

Could this be the type of scene in Dan. 7:9-10. the court being an audience or followers or crowds as in a monarchy(?) And it seems to me that fits more with this situation. If you say the court sat, and by that you mean that the Lord's court was sitting to which He gave His decision, rather than a court in our American sense of ~~of~~ a body in which the Judge is just an impartial arbiter, and the lawyers fight it out, it would seem reasonable, to fit better.

F. The Son of Man.

This I do not believe I'll take much time on now because we have discussed it rather fully in connection with your assignment at an earlier time. We mentioned that in Daniel 8:17 he addresses Daniel as Son of Man. In Ezekiel, dozens of times, the Lord addresses Ezekiel as son of man. So the word itself simply means a human being. One like a son of man could mean one who looks like a man.

It's interesting that he does not say a man, but one like a man. Some find in that a suggestion of the fact that Jesus Christ was not only a man but was also God. Whether that is valid I could not say. But the interesting thing is that Jesus Christ himself so frequently called himself the son of man and he was certainly not there simply saying he was a human being.

It is agreed, I believe by all interpreters that when Jesus called himself the son of man he was connecting himself with that one OT usage of that term. And referring to Himself as the Messiah as the Coming One, the Son of Man.

We noticed that this picture of the Son of Man coming in clouds parallels the stone in chapter 2. That the judgment upon the beast is brought about by the coming of the stone cut without hands which destroys the statue and which grows so that it becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. Here it is pictured as One like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven.

This whole passage is so much of it figurative or symbolical that the natural interpretation of this would be that the son of man stands for a church, stands for a group, stands for the Jewish nations, something like that in the context if it were not for our clear evidence in the NT that Jesus applied it to himself as something that was specifically to happen in relation to one individual.

Therefore I believe we have conclusive evidence that here in the midst of a highly figurative passage we have a literal picture of something that is to happen, the Son of Man to come with the clouds of heaven. As the angel said to the disciples, This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye see him go. This is right in connection with the statement in v. 11 that the beast is slain and its body is given to the burning flame. The destruction of the image in ch. 2 is tied to the coming of the stone. Here ~~is~~ it is not ~~so~~ quite so tightly tied to that. But it is given in connection with it. And it leads to the result which was there of building a great kingdom.