

“Son of Man”  
Daniel #8  
Daniel 7:1-28  
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### **Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:14-18**

Series Setup & Introductory Remarks

- **Graeme Goldsworthy** For some preachers it would seem that preaching from apocalyptic texts is a case of fools rushing in where angels fear to tread.

**Prayer**

### **Introduction**

- Wassily Kandinsky | Russian, the father of abstract art | Composition VII (1913)

### **Apocalyptic Literature**

- Apocalypse means “unveiling”
- Style of Hebrew writing
- Popular from the time of the exile through the time of Jesus
- Heavy use of symbols, images, numbers

### **Five Markers of Apocalypse**

\*From Stephen Motyer

1. Only understood by explanation
2. The interconnectedness of heaven and earth
3. God’s rule over a chaotic world
4. Ultimate protection of God’s people
5. Ultimate victory of God

**Dr. Barbara Leung-Lai** These visions are full of mysterious images, exotic descriptions of celestial figures, puzzling numbers, and indeterminate timetables. While readers’ active participation in the meaning-making process of the first six chapters is crucial, reading chapters 7–12 requires a deeper level of emotional engagement with the first-person visions. In other words, readers are encouraged to immerse themselves in Daniel’s visionary experience as he describes it. The way in which the passage requires readers’ involvement is, perhaps, the key to understanding the significance of each of the four visions.

### **Horrific Dream | vs. 1-6**

### **The Fourth Beast | vs. 7-8**

### **Ancient of Days | vs. 9-10**

### **The Beasts Judged | vs. 11-12**

## The Son of Man | vs. 13-14

## Heavenly Explanation | vs. 15-18

## The Fourth Beast Explained | vs. 19-25

### Three Possible Interpretations

1. Simple | Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome
2. Skeptical | Babylon, Medea, Persia, Greece
3. Symbolic | Archetypal for evil human empires

## Judgment and Redemption | vs. 26-28

**Idea #1:** You can read and understand your Bible.

- **1689 London Baptist Confession 1.7** All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of ordinary means, may attain to a sufficient understanding of them.
- **Psalm 119** <sup>130</sup>The revelation of your words brings light and gives understanding to the inexperienced. | NEED FOR COMMUNITY!

**Idea #2:** The nations will rage, but God is sovereign

- **Psalm 2** <sup>1</sup>Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers conspire together against the Lord and his Anointed One: <sup>3</sup>“Let’s tear off their chains and throw their ropes off of us.” <sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

**Idea #3:** The hero of human history is the Son of Man

### The Son of Man

1. Life | **Matthew 8** <sup>20</sup> Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.
2. Ministry | **Luke 19** <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
3. Death | **Mark 10** <sup>45</sup> The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
4. Resurrection | **Luke 24** <sup>7</sup> the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.
5. Ascension | **John 6** <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?
6. Reign | **Luke 22** <sup>69</sup> But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

7. Return | **Mark 13** <sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

**Plea:** Put your trust in the Son of Man

### **Benediction**

**2 John 3** <sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father’s Son, in truth and love.