

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at
the Old Testament

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❖ Daniel 7

❖ To whom is the kingdom given?

❖ **A person:** “One like a son of man” (7:13)

❖ **A people:** “The saints of the Most High” (7:18)

❖ **Every kingdom needs a king, and the Son of Man is the king of the people.**

❖ Dan 7:27. And the kingdom . . . shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; *his* kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey *him*.

❖ **Jesus, the Son of Man**

❖ After giving his life as a ransom for many, Jesus would come on the clouds of heaven and establish his kingdom in power.

❖ **Mark 10:45**. For even the **Son of Man** came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

❖ **Mark 14:61–62**. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶² And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the **Son of Man** seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

- ❖ God exalted Jesus through the cross event, giving him “all authority in heaven and on earth” (Matt 28:18)—authority to save and judge, to bestow life and death.
- ❖ John 8:28. When you have lifted up the **Son of Man**, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.
- ❖ Matt 13:41–43. The **Son of Man** will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

- ❖ Those who identify with his rule will rule with him.
- ❖ **Matt. 19:28**. Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the **Son of Man** will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- ❖ **Rev 3:21**. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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❖ **Dan 12:1–3**. At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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❖ Dan 12:1–3.

❖ John 5:27–29. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the **Son of Man**.²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

❖ **For those who want life, Jesus' call and promise are sure:**

❖ **John 6:40**. Everyone who looks on the **Son** and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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Empire	Date	Vision in ch. 2	Vision in ch. 7	Vision in ch. 8	70 weeks of years in ch. 9
Babylonia 626–539 (2:37)	600	Head of Gold	Winged Lion		
Medo-Persia 539–330 (8:20)	500	Chest & Arms of Silver	Bear	Ram	
Greece 330–63 (8:21)	300	Belly & Thighs of Bronze	Winged Leopard	Goat	
Rome 63BC–AD135	200	Legs of Iron; Feet of Clay & Iron mixed	Horrible Beast with 10 Horns		
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“70 Weeks of Years” in Daniel 9

❖ The Key Text: Dan 9:24–27

- ❖ Dan 9:24. **Seventy weeks** are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place/thing/one.

❖ **Setting 1: Jeremiah's “70 years”**

- ❖ **Jer 25:11–12**. This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. ¹² Then after **seventy years** are completed, I will punish the king. . . .
- ❖ **Dan 9:1–2**. In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, **seventy years**.

❖ **Setting 2: The Mosaic Covenant Curse**

- ❖ **Dan 9:9–11**. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. ¹¹ All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him.

- ❖ **Lev. 26:33–35**. And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste. ³⁴ Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths as long as it lies desolate, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest, and enjoy its Sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, the rest that it did not have on your Sabbaths when you were dwelling in it.
- ❖ **NOTE**: Jeremiah says 70 year exile = 70 sabbatical years not enjoyed (or 490 years).

- ❖ **2 Chr 36:20–23**. [King Nebuchadnezzar] took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia ²¹ to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. ²² Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: >

> ²³ “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.’”

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❖ **Isa. 44:28**. [It is I, Yahweh] who says of Cyrus, "He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose"; saying of Jerusalem, "She shall be built," and of the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."

❖ **Isa. 45:13**. "I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways level; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward," says the LORD of hosts.

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❖ **2: Spiritual reconciliation** with God (Isa 43:22–44:23) by Yahweh's suffering but conquering Servant (49:1–53:12) = **Daniel's "70 Weeks/Sabbaticals."**

❖ Isa 53:11. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.