

# THE SAINTS AND THE SON OF MAN

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## THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL --

### PART I. Daniel and the Three Friends at the Babylonian Court (1:1–6:28)

A. Prologue: Daniel & Friends taken to Babylon.....(Chapter 1)	Nebuchadnezzar
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### G. The Vision of Four Kingdoms Preceding an Eternal Kingdom...(Chapter 7)

## ‘ONE LIKE A SON OF MAN’ – WHO IS THIS? – DANIEL 7:13–14

**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.*

In the Gospels, ‘Son of Man’ is Jesus’s favorite self-appointed title:

**Gospel of Matthew:** Matthew 8:20; 9:6; 10:23; 11:19; 12:8, 32, 40; 13:37, 41; 16:13; **16:27–28**;  
17:9, 12, 22; 19:28; 20:18, 28; 21:28; 24:27, 29–30, 37, 39, 44

**Gospel of Mark:** Mark 2:10, 28; 8:31, 38; 9:9, 12, 31; 10:33, 45; 13:26; 14:21, 41, 62

**Gospel of Luke:** Luke 5:24; 6:5, 22; 7:34; 9:22, 26, 44, 58; 11:30; 12:8, 10, 40; 17:22–26, 30;  
18:8, 31; 19:10; 21:27, 36; 22:22, 48, 69; 24:7

**Gospel of John:** John 1:51; 3:13–14; 5:27; 6:27, 53; 6:62; 8:28; 9:35; 12:23, 34; 13:31

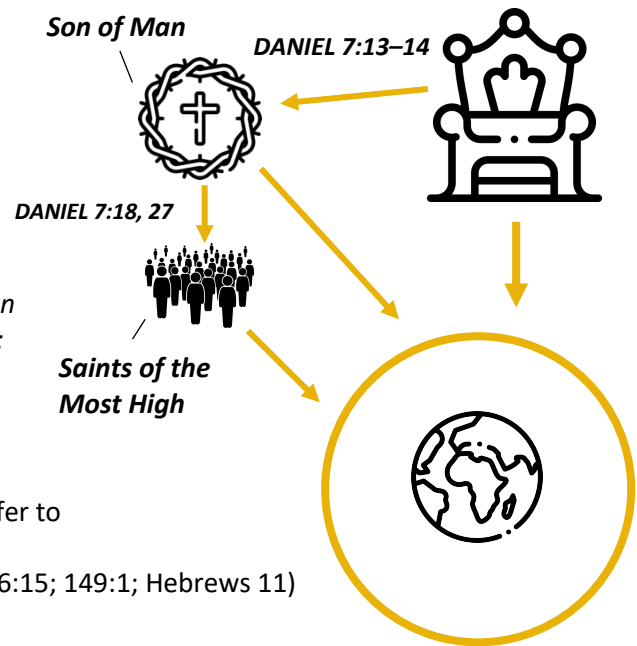
The ‘Son of Man’ title is associated with authority/dominion

To teach (Matthew 7:28–29) .... To forgive sins (Mark 2:10) .... To perform miracles (Mark 11:27–33) ...  
To cast out demons (Luke 4:36) ... To judge the living and the dead (John 5:27; cf. Luke 12:5) ... To give  
eternal life (John 17:2) ... To commission gospel proclaimers (Matthew 28:18)

## 'SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH' – DANIEL 7:18, 27

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

*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.'*



The expression, 'the saints of the Most High' can sometimes refer to

- angels/messengers (Daniel 4:13, 17, 23)
- Pre-crucifixion believers (1 Samuel 2:9; Psalm 34:9; 116:15; 149:1; Hebrews 11)
- Jesus' chosen disciples (Matthew 19:28)
- First-generation Christians (Acts 9:32)
- All slain saints (Revelation 6:9-11; 17:6)
- All believers from all time – even TODAY (1 Corinthians 1:2)

The Son of Man *and* the Saints of the Most High are both given the kingdom (see Daniel 7:13-14, 18, 27)

## UNION WITH CHRIST – GLORIFICATION

- 1) Each person who has professed faith in Jesus Christ, who has been indwelt with the Holy Spirit, who has been born again, and who has identified with his death and resurrection has been united with Christ. (Romans 6:4-6)
- 2) Union with Christ is the teaching that each Christ-follower has been united with Christ in every way possible by the Word of the Father, the power of the Holy Spirit, and through saving faith in Christ, in order to partake in all Christ's saving benefits. (Ephesians 1 – the entire chapter)
- 3) One aspect of union with Christ is glorification. The doctrine of glorification teaches that all Christians will experience God's glory and presence, fully resurrected and restored bodies, perfect fellowship with Jesus, and complete freedom from sin. (2 Corinthians 4:17)
- 4) Glorification begins when a person has died to sin and has confessed Christ (Romans 8:30) ← UNION WITH CHRIST
- 5) Glorification enters its final phase once we have passed from this life to the next, either by death, or at Christ's return (1 Corinthians 15:40-43)

## DANIEL 7 AND THE BENEFITS OF OUR UNION WITH CHRIST

- 1) Union with Christ means that all believers share in Christ's position of authority (1 Peter 3:21-4:6)
- 2) Union with Christ means that all believers are seated with Christ in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:4-7)
- 3) Union with Christ means that all believers are no longer subject to the dominion of sin (Romans 6:14)
- 4) Union with Christ means that all believers will ultimately succeed in their fight against sin (Romans 8:37)
- 5) Union with Christ means that all believers have God's strength in the present to fight sin (Ephesians 1:18-19)
- 6) Union with Christ means that all believers who endure will reign with Christ (2 Timothy 2:11-13)