

Unseen Realm: Session 26- The Son of Man as God's Senior Human Vice-Regent Part 2

*All Bible references are from NASB unless noted otherwise.

“Son” in OT theological messaging

Proverbs 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? **What is His name or His son's name?** Surely you know!

Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the **government** will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God, Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace. ⁷ There will be **no end** to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and **forevermore**. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Psalm 2:1 Why do the nations rebel? Why are the countries devising plots that will fail? ² The kings of the earth form a united front; the rulers collaborate against the LORD and his anointed king. ³ They say, "Let's tear off the shackles they've put on us! Let's free ourselves from their ropes!" ⁴ The one enthroned in heaven laughs in disgust; the Lord taunts them. ⁵ Then he angrily speaks to them and terrifies them in his rage, saying, ⁶ "I myself have installed my king on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷ The king says, "I will announce the LORD'S decree. He said to me: **'You are my son! This very day I have become your father!** ⁸ Ask me, and **I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the ends of the earth as your personal property.** ⁹ You will break them with an iron scepter; you will smash them like a potter's jar!" ¹⁰ So now, you kings, do what is wise; you rulers of the earth, submit to correction! ¹¹ Serve the LORD in fear! Repent in terror! ¹² Give sincere homage! ("Kiss the **Son**"- NASB) Otherwise he will be angry, and you will die because of your behavior, when his anger quickly ignites. How blessed are all who take shelter in him! (NET)

Psalm 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; ⁴ What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? ⁵ Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! ⁶ You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, ⁷ All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field, ⁸ The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

^{ESV} **Psalm 82:1** *A Psalm of Asaph.* God has taken his place in the **divine council**; in the **midst of the gods** he holds judgment:

² "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

³ Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ I said, "**You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;**

⁷ nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."

⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth; for **you shall inherit all the nations!** (Ps. 82:1-8 ESV)

The imagery of cloud and clouds in the Bible in OT (a sampling)

Exodus 19:9 The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will come to you in a **thick cloud**, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

Exodus 24:16 The **glory** of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the **cloud** covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

Leviticus 16:2 The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, or he will die; for I will appear in the **cloud** over the mercy seat.

1 Kings 8:10 It happened that when the priests came from the holy place, the **cloud** filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the **glory** of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Psalms 104:3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind;

Isaiah 19:1 The oracle concerning Egypt. Behold, the LORD is **riding on a swift cloud** and is about to come to Egypt; The idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence, And the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.

^{ESV} **Daniel 7:1** ¶ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter.

² Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

⁴ The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

⁵ And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

⁶ After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

⁸ I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

⁹ "As I looked, **thrones** were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ **A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.**

¹¹ ¶ "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with **the clouds of heaven** there came one like **a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

¹⁴ **And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.**

¹⁵ ¶ "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.

¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.

¹⁷ "These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.

¹⁸ **But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'**

¹⁹ ¶ "Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet,

²⁰ and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions.

²¹ As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them,

²² until the Ancient of Days came, and **judgment was given for the saints of the Most High**, and the time came when **the saints ("holy ones"- angels?) possessed the kingdom**.

²³ ¶ "Thus he said: 'As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces.

²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings.

²⁵ He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall **wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time**.

²⁶ But the **court shall sit in judgment**, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

²⁷ **And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven 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.'**

²⁸ ¶ "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart." (Dan. 7:1-28 ESV)

The imagery of cloud and clouds in the Bible in NT (a sampling)

^{NAU} **Matthew 17:5** While he was still speaking, a **bright cloud** overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the **cloud** said, "This is My beloved **Son**, (Gen 22:2) with whom I am well-pleased; (Isaiah 42:1) **listen to Him!**" (Deut 18:18-20).

Matthew 24:30 "And then the sign of the **Son of Man** will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory**.

Luke 17:24 "For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the **Son of Man be in His day**.²⁵ "But first **He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation**.

Luke 24:26 "Was it not necessary for the **Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?**"

Matthew 26:61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?" ⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether **You are the Christ, the Son of God**." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see **THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN**."

Matthew 25:31 ¶ "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

Luke 22:66 ¶ When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council *chamber*, saying, ⁶⁷ ¶ "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "**If I tell you, you will not believe;** ⁶⁸ **and if I ask a question, you will not answer.** ⁶⁹ "But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power OF GOD." ⁷⁰ **And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?"** And He said to them, "**Yes, I am.**" ⁷¹ Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD says to **my Lord**: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." (cf. Matt 22:42-46)

Acts 1:9 And after He had said these things, **He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.**

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so **we shall always be with the Lord.**

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." **Then they went up into heaven in the cloud,** and their enemies watched them.

Revelation 1:7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. (See also 14:14-16).

NT Believers as the Sons of God (children of God)- sampling

Romans 8:17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and **fellow heirs with Christ**, if **indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.** ¹⁸ ¶ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed into us.** ¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an **eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,**

Revelation 2:26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds **until the end**, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;

Revelation 3:21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him **to sit down with Me on My throne,** as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.