

## THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

IN THIS SESSION WE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE THEMES, TERMS, AND SYMBOLS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT THAT ARE DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT DESERT PROPHECIES - AND DISCOVER THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT DOES NOT MAKE UP ANYTHING NEW BUT DRAWS FROM WHAT WAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

### I. JESUS

#### A. [Matthew 16:27](#) (cf [Luke 9:26](#))

- 1) this verse is the very first reference in the New Testament - from Jesus' own lips - to His own return as "the son of man" ([Daniel 7:13](#))
- 2) by referring to Himself as the son of man, Jesus means He is the One described in [Daniel 7](#)
- 3) how do we know that Jesus didn't mean He was just a human but is, in fact, referring to that passage?
  - a) most of the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, but there are portions (such as in Daniel and Nehemiah) that were originally written in Aramaic. If we look at other "son of man" references in the Old Testament (such as in [Ezekiel](#)), we see they were written in Hebrew but [Daniel 7](#) was written in Aramaic
    - i. Hebrew "ben-adam" (son of adam/man)  
Aramaic "bar-anasha"
    - ii. in [Mark 14:61-64](#), Jesus used the Aramaic term, referencing back to [Daniel 7](#) and thereby claiming He was God Almighty - and was subsequently accused of blasphemy. Jesus self-referenced with this term roughly 70 times in the New Testament
    - iii. by pointing to [Daniel 7](#), Jesus included all the previous prophecies which that chapter intertwines

#### B. [Matthew 24:30-31](#) (cf [Mark 13:26](#); [Luke 21:27](#))

- 1) [Zechariah 9:14](#)

#### C. [Matthew 25:31](#)

- 1) the glory of the Father and the glory of the Son is one and the same ([Hebrews 1:3](#))

#### D. In all these self-references to His own return, we see this:

- 1) Jesus calls Himself "the Son of Man"
- 2) He will "come"
  - a) in great glory
  - b) in the clouds
  - c) with His angels
  - d) to the blasting of a trumpet
- 3) all of this will be accompanied by the gathering together of His elect

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- 4) all of the motifs that Jesus uses to describe His return are thoroughly rooted in Old Testament prophecies

**II. PAUL**

- A. 1 Thessalonians 3:13
  - 1) “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints” Paul is basically quoting Deuteronomy 33:2
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:15
  - 1) “for this we say to you by the word of the Lord” Paul is not saying God told him something new but rather that he is about to quote Old Testament Scriptures
- C. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
  - 1) “the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout” Paul is referencing Isaiah 42:13
- D. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8
  - 1) “the Lord Jesus will be revealed” the word for revealed is “apokalupsis”. Paul is referring to Isaiah 40:5 and Isaiah 66:15-16
- E. Titus 2:13

**III. OTHERS**

- A. Peter also refers to “the promise of His coming” (2 Peter 3:4).
- B. “He who is coming” (Hebrews 10:37) is a direct quote of Habakkuk’s Desert Prophecy (Habakkuk 2:3-4).
- C. James speaks of the Lord’s coming (James 5:7,8).
- D. The motif of the “coming” of God originates in the Blessings of Moses (Deuteronomy 33).
- E. Jude, the brother of Jesus, refers to Jesus coming from heaven “with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all” (Jude 14-15), a clear reference to Deuteronomy 33.
- F. Revelation 1:7 is a quote from Daniel 7 mixed with Zechariah 12.
  - 1) the reference to the cloud rider is always connected to the coming of God
  - 2) repeatedly it refers to eyes physically seeing Him return
- G. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8)

**IV. CONCLUSION**

- A. When Jesus comes,
  - 1) He will celebrate His marriage supper
  - 2) He will come back as a warrior
  - 3) heaven will be opened
  - 4) He will come riding a horse
  - 5) His robes will be soaked in blood
  - 6) His armies will also be riding horses
  - 7) He will come to crush His enemies like grapes
  - 8) He will kill the Antichrist and his hordes
  - 9) the animals will eat the flesh of His enemies
  - 10) He will come to rule the nations