

Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Context



Revelation Backgrounds

4. "One like a Son of Man"

Revelation 1:12-20 (Daniel 7, 10)



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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

These (Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

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Topics

- Read Daniel 7 and 10 to compare
- Messiah glorified
 - High Priest
 - Ancient of Days
 - Don't be afraid!
- Is this Jesus or an angel?
- Rev 1 and Dan 10 parallels



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Revelation 1:12-20 (CJB)

12. I turned around to see who was speaking to me; and when I had turned, I saw seven gold menorahs; 13. and among the menorahs was someone like a Son of Man, wearing a robe down to his feet and a gold band around his chest. 14. His head and hair were as white as snow-white wool, his eyes like a fiery flame, 15. his feet like burnished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of rushing waters. 16. In his right hand he held seven stars, out of his mouth went a sharp double-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. 17. When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, 18. the Living One. I was dead, but look!—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Sh'ol. 19. So write down what you see, both what is now, and what will happen afterward. 20. Here is the secret meaning of the seven stars you saw in my right hand, and of the seven gold menorahs: the seven stars are the angels of the seven Messianic communities, and the seven menorahs are the seven Messianic communities.



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Daniel 7 (ESV)

In the first year of Belshazzar king of **Babylon**, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. (2) Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. (3) And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. (4) The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. (5) And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' (6) After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. (7) After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. (8) I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them **another horn, a little one**, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a **mouth speaking great things**.



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Daniel 7 (ESV)

(9) "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the **Ancient of Days** took his seat; **his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool**; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. (10) A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; **the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened**. (11) "I looked then because of the sound of the **great words that the horn was speaking**. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. (12) As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.



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Daniel 7 (ESV)

(13) “I saw in the night visions, and behold, **with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man**, and he came to **the Ancient of Days and was presented before him**. (14) **And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed**. (15) “As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. (16) I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.



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Daniel 7 (ESV)

(17) ‘These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. (18) **But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.**’ (19) “Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, (20) and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth **that spoke great things**, and that seemed greater than its companions. (21) **As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them,** (22) **until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.** (23) “Thus he said: ‘As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces.



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Daniel 7 (ESV)

(24) As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. (25) He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. (26) **But the court shall sit in judgment**, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. (27) **And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.**' (28) "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart."



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Daniel 10 (ESV)

In the third year of Cyrus king of **Persia** a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision. (2) **In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks.** (3) I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. (4) On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing **on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris)** (5) **I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. (6) His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.** (7) And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide. (8) So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength.



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Daniel 10 (ESV)

(9) Then I heard the sound of his words, and **as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.** (10) And behold, **a hand touched me** and set me trembling on my hands and knees. (11) And he said to me, “O Daniel, man **greatly loved**, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. (12) Then he said to me, “**Fear not**, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.




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Daniel 10 (ESV)

(13) The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, (14) **and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.** (15) When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. (16) And behold, **one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips.** Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, “O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. (17) How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.” (18) Again **one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.** (19) And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” (20) Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of **Persia**; and when I go out, behold, the prince of **Greece** will come. (21) But I will **tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth**: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.



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Revelation 1	References
<p>12. I turned around to see who was speaking to me; and when I had turned, I saw seven gold menorahs;</p> 	<p>Exodus 37:23 And he made its seven lamps and its tongs and its trays of pure gold.</p> <p>Zec 4:2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it.</p>

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Revelation 1	References
<p>13. and among the menorahs was someone like a Son of Man, wearing a robe down to his feet and a gold band around his chest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Messiah taking on the mantle of God the Father." • "Jesus is the heavenly priest, fully prepared and qualified..." • "the risen Jesus is the greatest conceivable figure." 	<p>Exo 28:4 These are the garments that they shall make: a breast piece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests.</p> <p>Dan 7:13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.</p> <p>Dan 10:5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.</p> <p>Dan 10:16 And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, "O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength.</p>

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Revelation 1

14. His head and hair were as white as snow-white wool, his eyes like a fiery flame,

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Dan 7:9 "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

Dan 10:6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, ...



Mat 17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.



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Revelation 1	References
<p>15. his feet like burnished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of rushing waters.</p> 	<p>Dan 10:6 ... his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.</p> <p>Eze 1:7, 24 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like burnished bronze.</p> <p>24 And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings.</p> <p>Eze 43:2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory.</p> 

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Revelation 1	References
<p>16. In his right hand he held seven stars, out of his mouth went a sharp double-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.</p> 	<p>Jdg 5:31 "So may all your enemies perish, O LORD! But your friends be like the sun as he rises in his might."</p> <p>Isa 49:2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.</p> <p>Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart</p> 

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Revelation 1	References
<p>17. When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last,</p>	<p>Dan 8:17-18 So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end." 18 And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up.</p> <p>Dan 10:9-10,12,15 followed by Dan 10:19 And he said, "O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage." And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."</p>



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When I saw him, I fell down at his feet



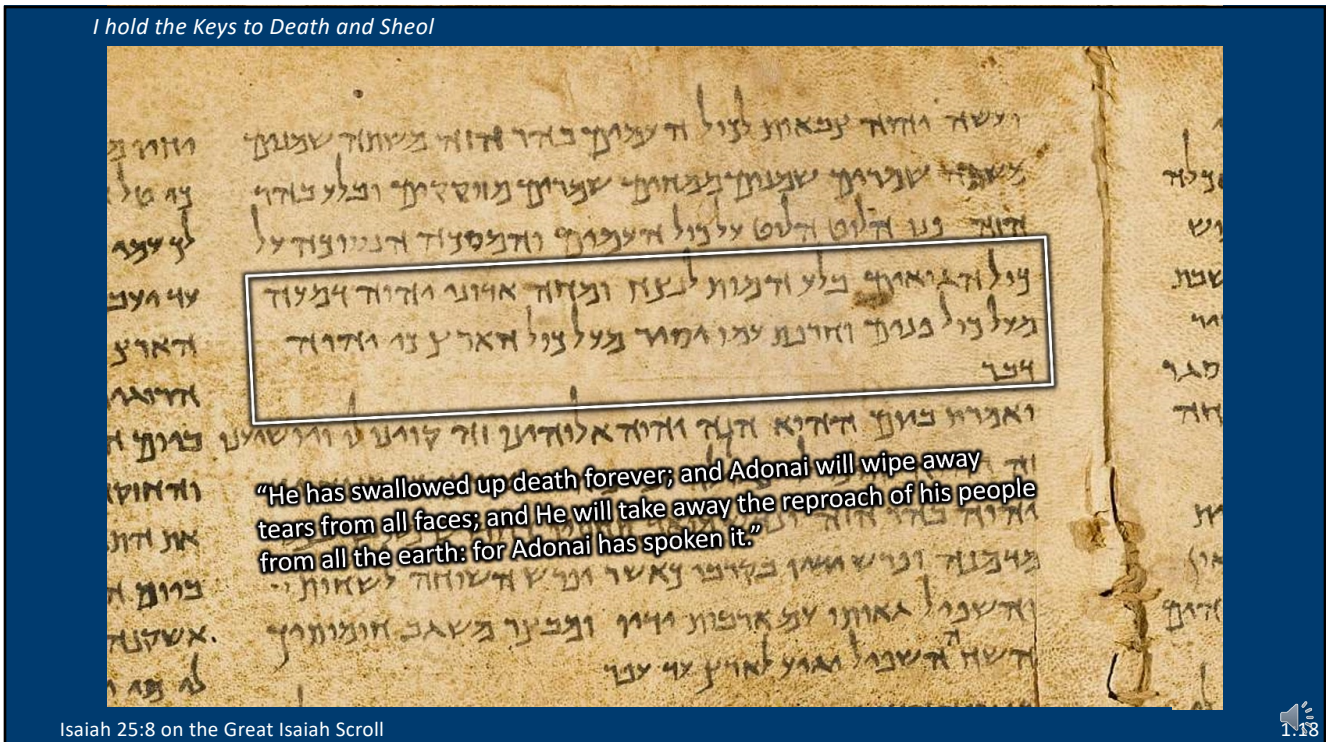
Abraham before the Angel of the Lord



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Revelation 1	References
<p>18. the Living One. I was dead, but look!— I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Sh'ol.</p>	<p>Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. Hos 13:14 I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol; I shall redeem them from Death. O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting?</p>


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Revelation 1	References
19. So write down what you see, both what is now, and what will happen afterward.	Isa 30:8; Jer 30:2; Hab 2:2 (see Rev 1:11)

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Revelation 1	References
20. Here is the secret meaning of the seven stars you saw in my right hand, and of the seven gold menorahs: the seven stars are the angels of the seven Messianic communities, and the seven menorahs are the seven Messianic communities.	Zech 4: 2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it.



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The seven stars are the angels of the seven messianic communities



Cuneiform star chart from the library of Ashurbanipal in Nineveh



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The seven menorahs are the seven Messianic communities



Tabernacle Model golden menorah



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Topic	Dan 10	Rev 1:9-18
Double introduction	2 In those days I, Daniel,	⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus
Location – both surrounded by water	4 was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris)	9 was on the island called Patmos
State of preparation	2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. 3 I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks.	¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,
The listener notices	5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man	12 I turned around to see who was speaking to me;
The being's clothing	5 clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.	13 clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.
Head/face	6 his face like the appearance of lightning, (Dan 7:9 the hair of his head like pure wool)	14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow.

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Topic	Dan 10	Rev 1:9-18
Eyes	6 his eyes like flaming torches	14 His eyes were like a flame of fire,
Arms & Legs/Feet	6 his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze	15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace,
Voice	6 the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.	15 and his voice was like the roar of many waters.
Reaction	⁹ as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.	17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
Commission	¹⁰ And behold, a hand touched me	17 But he laid his right hand on me,
Assurance	¹² Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel,	17 saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades
Mission	^{14,19} and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come....I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth."	19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

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Conclusion

The New Testament is in the Old concealed;
The Old Testament is in the New revealed

One integrated message

That message is a love letter written in blood on a wooden cross



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