



God's Grand Story: The Coronation of Christ (Daniel 7)

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At the time the Bible was written, 27% of it was prophetic.

There were around 1,817 prophecies in the Bible at the time the authors wrote the Scriptures. A **prophecy** is pre-written history.

There are many prophecies regarding future kings, kingdoms, and empires. But what about the prophecies concerning Jesus?

The Bible prophesies that Jesus would be born of a virgin, anointed with the Holy Spirit, and would be a prophet like Moses; that He would live in poverty and meekness, tenderness, and compassion, and that He would die with intense suffering yet be silent, and be raised from the dead three days later. All of this and more was recorded hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Many of these prophecies are fulfilled not by His friends, but by His enemies who stand to lose the most with their fulfillment.

One of the great verifications of the authenticity of the Bible is the element of fulfilled prophecy.

Daniel was God's prophet in a time of Judah's captivity. Their land was in shambles, their temple was destroyed, and the walls of their city were broken down. The Jewish people were asking, "Has God forsaken us?"

In Daniel 2, God gave His people a glimpse of the glorious future He had planned. In chapter 7, the prophecy continues with the promise of a Savior Who will establish His kingdom on earth in which we will reign as His people.

There are three parts of the prophecy in Daniel 7: **Who**, **What**, and the **When** of this future glorious kingdom. Today, we will look at the first two parts: the **Who** and the **What**.

1. Who - The Coronation of the King

The Bible is full of prophecies of the coming of the King of Kings (see Psalms 2, 45, 72, and 110; Zechariah 9). Daniel 7 and Revelation 4 set the scene of when Jesus is crowned:

Daniel 7:9-10 — "...thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days 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. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened."

Revelation 4:2-5 — "...a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads. Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder..."

John continues to describe many kinds of angelic beings who were crying out, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power..." (Revelation 4:11).

Revelation 5:1 — "I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book [scroll] written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals."

The one sitting on the throne, God the Father, has a scroll in His hand, and He's calling for someone to take the scroll and step out and take possession of the earth. It's coronation day, and One steps up.

Revelation 5:5 — "...behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

Read Revelation 5:9-14

Both John and Daniel had visions of the future coronation of Christ. Daniel chapter 7 continues:

Daniel 7:13-14 — "I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed."

The "Son of Man" was Jesus' favorite designation for Himself. When He presented Himself in this way, He was essentially saying, "I am

the one of whom Daniel spoke.” He specifically used this title when He referred to His second coming.

Matthew 16:27 – “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.”

Matthew 25:31 – “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.”

Revelation 11 describes what will happen when He comes to take the Kingdom from His Father’s hand.

Read Revelation 11:15-19

2. What - The Character of the Kingdom

Christ’s Kingdom will have 5 characteristics.

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1. Authority

When Christ takes His kingdom, he will have absolute authority. The kingdom of our Lord will be an absolute monarchy.

Daniel 7:27 – “Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.”

2. Honor

“Authority” controls all that men do. “Honor” controls all that they think. In the kingdom, Christ will be honored and glorified. Not only will He have the power to rule, but He will have honor from those over whom He rules.

3. Extent

Revelation 20:4 – “Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

Revelation 21:1 – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.”

Revelation 22:4-5 – “they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.”

4. Scope

Who comes under His rulership? Everyone!

5. Duration

His Kingdom will last forever.

The future Coronation of the King will be more glorious than we can imagine!