Reading:
Revelation 1:9-16; 20:11-15

“DANIEL PROPHESES THE SON OF MAN”

NLT TRANSLATION

Golden Text: *As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. Daniel 7:13 NLT*

Time: *probably 553 B.C.*

Place: *Babylon*

Daniel 7:9-14 NLT

9 I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, **10** and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened. **11** I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. **12** The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer. **13** As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

POINTS TO PONDER

1. God's holiness will be on display on the Day of Judgment (Daniel 7:9).
2. One Day, Heaven's books will be opened, and there will be no escaping their verdict (Daniel 7:10).
3. No human dominion, no matter how seemingly impregnable, is safe from God's judgment (Daniel 7:11-12).
4. The appearance of the Son of Man is the climax of history and changes how we should understand the world today (Daniel 7:13)
5. The everlasting dominion that has been given to the Son of Man is our greatest and final hope (Daniel 7:14).

CONCLUSION

The "Son of man" who comes before the Ancient of Days is none other than Jesus, who stands before the Father and receives an everlasting kingdom. We know this because Jesus repeatedly applied the title "Son of man" over eighty times in the Gospels-more than any other title.

At His trial, Jesus was asked, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus responded, "I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven (Mark 14:61-62). The religious leaders accused Him of blasphemy for this statement. Jesus was referencing Daniel 7 and thus was telling them that all peoples, nations, and languages would one day serve Him and that His kingdom would never pass away.

We should pause to reflect on Jesus' divine rule and the absolute certainty of His victorious kingdom displayed in these verses. No matter how strong the enemies of God may seem, no matter how weak we may be, Jesus is already reigning, and one day we will see it fully.

This does not mean we have no responsibilities or that we will not endure hardship now, but His everlasting dominion is certain, Neither our enemies nor our shortcomings will prevent the day when at His name "every knee should bow" and "every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11).

QUESTION(S)

- Should we always read the Bible literally?
- What are some characteristics of apocalyptic literature? Why is this important when studying certain biblical books?
- What kinds of connections are there between Daniel and Revelation?
- Who is the Ancient of Days?
- What is the significance of the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven?

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is *"Daniel Sees Future Kingdom"*

Lesson Text: Daniel 8:19-26

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