

THE NAME OF THE LORD LXI

ATTIQ YOMIN – THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

¹⁰ *Who [is] among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh [in] darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. ¹¹ Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass [yourselves] about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks [that] ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.*

Isaiah 50:10,11 KJV

⁷ *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*

Psalms 20:7 NIV

⁹ *“As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. ... ²² until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.”*

Daniel 7:9,10,22 NIV

I. ATTIQ YOMIN – The “Ancient of Days”

- A. The majestic Aramaic title, “Ancient of Days,” appears three times in Daniel chapter 7 – verses 9, 13, and 22. (The title is in Aramaic, the language of the enemies of God, who he is just about to judge.)
- B. “The name ancient of days does not point to an elderly ruler, made feeble by age, but to a divine ruler who is eternally all-powerful he is the everlasting God who rules in sovereign power, this name of God points to him as the divine judge.” (Scriptural Grace)
- C. The “Ancient of Days” is the name given by God to Daniel contrasting the everlasting power of God with the fragile existence of the empires of this world.
- D. “You might be in a fog and uncertain about your future or the next step you should take, but the Ancient of Days is never uncertain. HE knows the beginning from the end, which means that all of us as HIS children can have hope and confidence, knowing that He has the past, the present, and the future under His control.” (David Adamson)

II. Three truths concerning ATTIQ YOMIN

- A. God sits on His throne.
- B. God rules over all Nations.
- C. God’s Kingdom is eternal.

III. Son of Man / The Cloud Rider

¹³ *“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.*

¹⁴ *He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14 NIV)*

²⁶ *“There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty.” (Deuteronomy 33:26 NIV)*

A. The God of the clouds

1. Clouds are clearly related to Yahweh, because he appeared in the midst of them so often.
2. In the Hebrew Scriptures, clouds symbolize the presence of God.
3. The clouds served as both a proof of God’s direct presence, and a protective barrier shielding men from direct exposure to divine glory.

B. Yahweh is the Cloud Rider.

1. Baal was the counterfeit Canaanite storm deity.
2. By usurping the cloud riding identity from Baal, Yahweh is seen as the true sovereign of the universe.

C. Every time the cloud riding motif appears in the Old Testament, it is God, Yahweh himself, riding the clouds.

IV. Eight examples of Yahweh, the Cloud Rider and protector of his darling beloveds.

A. Yahweh comes to Moses in a cloud.

⁹ *The LORD said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking*

with you and will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the LORD what the people had said. (Exodus 19:9 NIV)

- B. Yahweh led the children of Israel in the wilderness by a cloud.

²¹ By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. (Exodus 13:21 NIV)

- C. Yahweh spoke to Moses in the cloud.

⁹ As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. ¹⁰ Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. (Exodus 33:9-10 NIV)

- D. Yahweh appeared in a cloud over the ark of the covenant.

² The LORD said to Moses: “Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover.” (Leviticus 16:2 NIV)

- E. To the children of Israel, Yahweh, and only Yahweh, is the Cloud Rider.

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F. There is no one, other than Yahweh, who rides on the clouds.

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, ³³ to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.
(Psalm 68:32-33 NIV)

G. Yahweh, alone, rides the heavens.

³ and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. (Psalm 104:3 NIV)

H. Yahweh rides the clouds like a chariot.

¹ A prophecy against Egypt: See, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt with fear. (Isaiah 19:1 NIV)

V. The Son of Man / Wait a minute, there's another Cloud Rider!

¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14 NIV)

A. A human being comes on the clouds.

- * How can Yahweh come flying on a cloud to the throne of Yahweh? There are two Yahweh figures in the same verse!

B. The Cloud Rider is Jesus.

³⁰ *“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.”* (Matthew 24:30 NIV)

C. Jesus tells the Sanhedrin who He truly is.

⁶⁴ *“You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”* ⁶⁵ *Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.”* (Matthew 26:64-65 NIV)

- * He is saying “I am Yahweh” that’s the reason they immediately accuse and judge him guilty of blasphemy!

D. Jesus continues to prove this beyond a shadow of a doubt.

⁹ *After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.* ¹⁰ *They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.* ¹¹ *“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”* (Acts 1:9-11 NIV)

E. So, Jesus is the Cloud Rider!

⁷ *“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.*
(Revelation 1:7 NIV)

* Yahweh is the only one who is the Cloud Rider. Hence Jesus is Yahweh!

F. It continues.

¹⁴ *I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.* ¹⁵ *Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”* (Revelation 14:14-15 NIV)

G. This proves that Jesus is El Yeshurun and Attiq Yomin manifested in the flesh.

¹⁴ *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
(John 1:14 NIV)

“Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise” Robert Grant