

of man went in the clouds to meet God who had given him authority and that the one who is sitting at the right hand has been given this authority and is going to come in clouds, between these two what basis do you have for deciding? I believe you have a clear basis in both NT passages where the High Priest said, Are you the Messiah the son of the holiest? Jesus said, Hereafter you will see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven.

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This is something which/the High Priest himself, or other human beings of whom the High Priest can be taken as representative, will see this actually happen. This is something which is still future and will be seen by human beings is what Jesus said -- this prediction Daniel made.

The second part of the question asks whether it proves anything about Jesus' interpretation. I think they very definitely do. But do ~~xxx~~ they prove anything about Jewish interpretation at the time of Christ? Well, when he said this the High Priest tore his clothes and said, What blasphemy; what need do we have of anything more? They knew He was calling himself the Son of man. Now he says they are going to see him with the divine power and glory coming in the clouds. So it is quite evident he is here pointing to the Second coming, as having been seen by Daniel even though in the rest of it we read about the saints receiving the kingdom.

It's interesting to note we never read about the saints conquering the kingdom. There is a phrase the saints take the kingdom, but the Hebrew word is not literally to seize, it is to receive! The saints are to have the kingdom, but it is Jesus Christ who takes the kingdom by virtue of the authority which He has, and appoints the saints as His representatives in it.

Perhaps that's all the time we should take on the second part of the assignment. But the third part was, What does the term Ancient of days mean in Dan. 7? What can you tell about the precise meaning in each case? The first time it's used is in v.9 -- "I beheld till the thrones were placed and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garments was white as snow, etc" This is what Daniel saw in vision. This is symbolic. This is not literal because God is a spirit. It is a picture to impress certain ideas on his mind of God's power, glory, etc.

Some commentators say, This is God the Father. I think that is erroneous. We have very few passages in the OT where there is a distinction between the persons of the Godhead. Here I think it is very clear that what Daniel sees in v.9 is the triune God. It is the great glorious God, and one of the great biblical teachings is that there is one God. There are not three gods. There is one God. We thoroughly believe in that. But we also believe there is a distinction between God the Father, and God the Son. How ~~xxx~~ there is only one God and yet how we are to say there are three persons in the Godhead is a mystery that no human being can explain. But we can accept it as a fact because it is clearly taught in the Scripture.