

The Best (or Worst) is Yet to Come HEAVENU POWER CH 7 - "OUR FUTURE AT A GLANCE" Daniel 7:9-14

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STUDY SECTION

1. The Ancient One—God the Father.

Daniel 7:9–12, NASB95 -⁹ "I kept looking Until thrones [plural] were set up, And the Ancient of Days [an obvious reference to God the Father; this phrase is used only here in Dan. 7, vv. 9, 13, 22] took His seat; His vesture [clothing] was like white snow [representing purity] And the hair of His head like pure wool [representing wisdom]. His throne was ablaze with flames [representing judgment], Its wheels [like a chariot-throne was common in the OT, cf. Ezk. 1 & 10] were a burning fire. ¹⁰ "A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands [of angels] were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads [of the nations of the world] were standing before Him; The court [this is a judgment scene] sat, And the books [all three of them-the Bible, the Lambs Book of Life and the Book of Deeds] were opened. ¹¹ "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn [the antichrist—who is being judged, once and for all was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire [in hell]. ¹² "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

A. Who is He?

Daniel 7:9, NASB95 -⁹ "I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the <u>Ancient of Days</u> took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire.

God Himself is seated on His throne, in all His heavenly glory, preparing for the judgment of the world.

B. What happens?

i. The 'Ancient of Days' takes His seat upon the throne. (v. 9)

ii. A river of fire flows from God's presence--He is the final judge. (v. 10a)

iii. Millions of angel's minister to Him. (v. 10b)

iv. "Myriads" of people are watching. (v. 10c)

v. The Antichrist is thrown into hell forever. (vv. 11-120

2. The Son of Man—God the Son.

Daniel 7:13–14, NASB95 - ¹³ "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the <u>clouds of heaven</u> [Don't miss this: we are reminded of how Jesus will come—in the clouds; cf., Matt. 25:31, 26:64; Mark 13:26; 14:62, Rev. 1:7, 12 Thess. 4] <u>One</u> [representing deity] like a <u>Son of Man</u> [That phrase is used 82 times in the gospels—frequently by Jesus Himself—to describe Christ] Was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.

¹⁴ "And <u>to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom</u>, That <u>all</u> [in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek means "ALL"] the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion <u>Which will not pass away</u>; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

A. Who is He? Jesus Christ

B. What happens? He is given the Kingdom of God

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

"You, too, will one day stand before God."

- 1. Look at the Seated One.
- 2. Look around the Seated One.
- 3. See the Books opened before the Seated One.

4. Are you ready for this moment—it is your future.

The Antichrist will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because <u>they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them</u>.