

# “THE DETAILS OF THE MILLENNIUM”

DANIEL 7:13-14

**Theme:** Glory and honor belong to the Son of God, for His rule and reign are perfect and eternal.

## I. The Presentation of the King – 7:13

### A. The Identification of the “Son of Man”

1. The climax of the night visions occurs with a glorious view of the coronation of the King of Kings.
2. *“I kept looking”* – the ninth time this phrase is repeated, indicating once again Daniel’s amazement at the succession of events he is witnessing.
3. *“And behold with the clouds of heaven one like the Son of Man was coming”* - a statement indicating the One envisioned is divine.
  - a) *“with the clouds”* – a statement commonly used to refer to deity – cp. [Isaiah 19:1](#); [Matthew 24:30](#); [26:64](#); [Revelation 1:7](#).
  - b) Thus, the clouds are the mark of both the heavenly and the divine.
4. *“... like the Son of Man”* – is a reference that refers to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - a) “Because Christ so frequently couched His language in Old Testament terminology, and since this instance is the only time the phrase is used in the Old Testament with possible reference to Christ, the likelihood is that He had this text in mind when He used the term for Himself. He was identifying Himself with this One whom Daniel saw.”<sup>1</sup>
  - b) Is there any wonder why the High Priest reacted so vehemently when Jesus referred to this passage during his interview the night He was arrested? – cp. [Matthew 26:64-66](#).

### B. The Introduction of the “Son of Man”

1. We are told, *“He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.”*
2. We are not told who makes the presentation . . . He may present Himself, but more likely that there is an escort of innumerable

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<sup>1</sup> Wood, p. 192.

angels who serve as an honor guard of glory.

3. The Son was presented that He might receive the Father's gift – the Kingdom of Glory! – cp. **Psalm 2:6-9**.
4. For this very task, the Son “had been chosen that in this triumph of His, so very modest and yet so unspeakably glorious, all history, even the history of the kingdom of God should reach its consummation.”<sup>2</sup>

## II. **The Portrayal of the Kingdom** – 7:14a

### A. **The Dominion of the Kingdom**

1. ***“And to Him was given dominion”*** – refers to the ruling authority of the Son of Man.
2. This is the perfect and total authority that no previous man (regardless of how potent they appeared to be) had ever achieved.
3. “Till that day, a measure of dominion will have been bestowed upon many who dwell upon the earth, that is, dominion in the broader sense of the term, even as dominion was given to the four empires that preceded the establishment of His own rule. All who attempted to use such dominion apart from the Lord made a most miserable failure of the attempt. This dominion shall now be taken from them.”<sup>3</sup>
4. Hence, the ruling authority is placed in the hands of its final steward – all previous stewards (Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome) having demonstrated their ineptitude and failure.

### B. **The Distinctiveness of the Kingdom**

1. ***“And to Him was given ... glory”*** – a reference to the distinction earned by the nature and character of the accomplishments of the King.
2. This King did not merely conquer other men; He accomplished the conquering of death itself and gained the world's salvation.
3. His achievements are incomparable to any other king before Him – and He, therefore, receives glory reserved for Him alone – cp. **Revelation 5:9-10, 12**.
4. Jesus is therefore, not only the King, but He has other roles as well –
  - a) Savior – **Jeremiah 23:5-6**

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<sup>2</sup> Leupold, p. 311.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid. p. 312.

- b) Judge – *Isaiah 11:3-5*
- c) Restorer – *Isaiah 11:6-9*.

### C. The Design of the Kingdom

1. *“... and to Him was given ... a kingdom, that all the people, nations and men of every language might serve Him”* – a reference to the organized form of His government.
2. This is the uniqueness of the Kingdom of Christ - it is superior to the preceding kingdoms of the four great world empires at every point – everyone, without exception, will serve Him.

## III. The Potency of the Kingdom – 7:14b

### A. The Permanence of the Kingdom

1. *“His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away”* – an apparent reference to the fact that His sovereign authority will never be given to another.
2. This double positive demonstrates that His kingdom is so perfect and absolute that change and decay can never again set in.

### B. The Promise of the Kingdom

1. He adds that *“and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed”* – that not only will it never rot from within, it will never be assailed from without.
2. Here you see that the things that contribute to the demise of all the other kingdoms, such as degeneracy, immorality, laziness, graft, preoccupation with pleasure, and other factors, will never touch the perfection of His kingdom.
3. The rule and reign of Christ will be the consummation of every attempt of man to govern but never achieved – He will come in glory to show His creatures how it is to be done.
4. In addition to the future literal rule of Christ, His dominion, glory, and power can be present even in the individual hearts of men today.

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