

**Publicly Jesus only identifies himself as “Son of Man”, not Messiah or Christ. He was referencing Daniel 7 and saw who he was and what he did as the fulfillment of this vision.** For example: Mark 9. "Who do you all say that I am?" Peter speaks up and says, "You are the Messiah. Christos. Anointed one." Then Jesus immediately warned them not to tell anyone. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the chief priests and elders."

**Daniel 7** In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

**2** Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. **3** **Four great beasts**, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

**4** "The first was like a **lion**, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it.

**5** "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a **bear**. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'

**6** "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a **leopard**. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

**7** "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a **fourth beast**—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

**8** "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

**9** "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the **Ancient of Days** took his **seat**. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His **throne** was flaming with fire, and its **wheels** were all ablaze. **10** A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

**11** "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the **beast** was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. **12** (The other **beasts** had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

**Sea = chaos**

**Anti-Eden imagery**

Gen 1: "the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters (sea)."

**Unkosher beasts**- a mixing of "types of animals" come out of the sea of chaos. An anti-creation scene.

**Evolution of Evil:**

There is an evolution to the beastly-ness and animalistic activity over time.

**Anti-Eden imagery**

Gen 1: **26** Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Instead of humans ruling over the animals, they become animal like and are ruled by the way of animals. Instead of humans "imaging" God, they "image" beasts. The way of God or the way of the Serpent.

God is not contained by territory. This is a mobile throne (seat of judgement) chariot of fire!

**Eden hyperlink** about rivers

Gen 2: **10** A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters."

Instead of river of life it's a river of judgement.

13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man**,<sup>[a]</sup> coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the **Ancient of Days** and was led into his presence. 14 He was **given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him**. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

15 “I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. 16 I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this.

“So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: 17 ‘The **four great beasts** are four kings that will rise from the earth. 18 But the **holy people of the Most High** will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.’

19 “Then I wanted to know the meaning of the **fourth beast**, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws—the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. 20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell—the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. 21 As I watched, this **horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them**, 22 until the **Ancient of Days** came and pronounced judgment in favor of the **holy people of the Most High**, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

23 “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a **fourth kingdom** that will appear on earth. It will be **different** from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. 24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. 25 He will speak against the Most High and **oppress his holy people** and try to change the set times and the laws. The **holy people will be delivered into his hands** for a time, times and half a time.<sup>[b]</sup>

26 “‘But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. 27 Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be **handed over to the holy people of the Most High**. **His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.**’

28 “This is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, was deeply troubled by my thoughts, and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

### The Eden Ideal

The Eden ideal is restored to the Son of Man (true human one)  
Gen 1: “26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule “

Son of Man = human, ideal  
Clouds of heaven = God’s space  
Led into presence = Moses-like

The four kingdoms are humanity’s best attempt to bring civilization to the sea of chaos.

### Cosmic Battle of Offspring

Cosmic battle between the offspring of the Serpent and Eve.  
Gen 3: “15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and **between your offspring and hers; he will crush<sup>[b]</sup> your head, and you will strike his heel.**”

Multiple offspring of both the serpent and Eve but only singular ONE human who will crush the way of the snake. (Son of Man)

### Delegated Authority

God always delegates authority into creation. Gen 1.  
But his authority must be done in his way and not like animals. The true human (Son of Man) is the one to show the rest of us how to live as the image of God in the Earth with His authority.

Jesus is the one who fulfills the role of Son of Man. Then delegates his authority to his followers to rule with him as a kingdom of priests.

## 4 Beasts

From the text

### Lion

wings torn off,

### Bear

devouring flesh

### Leopard

bird winds,

### 4th Beast

terrifying, very powerful

### Ancient of Days

From the text

- Took seat among multiple thrones,
- Clothing is white, hair like wool
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### From the text what is the meaning?

Does not come and go...is constant  
Finality of authority

### Son of Man

From the text

- Coming with the clouds of heaven
- Approached and led into Ancient of Days presence (Moses...Siani)
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### From the text what is the meaning?

New Moses, New Adam  
Bridges 'God space' and humans

### Holy people of the Most High

From the text

- Oppressed by little horn (war)
- Receive the kingdom
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### From the text what is the meaning?

Embedded within the beasts