

I have copies of the assignment for next time for you. Please don't forget them at the end of the class.

I hope everyone remembers the topic we discussed last time: The fate of the first three beasts. That was one of the questions we presented. I hope you all remembered it.

We look at the vision of deity, vv.9-10. We did not have time to much more than glance at it. I believe I mentioned that the translation "thrones were cast down" which is in the KJV is not accepted by anyone I know of today. Perhaps when they wrote it by casting down they meant putting thrones in place.

The same word is used in Daniel 6 for putting Daniel in the lion's den; and also for putting the other people in the lion's den after he was taken out. Also for putting the men in the fiery furnace. In any of those the meaning "cast" might fit. But there is a reference in Extra which seems to settle it's meaning "to place" where the king says they shall not place upon them tribute or tax. This is accepted by all interpreters today, I think, as showing that here the thrones were set up rather than cast down.

We noticed in this the symbol of the thrones. The plural of the word is pretty hard to find a conclusive answer as to why it is== it should be plural there. Certainly everyone who is mentioned in the passage is standing before the throne, before God. There is no mention of anyone else sitting.

The whole impression of the passage is of the tremendous power and glory of God.

I got a question: How do we know that this is the Ancient of Days here standing standing for the triune God? I believe we should feel that in the OT where we read the word God, it must be the triune God who is referred to, unless there is something in the context that clearly shows that it is to be taken as referring to only one person of the Godhead.

Most of the statements in the OT referring to God would certainly refer to the triune God. In this case the picture of God's power, majesty, and authority is the thing stressed in vv.9-10. There are mention of thrones but there is no mention of anyone other than God sitting upon these thrones in this picture.

The great emphasis is on His great purity and great knowledge and tremendous power - the fire issuing from it, thousands thousands serving him, ten thousand times ten thousand standing before Him. It does not at all give the impression of being a judgment scene.

In Revelation we find all the dead brought before God, and we find that books are opened and they are judged according to what is written in the books. That is a judgment scene of individuals. But here as Daniel sees the terrible situation on earth with this awful beast and the one horn that came out of the beast that is