

So when it says "the judgment was set" the word here translated "the judgment" is not a concrete word. Most of those who take this as "court" say that the word for decision or judgment is here used the abstract for the concrete-- it means the court! But the word -- it seems to me the KJV represents the thought of the whole situation much better.

God's judgement was set, it is determined, it continues. It still sat there. The beast and the little horn with his declarations and his attempt to destroy all that God desires could not succeed because God's judgment has been set from all eternity. It is not a judgment scene, in my opinion, in the sense of a court making a decision, but it is God carrying out his decision He has made long before.

The books were opened. That I would take as being symbolic representation of God's omniscience; of the fact He knows everything and He acts wisely in all that he does. I would not take it as _____ their trying to ~~expa~~ explain to Him just what is happening, and all that. It seems to me that is what we have here in this picture.

7. The Son of Man.

Here in a picture which is symbolic we have something happen in which as far as this passage is concerned could be symbolic, but I believe we have in the midst of the symbols ~~we~~ we have a literal, thing; that is he saw something-- he saw all these things of course, but he saw this thing which was not meant as a symbol but as a picture in advance of something that was going to happen. I don't think we ~~z~~ could say that dogmatically apart from the NT evidence. But I think the NT evidence makes that clear.

He saw in the night vision, and behold one like the Son of Man. Notice this word Son of Man is used in Dan. 8:17 where God's messenger says to Daniel, Understand, O Son of Man. Son of man just means a man, one of the class of man. But here he saw one who looked like a man. But this picture here came to be recognized by the Jews as a picture of the coming of Messiah. Jesus uses of himself the term the Son of Man clearly referring back to this use ~~xxxx~~ of term not to ch. 8 where it just means a man. Not to Ezekiel where it ~~xxxx~~ is used dozens of times Ezekiel is addressed as Son of Man. But this picture shows the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven.

Here we have one coming who has great authority. Now whether you would say that he saw one who would be coming with the clouds of heaven, who came to the Ancient of Days and was given authority prior to His coming, or whether you would say He saw Him coming and He realized what had already happened, that he had been brought before the Ancient of Days and had been given dominion, glory and a kingdom that all people, nations, and langggages should serve Him, which ever way you take it, I believe the usage in the NT shows and also Ps. 110:1 shows that the giving of authority to Him precedes His coming with the clouds of heaven. And that this is a literal picture of One coming in the clouds of heaven as shown by the NT reference.