

Son of Man handout – Daniel 7.13-14, Revelation 1.13-14 John Kincaid, Aug.28, 2024

Jesus of Nazareth is unique in history: the only person who was 100% human and 100% God. Son of *God* refers to the deity of Christ; Son of *Man* refers to His humanity. John 1:1,14

Jesus was called the “Son of Man” in 82 New Testament verses (ESV).

Matt.12:8,32,40, 13:37, 19:28, 20:18,28, 24:27-44, 26:24,45; Luke 12:8; John 1:51,3:13-14

Stephen the 1st martyr (as he was stoned to death) saw Jesus in heaven and called Him the Son of Man. Acts 7:56 God called the prophet Ezekiel “son of man” 93 times - *a* son of man.

Jesus referred to Himself as “*the* Son of Man”. Jesus is what God intended mankind to be.

When Jesus called Himself the Son of Man, He was also claiming to be God. In Him, Deity lives. Col.2:9 The Son of Man could: *forgive sins* Matt.9:6, *save lives* Luke 19:10, *rise from the dead* Mark 9:9, and *execute judgment*. John 5:27; Matt.26:64-66 John 5:18, 19:7

Son of Man refers to the *humility* Jesus displayed. He is the eternal 2nd Person of the Trinity. Isa.53:3 He had no place to lay His head. Luke 9:58 He ate with sinners & suffered. Matt.11:19, 17:12 Jesus voluntarily lowered His status from King of Heaven to Son of Man. Phil.2:6-8

Son of Man fulfilled God’s prophecy. At Jesus’ trial Matt.26:64 He claimed to be the fulfillment of Dan.7:13-14. He told the disciples that [earth] "will see the Son of Man coming." Matt.24:30

600 years before Calvary, God gave Daniel a vision of the Son of Man who would come.

Jesus spoke about His coming kingdom. Matt.13:41, 16:27-28

Heb.2:5-9; Psa.8:4-6 The Son of Man will fulfill Old Testament prophecy as the King of kings.

Rev.1:13-14 John saw in the midst of the 7 lampstands: one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire

John described the one who was speaking to him. Rev.1:11-12, 17-20 Jesus asked His disciples who the Son of Man was. Matt.16:13-16 Peter affirmed it was Jesus. Revelation describes how the Son of Man is revealed, how He judges, and how He returns to establish His kingdom.

Dan.7:13-14 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, so that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom is one that shall not be destroyed.

The context: in Daniel chapter 7, Daniel describes then interprets his vision of 4 beasts, which symbolize 4 earthly kingdoms: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman Empires.

These kingdoms would not last, because of the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man. Dan.7:9

This vision parallels Nebuchadnezzar's dream about 4 kingdoms on earth, ruling until God set up His eternal kingdom. Dan.2:44-45 The Ancient of Days is God the Father (compare Dan.7:9 with Rev.4:2-5:1), and He gives the kingdom to His Son - the Son of Man. See Psalm 2:6-9

- This 5th kingdom of the Son of Man will be worldwide, eternal and unconquerable.
- The Son of Man, Jesus Christ alone, is worthy to rule the millennial kingdom.

- Clouds signify the deity of Christ. Matt.24:30; 1 Thes.4:16-17; Rev.1:7
- Clouds imply the presence of God. Exodus 13:21, 19:9, 19:16; 1 Kings 8:10-11; Ezek.10:4
- Christ ascended into a cloud, and He will return the same way. Acts 1:9-12; Zech.14:4
- Christ described His 2nd Coming in the same language as Dan.7:13-14. Matt.24:30; 26:64
- Daniel's middle section 2:4-7:28 was written in Aramaic (also called Syriac or Chaldee).
- Aramaic language does not have a definite article. It reads "a son of man" (not *The* Son).
- But *this* son of man is near the Ancient of Days and is given *sovereign* power.
- Scriptures say that Christ will rule all nations. Psalms 72:11; Rev.19:15-16, 21:15; John 18:36
- In the parable of the Ten Minas, Jesus is the man of noble birth. Luke 19:11-12
- The kingdom will be established on earth at the 2nd Coming (victory at Armageddon).
- The kingdom will be fully realized 1000 years later at the end of the Millennium.

Descriptions of the Same Scenes

Dan.7:13-14; Rev.5:1-10	Son of man receives authority over the kingdom.
Psa.2:5; Matt.24:21-22; Rev.6-18	God's terrifying wrath & anger during Tribulation.
Matt.24:30; Rev.19:11-18	Son of man returns in power & great glory.
Dan.2:34-35; 7:11; Rev.19:19-21	7:13-14 fulfilled by a crushing blow at Armageddon
Matt.25:31-46; Rev.20:1-3	Dan7:26-27 God's judgments establish the kingdom
Psalm 2:6; Rev.20:4	God installs His King on the holy hill of Zion.

After the Lord's millennial reign, He will surrender the kingdom to God the Father. Then Christ will be appointed as Ruler over God's eternal kingdom forever. 1 Cor.15:24-28