

How can you sit at his right hand? It's very obvious that this is a figurative expression. It is a figurative expression, the meaning of which is perfectly clear. It means: to take a place of glory and of power, a place of authority. I believe that most Christians feel that this was fulfilled at the resurrection. After the resurrection, at the end of Matthew, Jesus appeared to his disciples and said, All power in heaven and on earth is given to me.

In view of what He won by his atonement, where he destroyed the power of sin and overcame Satan, He has been given all power and authority. This was predicted by David when he said, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand. This is a figurative expression. I think it is quite clear to us what the figure means in this case. It might not if you did not have the NT to explain it. "Sit thou at my right hand." I think though that anyone regardless of knowing anything about the NT, would take this phrase Sit at my right hand to mean Take the place of prominence, take the place of glory. Receive glory.

Sit thou at my right hand until I make thy enemies thy footstool. Was he going to make them a wooden thing that he could rest His feet on? Here is a figurative expression. But the meaning of this figure is quite obvious to us. Until he gives Him complete victory over His enemies.

The verse we assigned: How much in it is literal and how much is figurative? in Dan. 7:13. "I saw in the night visions, and behold one like the Son of man" -- there is no the in the Aramaic - "one like a Son of man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of days and they brought him near before him. That phrase "they brought him near" is an impersonal. It would really be better if they interpreted it in English by a passive: He was brought near before him, and there was given him dominion, glory, and a kingdom.

If this was only in the OT and we had no NT, there would be quite a variety of possible ways to interpret ~~xxx~~ what Daniel saw in his night vision as far as any meaning to it is concerned. Just as at the beginning of this ch. when he says he saw four animals come out of the sea. You would not know whether this means that his country was going to be attacked by the navies of four different countries all coming together and attacking them at once, or whether they were going to have lots of fish to eat, or any one of many interpretations which might be given. But of course in v. 17 we are told: These four beasts are four kings which shall arise out of the earth.

The symbol says they came out of the sea. Here he says they shall arise out of the earth. Nobody thinks there is any contradiction there because sea and earth are both figurative expressions, but it's quite clear to us there what they mean.

So here we do not have in the OT much of an interpretation of this. Just looking at it alone, you might say right away: He saw one like a son of man. What does it mean? Like a son of man? In the NT we find our Jesus Christ interpreted the term son of man.