

## Daniel And The Messiah

Two passages in Daniel which speak of the critical subject of Jesus are 7:13-14 and 9:24-27. First, in Daniel 7:13-14, the term "Son of man" emphasizes the humanity of the person Daniel saw in his vision. Vs. 14 emphasizes the universal and everlasting dominion or rule of the Son of man. This person is seen coming with or riding the clouds of heaven, which, in scripture, is the exclusive prerogative of God (Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7). In short, this figure represents Jesus.

The second passage, 9:24-27, states the approach of "seventy weeks" during which God would accomplish His plan of redemption for all the world. This period of time was a figurative representation of the time which would elapse before the accomplishment of six great achievements for the holy city and Israel. The first three relate to the removal of sin; the second three to the restoration of righteousness. Christ had informed His disciples that the day was coming when the Jew's "house" would be left desolate (Matthew 23:38; 24:2). Although some mistakenly believe that this refers to some event in the future tribulation, Daniel referred to the destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:15; Luke 21:20).

On October 14-16, the Loop 287 Church of Christ will host a special series of lectures on three topics: Daniel and his prophecies of the future, Daniel and his viewpoints of the Messiah, and Daniel and the coming kingdom of God. We will comment briefly about Daniel's view of the kingdom in this space next week. We want to invite you to be our guest on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings on October 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. to investigate each of these fascinating topics in depth.

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