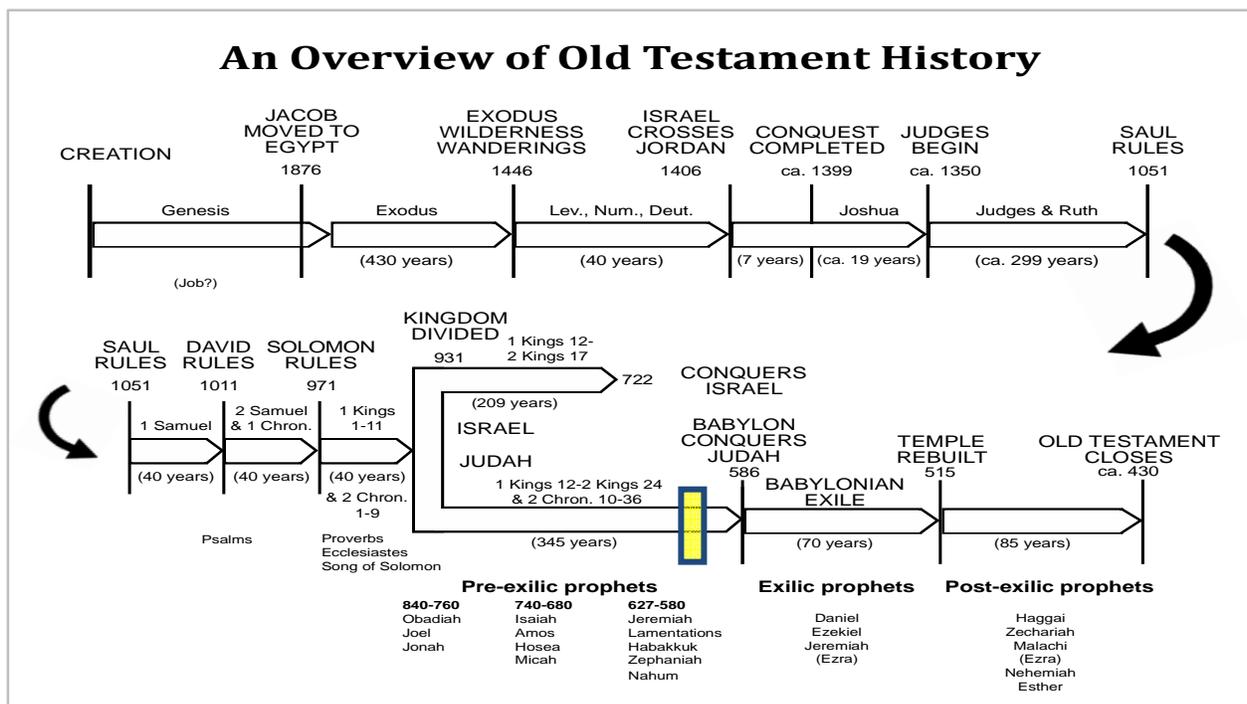


The Son of Man Daniel 7

Daniel's vision of five kingdoms is highlighted by his prophecy regarding the kingdom of the Son of Man -- the earthly reign of Jesus Christ after His return to earth.

Daniel

- Prophet to Judah (605-535 BC)
– Specialty: Visions/Dreams
- Exilic Prophet (Babylonian Captivity)
- Contemporaries: Ezekiel & Jeremiah
- Genres: Historical, Prophetic & Apocalyptic
- **Purpose: Supreme Sovereignty of Yahweh**



“In New Testament prophecy, Daniel is referred to more than any other Old Testament book. Moreover, it contains more fulfilled prophecies than any other book in the Bible.”

Gleason L. Archer - *“Daniel”, The Expositor’s Bible Commentary*

“In many respects, the book of Daniel is the most comprehensive prophetic revelation of the Old Testament, giving the only total view of world history from Babylon to the second advent of Christ and interrelating Gentile history and prophecy with that which concerns Israel. Daniel provides the key to the overall interpretation of prophecy, is a major element in premillennialism, and is essential to the interpretation of the book of Revelation. Its revelation of the sovereignty and power of God has brought assurance to Jew and Gentile alike that God will fulfill His sovereign purposes in time and eternity.”

John F. Walvoord, *Daniel*

Prophecies of Daniel

- The 4 Gentile Kingdoms (2, 7, 8, 10-12)
- Desecration of Jewish Temple (8)
 - Antiochus Epiphanies (167-165 BC)
- Antichrist (7, 8, 9, 11)
- Crucifixion Date of Messiah (9)
- Length & Details of the Tribulation (7, 9, 12)
- **Messianic Reign of Christ on Earth** (7, 12)

The 4 Gentile Kingdoms (2, 7, 8, 10-12)

The Visions of Daniel 2, 7, and 8			
Chapter 2 Metals	Chapter 7 Animals	Chapter 8 Animals	Nations
Gold	Winged lion		Neo-Babylonia
Silver	Lopsided bear	Ram	Medo-Persia
Bronze	Winged leopard	Goat	Greece
Iron Iron and clay	Unique beast		Rome

The Son of Man

Messianic Reign of Christ on Earth (7, 12)

“In this great chapter (7) Daniel revealed the consecutive history of four major world empires concluding with the coming of Jesus Christ from heaven and the establishment of His kingdom, a fifth kingdom.”

Tom Constable, *Notes on Daniel*

- Daniel’s Vision in 7:1-8 (4 kingdoms seen)
- Daniel’s Vision in 7:9-14
 - Heaven at the time of the final judgment (7:9-10)
 - The little horn of the 4th kingdom is destroyed as well as his empire (7:11-12)
 - A 5th kingdom emerges from God (7:13-14)

I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:9-10

Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time. Daniel 7:11-12

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 (Son of Man) was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14

- What did Daniel see? (7:1-14)
 - The Four Kingdoms (7:1-8)
 - The Ancient of Days (7:9-10)
 - Term found only in 7:9, 13, 22
 - God the Father
 - Focus: Wise/Aged Judge
 - Holding Court & Executing Judgment
 - The Son of Man (7:13-14)
- Comes “with the clouds of heaven”
 - God “comes with the clouds of heaven”
 - Isaiah 19:1 – Lord rides a swift cloud
 - Acts 1:9-11 – Christ ascends/returns in cloud
 - Revelation 1:7 – Christ comes with clouds
- Comes before the Ancient of Days (Father)
- Is given:
 - Dominion
 - Glory
 - Kingdom
 - A 5th Kingdom (on earth)
 - Over all people (on earth)
 - Will not be destroyed

- Who is The Son of Man of Daniel 7?
 - Seen in Heaven with God the Father
 - Seen “riding the clouds” like God
 - Given a vast kingdom by the Father
 - To be served by all people on earth

- Who is The Son of Man in Daniel 7?

I have installed My King, upon Zion, My holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me: You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and surely I will give you the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. Psalm 2:6-8

Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One? And Jesus said, “I am, and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” Mark 14:61a-62

Therefore also God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord... Philippians 2:9-11

- Who is The Son of Man in Daniel 7?
 - Jesus referred to Himself as “The Son of Man” over 80 times in the Gospels.
 - It is a widely used Messianic title, in keeping with the grandeur of Daniel’s vision in Daniel 7:1-14.

- Who authorized His kingdom?
 - God the Father (The Ancient of Days)

“Your house (David) and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever.” 2 Samuel 7:16a

“And He came up to the Ancient of Days...and to Him (Son of Man) was given dominion, glory and a kingdom” Daniel 7:13-14

The Lord (Yahweh) says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” Psalm 110:1

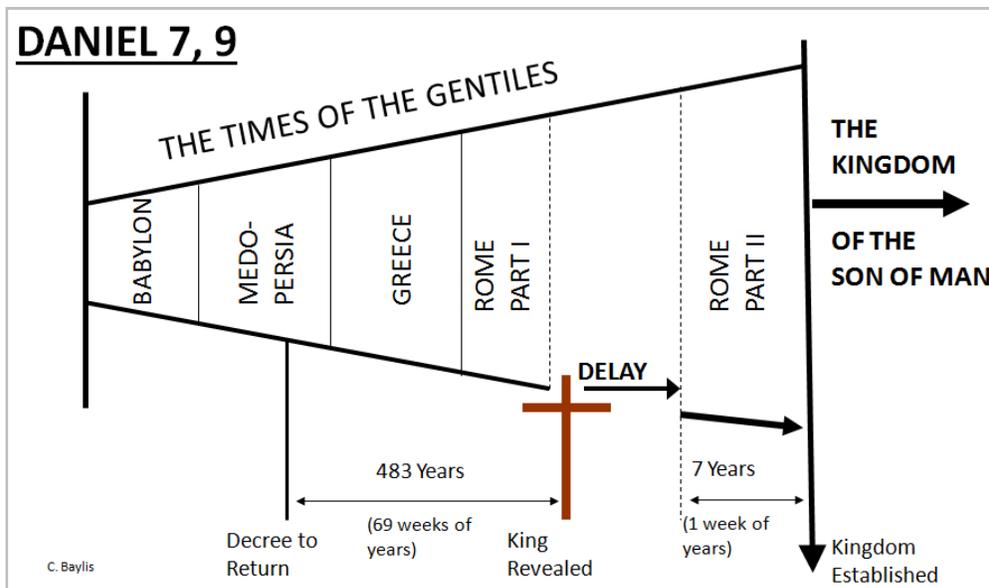
- What is the name of His kingdom?
 - The Kingdom
 - The 5th Kingdom
 - Messianic Reign of Christ on Earth
 - Messianic Kingdom
 - Millennial Kingdom
- How does He rule His kingdom?
 - With Righteousness, Fairness & a Rod (Isaiah 11:1-9)
 - With the Saints

But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom...
Daniel 7:18, 22, 27

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.
Revelation 5:10

...the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen...for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints....And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen...were following Him on white horses. Rev. 19:7, 8, 14

- When is His kingdom?
 - After the return of Jesus Christ to the earth, which signifies the end of this age.
 - “...what will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3)
 - After the Second Coming (Revelation 19)
 - For a duration of 1,000 years (Rev 20:2-7)
 - “...they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years” (Rev 20:4)
 - “...they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.” (Rev 20:6)



- Where is His kingdom?
 - On planet Earth, centered in Jerusalem
 - 2 Samuel 7:8-16 promises an enduring Davidic king on earth
 - Matthew 19:27-28
 - Matthew 25:31-34

...when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you shall also sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matthew 19:27-28)

...but when the Son of Man comes in His glory...then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him...sheep on His right, the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you..."(Matthew 25:31-34)

- How is His kingdom different?
 - Overseen directly by Christ after His return.
 - Populated by glorified saints who enjoy delegated authority in the Kingdom.
 - Populated by Tribulation survivors (Christians)
 - Eventually also populated by the offspring (believers & unbelievers) of Trib. Survivors.
- How is His kingdom different?
 - Climatic/natural changes
 - (Is. 30; Ez. 47, Joel 2, Zech. 14)
 - Vastly increased fruitage/produce
 - (Is. 41, Ez. 36 & 47, Joel 2)
 - Great productivity of animals
 - (Jer. 31, Ez. 36 & 47)
- How is His kingdom different?
 - Superabundant food supply
 - (Ps. 72, Is. 30, Jer. 31, Ez. 34, Joel 2, Zech. 8)
 - Abundance of wine
 - (Jer. 31, Joel 2, Amos 9, Zech. 8)
 - Ferocity of animals removed
 - (Isaiah 11 & 65)
- How is His kingdom different?
 - Healing of diseases & deformities
 - (Isaiah 29 & 35)
 - Great longevity of life
 - (Isaiah 65:20-22)
 - Great reduction in sin
 - (Isaiah 65:20-22, Psalm 2:9; Rev. 20:1-3)
- How is His kingdom different?
 - Peace will prevail because of His rule
 - (Isaiah 9:6-7, Psalm 2:9)
 - He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; Nations will not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore... (Micah 4:3)

Does His kingdom matter?

- Completes our understanding of Jesus Christ

- Completes (almost) the story of the Bible
 - Story of righteousness, ruination, and restoration
- His kingdom does NOT mark the end
 - Satan, bound at the beginning, is released near the end (Rev. 20:1-3, 7)
 - Satan deceives the nations (again)
 - Satan & False Prophet removed
 - Great White Throne Judgment (unbelievers)
 - Earth purged by fire (2 Peter 3:7)
 - New Heaven and New Earth (Rev 21-22)
- Our heart's cry is fulfilled:
God is with us!
- We participate in His kingdom!

“The coming Messiah would not only be the true David, but He would also be the true Son of Man, combining in His person the high calling of humanity and the position reserved alone for God.”

Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. *Toward an Old Testament Theology*