

interpretations. Sometimes you read in poetry that someone came trailing clouds of glory behind him or some such phrase. Is this to be taken as a symbol? literally as it happened? or as a symbol?

Then it says, They came to the Ancient of Days. The Ancient of days, the very old one, the venerable one. I believe all interpreters agree this represents God. A phrase used nowhere in the Bible, as I recall, except in this ch. where it is used three times. The Ancient of days, we read three vv. before, he sat in tremendous glory. A symbolic picture because God is a spirit, and you don't see Him in physical form.

But it is a term you could take in a literal term. It refers to the great God. No question of that. He came. But how would you come to one who is a spirit. Is it physical motion like I might come to one of you? He came to the Ancient of days and was brought near before him and there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom. Certainly that is strange: He came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him and there was given him dominion and glory is a symbolic way of saying that God gave to him tremendous power and authority. It is symbolic. The meaning of that particular symbol is absolutely clear. It is identical with what we read in Ps. 110:1, "Sit thou at my right hand until I make thy enemies thy footstool."

Now I asked you to, as a second part of the assignment, to look at -- we've looked at various possibilities of interpretation thus far? what is literal and what is figurative? Now in the second part of it, I asked you to look at Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The references specifically I gave. The first two are clearly an illusion to this passage. The third may be.

We'll just look at the first two now. In Mat. 22:64, Jesus said to the high priest, Hereafter ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven. There are two very great similarities between this statement and the statement in Mark 14:62 to the verse we just read. There is the obvious one that he, a Son of man will be coming in the clouds of heaven. That is obvious.

But what about the other part? Sitting on the right hand of power? That is used in both of these expressions. That, of course, uses the very same figure used in Ps. 110. But here He is referring to Daniel. Does it have any parallel? I submit it is an exact parallel. Here we read that this one came to the Ancient of days, was brought before him and given authority and power. He we read you will see him sitting on the right hand of power. It is an exact parallel. So Jesus in both cases referred to this verse. So the parallel is very close even though a slightly different figure is used for half of the parallel. In Daniel he speaks of being given the power; here he speaks of his already having it-- he is sitting at the right hand of power.

But what is the marked contrast between Mat. and Mk. and this passage in Daniel? The very marked difference is that in Mat. and Mk. Jesus says you will see Him with great power and