

It means that he looked and saw coming into his vision, he saw thrones, and it might suggest it fits with the destruction of v. 8, but there's no destruction until you get to v.11. So this is simply AS he looked he saw come into view ~~xxxxxxx~~ before him thrones. How many people sat? Just says one did. Says the Ancient of Days sat. Yet there were thrones.

That, of course has cause many people great curiosity. Why were there thrones? When only one sits? It is a peculiar thing. Some say he was merely a presiding officer, like a judge. It seems that the various attorneys are fair in what they do            and they make the decision. But I don't think that's what the picture sounds like at all. It sounds to me like the picture of the great omnipotent God. Rather than the picture of the presiding officer at a court trial.

The fact that it has the plural "thrones", we with~~out~~ our understanding of the NT can think perhaps there is a suggestion of the Trinity. But I think perhaps that is reading back too much into this. Perhaps we think of the greatness of deity using the word in the plural, but there certainly is no suggestion here that there was any other powerful one sharing power with the One pictured here. That's why I call it a vision of deity; I don't think it is a picture of a court case.

That's why I'm disturbed that practically all recent translations translate the end of v. 10 "the court sat and the books were opened." That sounds as if he was the presiding judge and that others sat while he makes the decision. I don't think that is the picture we have here at all.

I think you have a picture here of the powerful God, the great, pure One, the One who has absolute authority who looks down upon earth and sees the little horn ranting against Him and trying to change times and seasons and establish things the way he wants them on earth, and in contrast He sees something that illustrates the great power and majesty of God.

Certainly he did not see God. God is a spirit. God does not have a body. He did not see God, but he saw a representation which symbolized the power and greatness and eternity of God. The Ancient of Days sat. His garment was white as snow. The hair of his head was pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame. KJV has "~~xxxxxx~~ in "like" in italics. His throne was a fiery flame. The wheels of the throne were a burning fire. A fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousands time then thousand stood before him."

Whether these ten thousand times ten thousand-- are they the members of the court that are going to make a decision? It is quite obvious you don't need to have a judge to make a decision to decide what to do with the beast. It is pictured very clearly, his wickedness, his arrogance, his brutality, and here we have in contrast to the vain boasts of the beast, we have the great power of the great God! His authority and a tremendous number of His representatives are ready to do His bidding.