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"I watched until the thrones were put in place, and the **Ancient of Days** was seated, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool. His throne was like the fiery flame, and its wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him; and a thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. the court was set, and the books were opened. Then I watched, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke; I watched even until the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, One like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought **Him** (the Son of Man – Jesus) near before **Him** (the Ancient of Days – the Father). And there was given to Him (Jesus) dominion, and glory, and a Kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him. His Dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:9-13-14)

"When the **Son of Man** shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." (Matthew 25:31)

Son: from the Hebrew word **kebar** which means: like-a-son; from **bar** which means: son, son-of - (as in Simon bar Jonah - Simon son-of Jonah)

Man: from the Hebrew word **e-nas** which means: of-man, or of-men. or of mankind; From **enash** which means: man, men, or mankind; a human being.

Son of Man: literally: like-a-Son of Man - thus: (One) Like the Son of Man.

Son: from the Greek word **huios** which means: son, in context a male descendent who shares the same nature as the humanity of his father.

Man: from the Greek word **anthr pou** which means: man, men, or mankind; human being.

The context of this title, **Son of Man**, is altogether different than titles of Christ such as: Son of Abraham, Son of David, Son of Joseph, or even Son of God, all of which speak of a named father person. No father person is implied with the title Son of Man. The root context of this title is that Jesus is a **Son of Mankind**. Consider these scripture passages:

"... Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **But** made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the nature of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men (mankind). And being found in nature as a Man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name; that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 1:5-11)

"Forasmuch then as the children (human beings) are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise took part of **the same** (flesh & blood); so that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and to deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For truly He took not on Himself the nature of angels; but He took on Himself the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He was obliged to be made **into the likeness** of His (human) brethren, so that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:14-18)

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This title, The Son of Man, was already well established as a title of the Messiah of hope, within the Jewish culture at the time Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Also the 'context' of this title within the Book of Daniel was also firmly fixed within the Jewish mindset during the days of ministry of Jesus; (read in context). Jesus, Himself, knew well this context, and that this title referred to Himself. Since the Jews knew that the 'Son of Man' was a prophetic title of the Messiah, Jesus often used this title when referring to Himself. Consider these passages:

Jesus "asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I the **Son of Man** am?' And they said, 'Some say that thou art John the Baptist; ...; or one of the prophets.' And He said unto them, 'But whom say you that I am?' And Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (Matthew 16:13-16)

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the **Son of Man** has come to save those who are lost." (Matthew 18:10-11)

"And whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the **Son of Man** came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:27-28)

"And Jesus said unto them, 'truly I say unto you, that you who have followed Me, in the Regeneration when the **Son of Man** shall sit on the throne of His glory, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'" (Matthew 19:28)

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the **Son of Man** shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death," (Matthew 20:18)

"For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the **Son of Man** be." (Matthew 24:27)

"And then shall appear the sign of the **Son of man** in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of Man** coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:30-31)

"And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come, that the **Son of Man** should be glorified. Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'Except a Grain of Wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone: But if it dies, it brings forth much fruit. He who loves his life shall lose it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life. If any man serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serves Me, him will My Father honor. But now My soul is troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour.' But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Your name.' Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, 'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The people therefore, who stood nearby, and heard it, said that it had thundered; others said, 'An angel spoke to Him.' But Jesus answered and said, 'This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world; and now shall the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.' This He said, signifying what kind of death He should die. The people answered Him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abides forever; and how do You say, 'The **Son of Man** must be lifted up? who is this **Son of Man**?' Then Jesus said unto them, 'Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness comes upon you; for he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the Light, believe in the Light (speaking of Jesus), so that you may be the children of Light." (John 12:23-36)

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Consider this portion of Daniels prophecy: "..., and, behold, One like the **Son of Man** came with the clouds of heaven, and came **to** the Ancient of Days, and they brought **Him** near before **Him**."

Here Jesus is not coming to earth, as foretold in Matthew 24:30-31 above. Rather Jesus **the Son of Man** is coming with (or in) the clouds of heaven **to** the Ancient of Days, unto God the Father Himself! I believe the actual timing of this event refers to the Ascension of Christ Jesus into heaven after His resurrection from the dead. Consider this passage:

"Therefore , when they had come together, they asked of Him, saying, 'Lord, **will You at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?**' And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has determined by His own authority. But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' And when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, shall come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:6-11)

Jesus has fulfilled the purpose of His First Coming by "saving His people from their sins" He has Risen from the dead; and has ascended into heaven where He sits at the Right Hand of the Father. The Father has given His Beloved son Jesus "Dominion, and Glory, and a Kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed." Later, at a time and day determined and known only by the Father, Jesus, **the Son of Man**, will come again in the clouds to firmly establish His reign forever and ever. Amen!

"And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks **one like unto the Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girded about His chest with a golden girdle. His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice was as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword. And His countenance was as the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon Me, saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen. And I have the keys of hell and of death.'" (Revelation 1:12-18)

JESUS is ...

the Son of Man

**Born into this world in the likeness of mankind, with human flesh and blood.
Born into this world with the fullness of human nature, and yet with out sinning.
Born to die in the flesh for the forgiveness of sinful flesh - us His brethren!
Born to destroy him who had the power of death!**

Born to be the eternal King of the Jews and of all other believing peoples.

**Lord Jesus, to You be the Glory, and Honor, and Power, and Dominion forever!
To You do I give all my praise and worship!
Forever! Amen!**