

Son of Man and the Ancient of Days

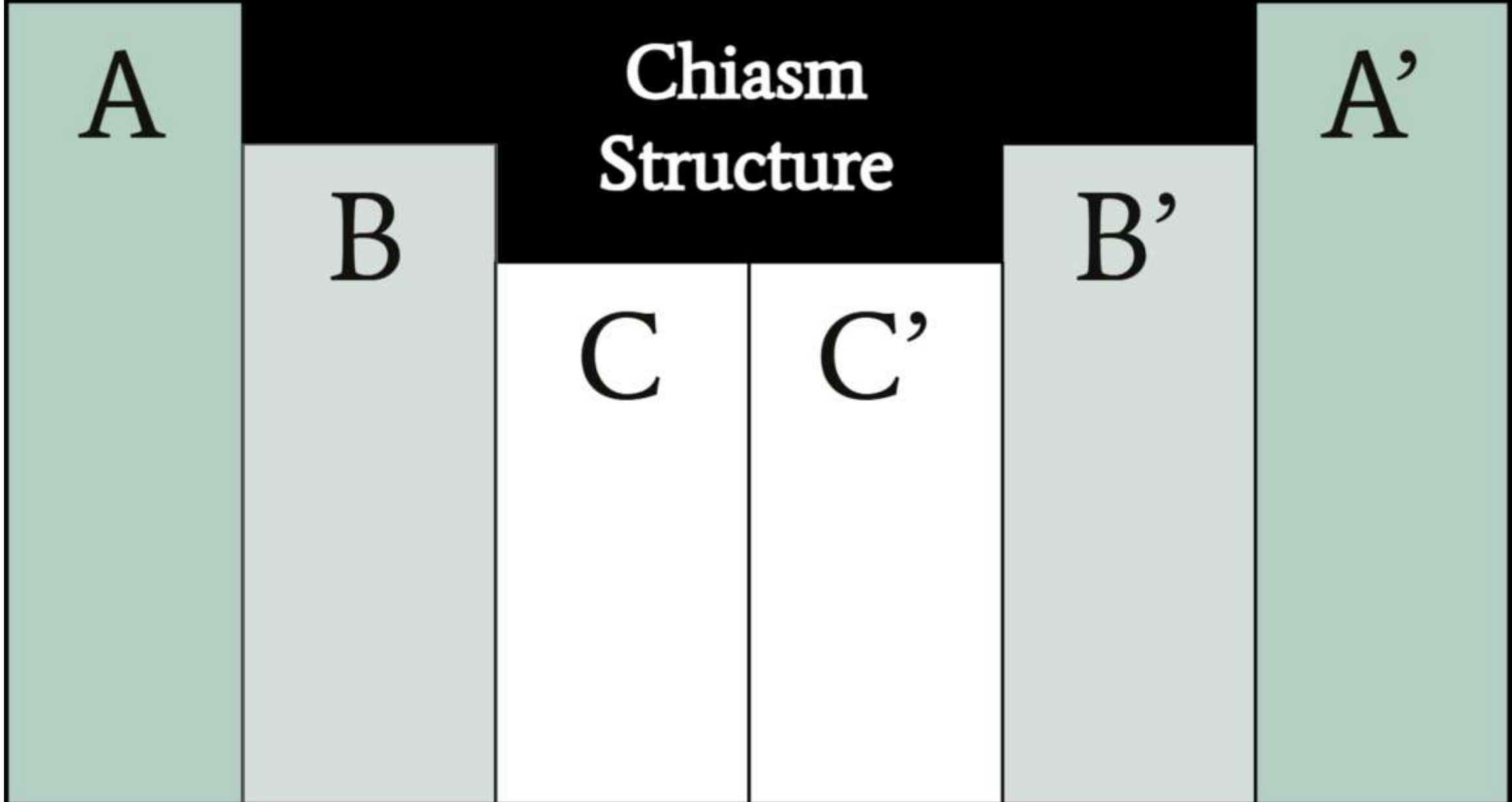
Daniel 7

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BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front)

- All the kingdoms of the earth will be judged
- Jesus has already received the kingdom that will never end
- God's people will both suffer AND triumph until the time of his return
- God's people will win for all eternity



God Rules the Kingdoms of this world

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Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel's Vision

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1. Babylonian (626 – 539 BC)

2. Medes and Persians (539 – 336 BC)

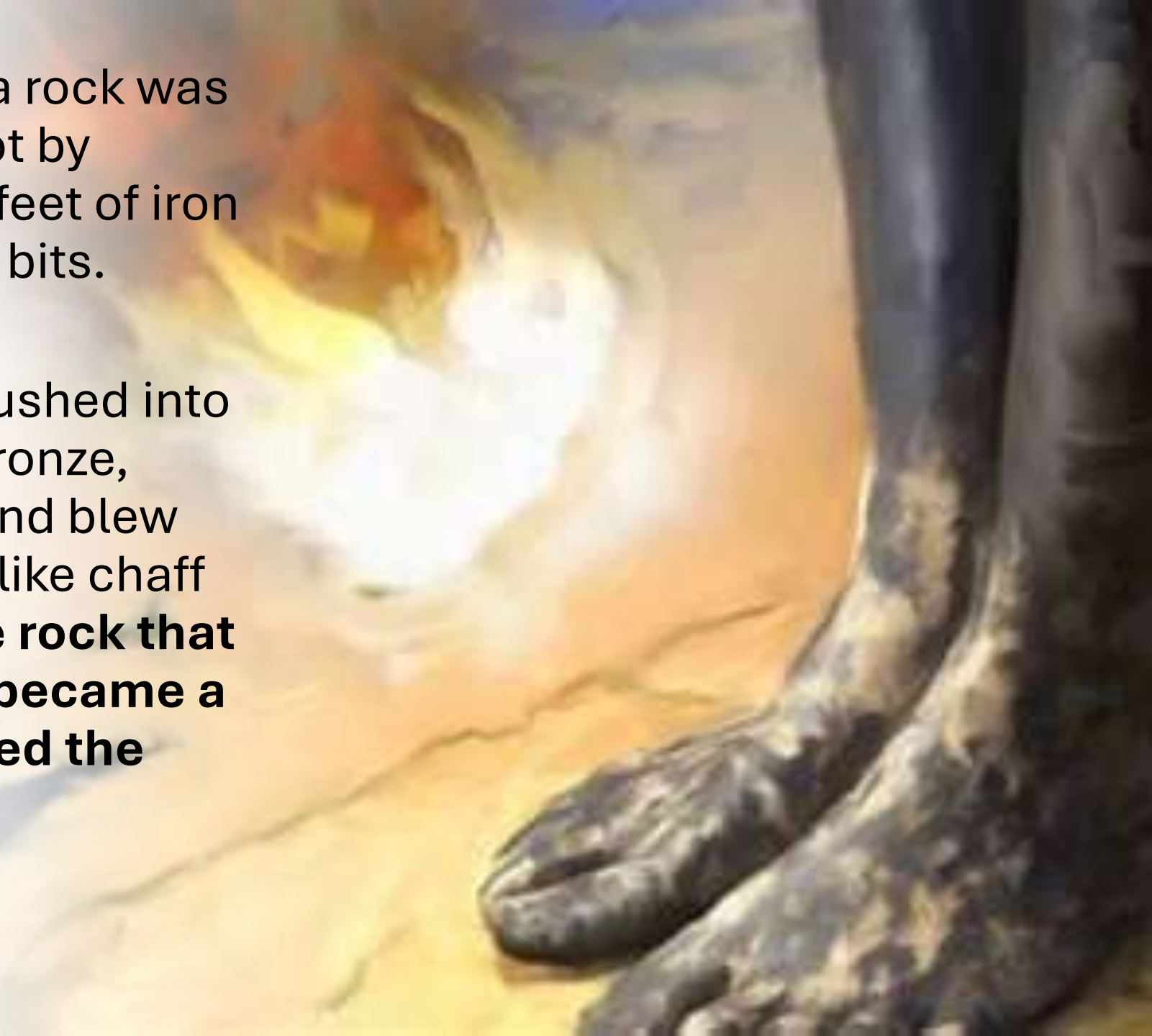
3. Greece (336 BC to 31 BC)

4. Roman (31 BC to 323 AD)



Dan 2: 34 As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits.

35 The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. **But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.**



Daniel 7:1-16 (NKJV)

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are filled with small, illegible text, likely a Bible. The book is centered against a light gray background. Overlaid on the center of the book is a quote in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The quote is: "The main things are the plain things, and the plain things are the main things."

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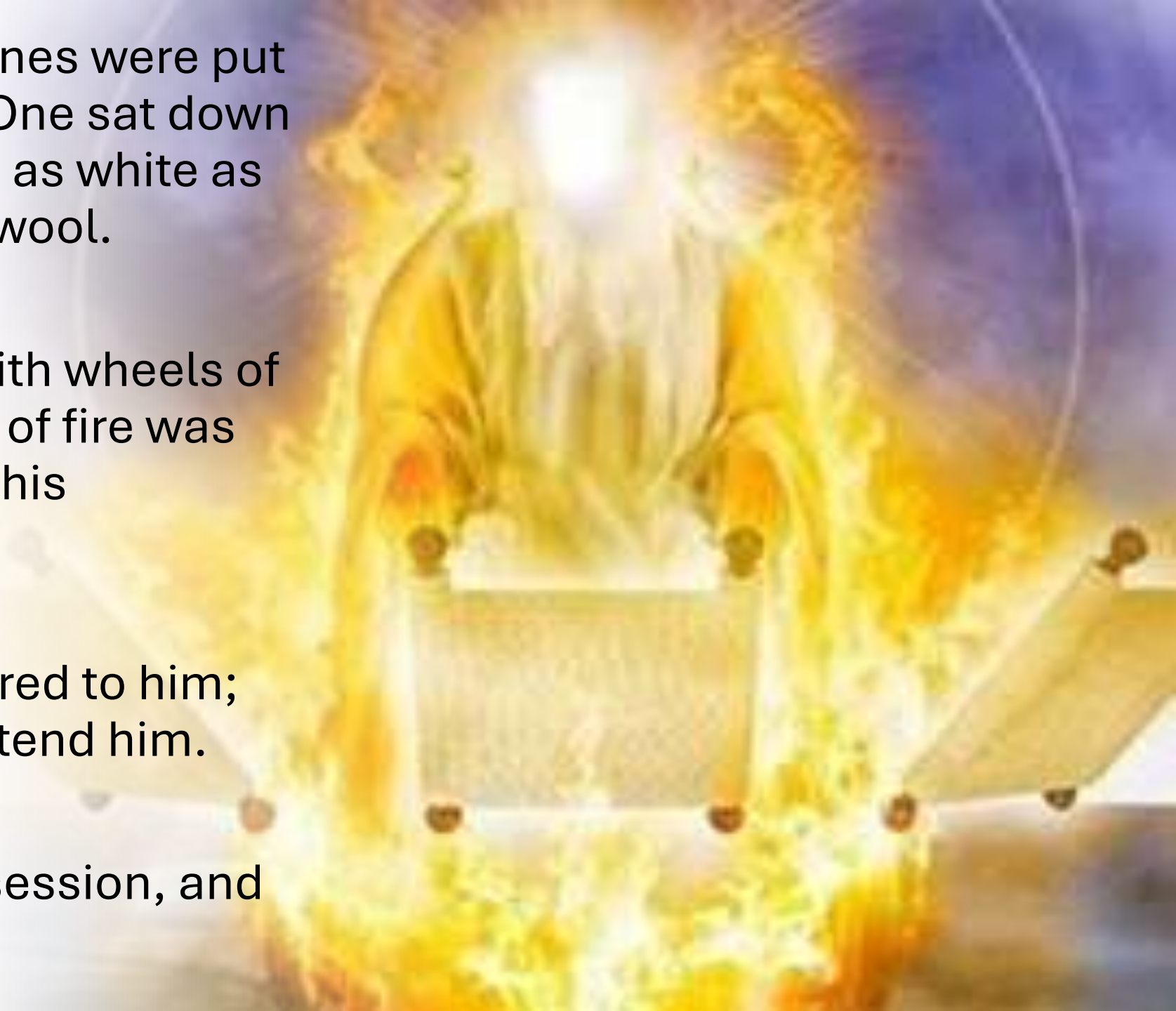
Dan 7:17 These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

Dan 7:9 I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool.

He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, 10 and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence.

Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him.

Then the court began its session, and the books were opened.



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.

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.





The Son of Man

- Jesus refers to himself this way 81 times
- It clearly emphasizes his humanity, that he became one of us
- But it also points to his claim as both Messiah and God in reference to Dan 7:13

The Son of Man

- “Must suffer many things” (Luke 9:20-22)
- “You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” (Mat 26:63)





John 12:31 The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. 32 And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” 33 He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

Jesus is LORD (God) and Christ (Messiah)

Acts 2:33 Being therefore **exalted at the right hand of God**, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not **ascend into the heavens**, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “**Sit at my right hand**, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool.””

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both **Lord and Christ**, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Dan 7:21 As I watched, this horn was waging war against God's holy people and was defeating them, 22 **until** the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom.



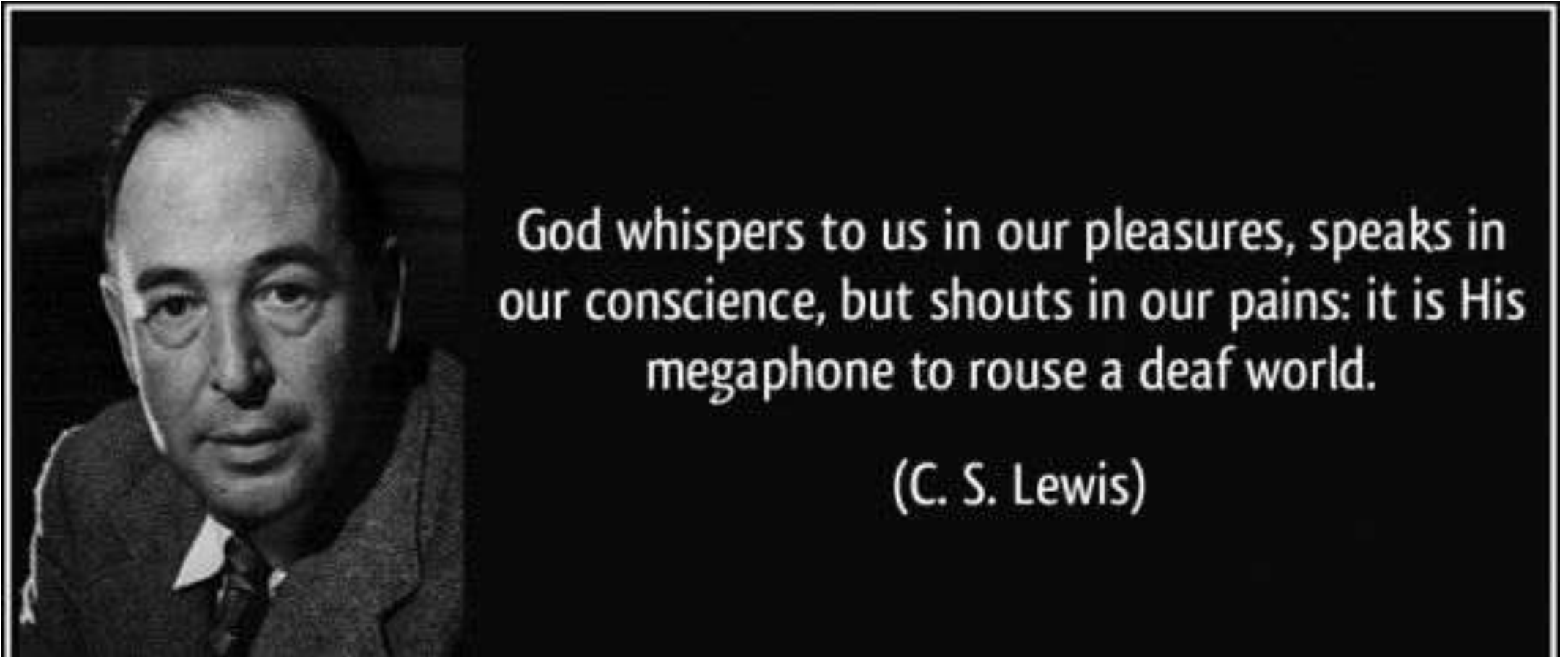


The Source of Suffering and Trouble

- Consequences of our own sinful choices
- We live in the fallen world.

But why Lord?

Sometimes suffering is how God gets our attention.



Luke 9:22 saying, “**The Son of Man must suffer many things** and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

23 And he said to all, “**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.** 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.



2 Tim 3:11 You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it. 12 Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.



1 Pet 5:6-10 So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. ... Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. 10 In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

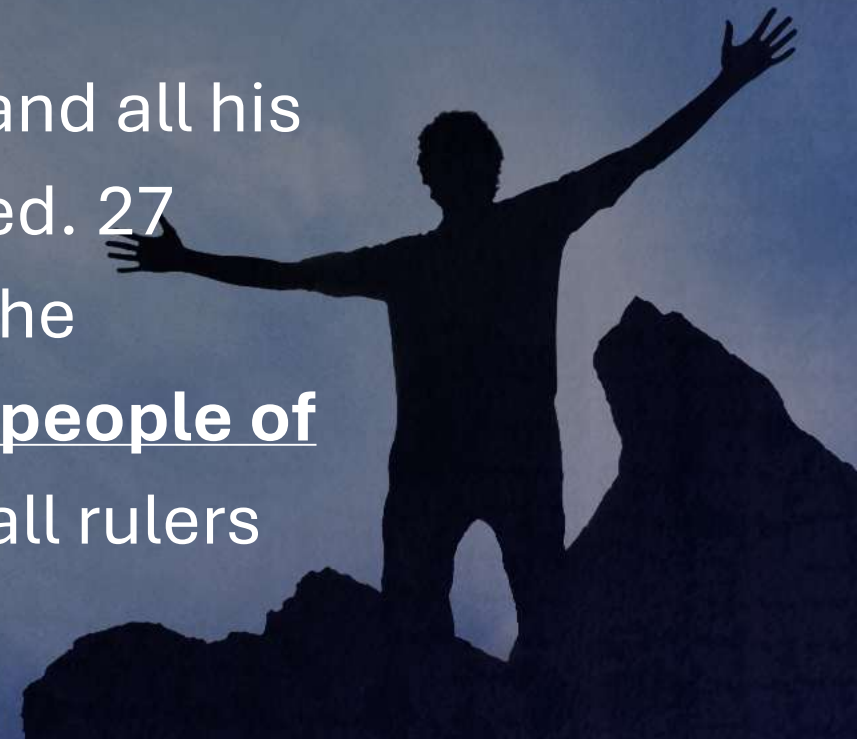


Dan 7:18 But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever.”

Dan 7:22 until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom.

Dan 7:26 “But then the court will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed. 27

Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him.”



Jesus humbled himself, submitted himself to be obedient and suffered even to the point of death on the cross. Then he rose to eternal glory and is exalted forever.

So too we must humble ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus in obedience.

To share in Christ's glory,
we must travel the path of suffering

