

The Son of Man

Read Daniel 7

Daniel 7 records visions of future realities, expressed in symbolic language. Four beasts rise from the sea, each representing a kingdom that would come, rule for awhile, then pass away.

While the fourth beast is reigning and boasting in his arrogance, we're given a glimpse of a greater, higher reality. Now we see the throne room of the universe, far above and beyond the beast. The Ancient of Days, Almighty God, is ruling in utter magnificence. *"Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him"* (v.10, NASB).

Then comes the part of the vision that is almost beyond belief! Into this unearthly splendor of heaven, into the most holy presence of the transcendent God, comes a "Son of Man" - that is, a human being. He arrives on *"the clouds of heaven"* (v.13, NASB) and is presented before the Ancient of Days.

*To Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and men of every language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.* (v.14, NASB)

Imagine it: a human being, a member of our rebellious race, being escorted into God's presence and given sovereign, universal, eternal authority.

Remember that during Jesus' time on earth, He frequently referred to Himself as the Son of Man. This divine, eternal being, who had shared the Father's presence and glory from the very beginning, chose to refer to Himself as a human being. He gladly embraced our humanity. What an incredible honor for all our race!

In Jesus Christ the shame of our entire race is taken away. He is redefining what it means to be human.

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