

## JESUS THE DIVINE CLOUD RIDER

THE MESSIAH COMING TWICE AND THE REALITY OF GOD THE SON ARE NOT SOLELY NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN IDEAS, AS JEWISH POLEMICISTS CLAIM. THEY ARE CLEARLY FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. IN DANIEL 7, SO MANY PREVIOUS THEMES AND IDEAS THAT WERE DEVELOPING SUDDENLY BECOME INTERTWINED AND INSEPARABLE.

### I. DANIEL 7:9-14

#### A. vs 9-10

- 1) God the Father sits enthroned in heaven as the Ancient of Days
- 2) coming out from before the Father is a river of fire, and that fire will purify everything in our lives that is not pure. The things that we don't lay before Him, He will, in His loving mercy, purify us from

#### B. vs 13-14

- 1) "coming on the clouds of heaven" (Deuteronomy 33:27)
- 2) this is when it becomes clear that the classic Messianic prophecies (the seed of Eve, Abraham, David) and the "YHWH comes from heaven" prophecies are one and the same
  - a) Jesus is the One who will come back to save us
- 2) the Son of man comes before the Ancient of Days and is given things that belong to God alone
- 3) some Jewish polemicists claim that the "son of man" is Israel personified, but one cannot look at this prophecy in light of the other prophecies we have looked at and not recognize that it is intertwining so many ideas and concepts that articulate what has been dubbed as merely New Testament Christian doctrine
  - a) more than any other term throughout the New Testament, Jesus refers to Himself as the "son of man"