THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR STUDENTS

UNIT 16 | SESSION 4

GOD'S PROMISES SUSTAIN HIS PEOPLE

Daniel 7:1-14

MAIN POINT:
God is forming an eternal kingdom under the reign of Jesus.

HIS STORY

- **What are some ways our society shows hostility toward God?**
- **How can we overcome evil influences around us?**
- **How should these prophecies motivate us to pray for and serve the nations?**
- **Why should the future overthrow of all evil be a constant expectation among God's people? How should we live until that happens?**
- **How does the future exaltation of Jesus enhance our worship of Him now?**

Essential Doctrine

God is Infinity | God's infinity means that there are no boundaries on His qualities and existence (Job 11:7-9; Ps. 147:5). For instance, God is infinite when it comes to space and time, meaning He is not confined by material space nor is He restricted by time since He is timeless (Ps. 90:1-2). God's infinity also extends to His knowledge of things as well as His power to do all things according to His will.

Christ Connection

Daniel's vision depicted worldly kingdoms that were set against God and passing away. Daniel also saw the coming of the Son of man who would be given dominion over an everlasting kingdom of every people, nation, and language. Jesus is the son of man, the King of kings, who purchased a people for God through His life, death, and resurrection.

In Defense

"'One like a son of man' has been interpreted in three primary ways—as an angel (Michael), a personification of the people of God (Israel), and the Messiah. The NT apostles (see John 12:34) and Christ Himself (Mark 14:61–62) confirm the latter view, specifically that the 'son of man' is Jesus of Nazareth. Early post-biblical Jewish literature (e.g., 1 Enoch 46:1; 48:10; 4 Ezra 13) also reflects the messianic view. That the 'son of man' of verse 13 was considered a divine personage is affirmed by the high priest's charge of blasphemy (Mark 14:64) when Jesus identified Himself as the One 'coming with the clouds of heaven' (Mark 14:62). Jesus' use of this title for Himself is one of the strongest evidences that He claimed to be the Messiah. 'Son of man' is especially common in eschatological passages (see, e.g., Matt. 16:27,28; 19:28; 24:30; 25:31), and the phrase 'a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven' is an allusion to the second advent of Christ, as Matthew 24:30 makes clear."—Stephen R. Miller, "Daniel," The Apologetics Study Bible (Nashville: B&H, 2007), 1282.

HEAD

- **What are some lessons we can learn from this account as it applies to Christians living in various parts of the world today?**
- **Specifically, what type of posture should Christians have toward their government in light of this account?**

HEART

- **How has this session challenged or corrected any beliefs you've had about the end times?**
- **What do you most look forward to in Christ's everlasting kingdom?**

HANDS

- **What are some ways we can show Jesus our allegiance each day?**
- **What are some tangible ways we can serve others in the Kingdom of God this week?**