

Contemporary Mystic Christianity **Bible Self-Study Supplement**

Daniel

The Second Vision: The Ancient of Days

At this point the vision of Daniel becomes particularly comparable to one in Revelation, and may be looked upon as an earlier version of the latter.

Daniel 7:9,10

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the, Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him. thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

It is obvious that the above is a vision of the universe in its spiritual aspect and presided over by the Supreme Being, for the "wheels" are, like those in Ezekiel's vision, the Wheels of the Zodiac, the fiery aura of great Beings whose powers brought the Zodiac into existence. St. John also looked upon the glory of the Ancient of Days and ten thousand times ten thousand Angels hovering about the throne — the various celestial Hierarchies which do His bidding. The solar orb is the outward symbol of the Supreme Being and heaven is the symbol of the Absolute. Therefore, "his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire."

In the "fiery flame which issued and came forth from before him" the Initiate perceives the sacred Mystery of the cosmic Fire permeating and

recreating the universe, a stream, in fact, of living spirits freshly entering creation from the hand of God.

"The judgment was set, and the books were opened." The problem of evil, its origin and its eventual disappearance from human experience, is probably the most difficult of all problems to solve. Its solution depends upon ability to rise, not merely into the Third Heaven whereof Paul spoke as containing those truths not lawful to utter, but into the Seventh Heaven where stands the Throne of God. In the presence of Deity alone, He who is beyond both good and evil (operation of the Law of Opposites), the Book of Truth is to be opened and the judgment read. Here only will Pilate's question "What is truth?" be answered.

Daniel 11:11,12

I beheld 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.

The Third Vision: The Son of Man

When Daniel's Three Friends had been cast into the fiery furnace, the king of Chaldea looked upon them and saw a fourth "like the son of God." In this vision Daniel, the Initiate, beheld the sacrifice of the great Christ Archangel: His coming to earth as the Redeemer of the planet and of mankind, and His eventual acceptance by all the peoples of the earth. Then he saw the occupation of the New Land by the New Race, when neither earth nor man shall wear these present robes of dust, but shall be adorned in celestial raiment that knows not age or decay.

Daniel 7:18,14

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 near before him.

And there was given him 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.

The "clouds" are radiations of color seen in spiritual realms; they arise from the great sea of cosmic emotion visible in the soul world.

Daniel states that the beasts have their dominion taken away from them, but "their lives are prolonged for a season and time." Beast-men of earlier periods of evolution are to be supplanted by a truly human race. Yet vestiges of past evils will continue to exist, not only in the remnant of dying races but in animal propensities active in all men that prevent their putting on the quintessential humanity, the Christ-in-man. These evil attributes are beheld by Seers as elemental astral forms. The "time" during which the three beasts were yet to influence human evolution is the same period referred to by Christ when he said: "I come not to bring peace but a sword" — for without the Sword of Christos the beasts can never be slain.

Daniel 7:21-23,25

1 beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break It in pieces. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

According to Josephus a Hebrew legend states that Adam said the world would be destroyed by both water and fire, and this agrees with the Persian teaching. In the foregoing verses Daniel describes the terrible evil of black magic that destroyed the Fourth Root Race and the continent of Atlantis. "The dividing of time" was marked by the Flood, which destroyed the earth and the Fourth Race. Mankind had descended to the lowest point in the evolutionary cycle and was ready to turn again heavenward. The destruction by fire prophesied by Adam refers to the destruction of the Lemurian continent in the Pacific Ocean; this took place prior to the Atlantean Epoch.

Daniel 7:27,28

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom Is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

This vision ends with the establishment of the new continent and the new race, which after many ages will come into being in the Aquarian-Leo cycle. "Hitherto is the end of the matter."

— **Corinne Heline**