

DANIEL

Lesson 11: Daniel 7:13-14
Son of Adam

GOD'S GRAND PLAN

- Genesis 1:28, 31: *And God blessed them; and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply, and fill** the earth, and **subdue** it; and **rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ...And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.*
- Genesis mandate = 5 commands

GOD'S GRAND PLAN

- Part 1: God intends for mankind to fully populate the planet.
- Part 2: God wants man to “rule” and “subdue.”
- **Ruling** (as God intends) denotes sovereignty over creation.
- ie, Steward God's creation in the fear of God.

GOD'S GRAND PLAN

- **Subdue** is consistently used elsewhere of the successful conquest of opposition.
- This verb is used, zb, in Joshua 18:1: *The land was subdued before them.*
- This term anticipates the presence of a hostile force and calls for successful conquest of that force.

GOD'S GRAND PLAN

- It is reasonable to assume the pre-existence of evil (Satan is already an advocate for rebellion against God) and that Adam and Eve's mandate included a call to subdue this evil.
- Creation was "very good," indicating that evil was not currently an active influence in this world.
- But A&E needed to make sure it stayed that way!

MAN'S FAILURE

- Instead of ruling all the animals, they allowed one creature, a snake at that, **to influence them.**
- They did not subdue evil – they opened the door for sin **to corrupt them** and God's good creation.
- By their sin, **they also opened the door to death** which extinguishes life.

MAN'S FAILURE

- Romans 5:12: *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.*
- Penalty Pronounced: Adam (and all his progeny) became subject to sin and death.

MAN'S FAILURE

- Romans 8:20: *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly.*
- Destiny Discarded: Adam failed to rule the planet for God and instead subjected it to futility.
- **The Big Question:** So does Adam's complete failure mean God's good plan is a bust?

- Bartholdi's lighthouse was never built at the north entrance to the Suez canal, it was eventually built.
- Dedicated in NY Harbor, October 28, 1886.
- **Despite Adam's failure, God has a plan.**



GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN

- God actually announced his plan on the day Adam and Eve sinned and were confronted. These are God's words to Satan.
- Genesis 3:15: *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."*

GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN

- You have started a war. This war will pit you against a singular seed – note: This seed is a "He."
- Two key battle events: Heel crush; head crush.
- You have started a war that you will lose. Someone from her progeny (a human) will deal the decisive blow. Yup, a human is going to beat you!

SUMMARY

- The Allegiance War has come to our planet.
- God still has a plan!
- A particular seed of woman is key!
- Satan will wound Him!
- But He will deliver a death blow to Satan!

SUMMARY

- **God's Plan is Perfect!**
- **Penalty Paid:** The full weight of the penalty of sin is poured out on her seed (bruised heel).
- **Destiny Restored:** Her seed restores the rebellious planet to its rightful owner (bruised head).
- Now we are ready for Daniel 7:13-14!

DANIEL 7:13-14

- I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him.

DANIEL 7:13-14

- His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.
- Let's compare and contrast this Son of Man with the four beasts which precede Him.

COMPARE & CONTRAST

- The previous four creatures are “four kings who will arise from the earth” – they are depicted as strange beasts.
- This coming one is “like a Son of Man.” ie, He is very much a human being w/ zero % beast!
- However, “like” hints that He is also much more.

COMPARE & CONTRAST

- The previous four creatures are “from the earth” and came up from the great tumultuous sea.
- This “Son of Man” is depicted as being given His kingdom in heaven.
- He is not asserting Himself but is presented to the Ancient of Days, a reference to God.

COMPARE & CONTRAST

- This is a scene in heaven: Clouds are often mentioned relevant to heaven.
- Shocker – Someone fully human is at home in heaven and in the very presence of God.
- Kind of like Eden!
- He is here for His coronation!

COMPARE & CONTRAST

- “Dominion” was given to Neb (4:1-3) and will be given to Darius (17 years yet future) that involve all peoples, nations, and languages.
- “Dominion” will be given to the Son of Man but with **one critical difference**.
- His is a permanent kingdom! All others are temporary!

COMPARE & CONTRAST

- There is an echo of Genesis 1 here. The Son of Man is given “dominion” which is what Adam was given (dif. Words, Aramaic/Hebrew, but same idea) in Genesis 1:26, 28.
- The Son of man (which is another name for Son of Adam) receives what was once given to the first Adam. **God’s original plan is on track!**

TIME-TABLE

- The beast empires run their course culminating in the supremacy of the proud little horn.
- The other beasts are each given some additional but diminished shelf-life.
- A heavenly court is convened.
- The little horn is judged and cast into the fire.

TIME-TABLE

- The end of the empires of beasts occurs when the “Son of Man” experiences vs. 14.
- *And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him.*
- This is an eternal and earthly dominion that replaces the beast empires **in the future!**

THE JESUS CONNECTION

- **One of many places in NT where Jesus refers to Himself using the Daniel 7:13 title:**
- John 9:35: *Jesus heard that they had put him out; and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”*
- But isn’t this a fairly general self-designation? Aren’t we all sons of man / sons of Adam.

THE JESUS CONNECTION

- **When Jesus refers to Himself as the Son of Man, he is using that name to identify himself as the one described in Daniel 7:13-14.**
- Here are a few striking examples:

- Matthew 26:63–66: *But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the **Christ, the Son of God.**” Jesus said to him, “You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of Power, and **coming on the clouds of heaven.**” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death!”*

THE JESUS CONNECTION

- **Jesus provides a limited preview of the actual outworking of Daniel 7:13-14.**
- Matthew 16:28: *“Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”*
- **Jesus showed 3 disciples what He, as the Son of Man from Daniel, would look like.**

THE JESUS CONNECTION

- **The fulfillment of Dan. 7:13-14 is yet future.**
- Mark 13:24–26: *“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see **the Son of Man coming in clouds** with great power and glory.”*

THE JESUS CONNECTION

- **What Steven Saw!** Acts 7:55–57: *But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.*

OVERCOMER STRATEGY

- Revelation 1:7: *Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.*
- There are 10 behold commands in Rev. This, the 1st is based on Daniel. Our ability to prevail is linked to our ability to visualize Dan. 7:13-14.

- Revelation 19:11–16: *“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*

- *And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”*