

Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:9-14

Intro:

- Names of God –
- We come to the time of Daniel
 - First of the people taken in captivity (605 BC)
 - God raises up Daniel to oversee this captivity (6:28)
 - Nebuchadnezzar has finished ruling...
 - Belshazzar now needs a lesson...
- People are in captivity, name changes, despair
- So God reveals His plan and another Name

I. Revelations

- When times get tough, where do we look?
 - God gives His man visions of what He is doing!
 - A panoramic view of “beasts” ...
 - All the works of men will one day **fall** before HIM!
- Keep looking!
 - Thrones set up... (Re 20:4)
 - Ancient of Days - *attîyq yômîyn* (Aramaic)
 - Eternal, everlasting, without beginning or end
 - Clothing, Hair, Throne of purity and judgment

II. Judgments

- The angels and holy ones are gathered
 - River of Fire denotes a purifying source
 - We cannot purify ourselves... only from HIM!
 - The books are opened!
 - “beast” is slain & judged – Antichrist & his kingdom
 - “rest of the beasts” dominion removed... extension
- God will make all things to be seen!
 - Nations and individuals!
 - Yet, there is more to see of the **Ancient of Days**

III. Kingdom

- Son of Man comes to the Ancient of Days
 - Even rabbis agree this is the Root of David!
 - Given dominion over all
 - Glory and kingdom sovereignty
 - Peoples, Nations, Tongues... serve HIM!
 - This is eternal and everlasting
- What a vision for those in “captivity”
 - Daniel needed help with it (15ff)
 - It is the eternal focus we need to help us see...

Applications:

- In these days we need the Ancient of Days
 - A revelation that GOD KNOWS and SEES
 - That He is no new comer, fly-by-night, passing fad
 - That in our worst times, HE HAS A PLAN!!!

18 But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.

22 until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.