

HOPE THAT MOTIVATES FAITHFULNESS

The Son of Man

Daniel 7:9-14, 25-28

Big Idea: The Son of Man will rule God's everlasting kingdom with the saints.

I. Four beastly kingdoms rise up from the sea (7:1-8, 19-21, 23-25).

II. The Ancient of Days judges the kingdoms of this world (7:9-12).

A. God is seated on His throne as judge (vv. 9-10).

9 "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

B. God will bring to an end all the beastly kingdoms of this world (vv. 11-12).

11 "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

III. The Son of Man will rule God's everlasting kingdom (7:13-14, 27).

A. The Son of Man is Jesus Christ (v. 13)

13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

1. He is human (v. 13b)

there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

2. He is divine (v. 13a)

with the clouds of heaven

Mark 14:60-65

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. 65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

B. The Son of Man is given dominion and glory and a kingdom (v. 14).

14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

1. It is a universal kingdom (v. 14a)

14a And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;

2. It is an everlasting kingdom (v. 14b)

14b his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

C. The Son of Man will rule with the saints (vv. 18, 22, 27).

27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

1. The saints of the Most High will receive and possess an everlasting kingdom (vv. 18, 21-22)

18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

2. The saints of the Most High will serve and obey the Son of Man (v. 27).

27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

> When does a "son of man" come before the Ancient of Days to receive an everlasting kingdom that includes rule over all peoples, nations, and languages as this vision suggest?

Christ ascension has profound implications for us (Acts 2:34-36; Acts 7:55-56; Eph. 1:20-23; Phil. 2:5-11 Rev. 3:21).

Acts 2:34-36

34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool." (Ps. 110:1) '36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

> Jesus is at the right hand of the Father ruling over the nations and will come again to restore all things.

The Kingdom of God:

(1) Inaugurated - The kingdom has come in Jesus (Mk. 1:14-15; Lk. 17:20-21).

(2) Propagated - The kingdom is spread by the people of God.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(3) Consummated - The kingdom of God will be physical universal reality when Christ return (Mt. 13:41-43; 24:29-31)

Benediction

Revelation 1:5-8

5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Cosmic Commission

Daniel 7:13–14

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The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18–20

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And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”