

"Like a Son of Man" - Sefer Daniel, the Gospels and the Bookshelf of Bayit Shení
 כּבֵּר אַנְשׁ (דְּנִיאל זִיג) – סֵפֶר דְּנִיאל, הָאוּוֹנְגְלִיוֹנִים וְהַסְפָּרוֹת מִיְמֵי בֵּית שֵׁנִי
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1) Ignatius of Antioch, *Epistle to the Ephesians* 20:2 (ca. 100-118 CE)

...All of you, severally and in common, continue to come together in grace, as individuals, in one faith and in Jesus Christ, who according to the flesh was of the family of David – the Son of Man and Son of God – that you may obey the bishop and the presbytery with undistracted mind...

2) Numbers 23:19 (13th century BCE)

לֹא אִישׁ אֵל וְיִכְבֹּב, וּבֶן-אָדָם וְיִתְנַתֵּם; הֲהוּא אָמַר וְלֹא יַעֲשֶׂה, וְדִבֶּר וְלֹא יַקְיִמֶנָּה

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither a son of man, that He should repent: what He has said, will He not do it? or when He has spoken, will He not make it good?

3) Ezekiel 2:1 (July 593 BCE)

וַיֹּאמֶר, אֵלַי: בֶּן-אָדָם עֲמֹד עַל-רַגְלֶיךָ, וְאֶדְבַּר אִתְּךָ.

And He said to me: 'Son of Man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you.'

4) Daniel 7:7-14 (2nd century BCE) – Vision of the Beasts

ט תָּזַה הַנִּיט, עַד דִּי כְרִסְנֹן רִמְיוּ, וְעֵתִיק יוֹמִין, יִתְּבִי; לְבוּשָׁה כְתֹלָג חֹדֶר, וְשַׁעַר רִאשָׁה כְּעֶמֶד נָקָא, כְּרִסְנִיָּה שְׂבִיבִין דִּי-נֹור, גִּלְגְּלוּתֵי נֹור דִּלְק

9 I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his garment was as white snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and the wheels were of burning fire.

י נְהַר דִּי-נֹור, נָגַד וּנְפַק מִן-קִדְמוּתֵי, אֱלֹף אֲלָפִים (אֱלָפִין) יִשְׁמְשׁוּנִיָּה, וְרַבּוּ רַבּוֹן (רַבְבִּין) קִדְמוּתֵי יְקוּמוּן; דִּינָא יִתְּבִי, וְסִפְרִין פְּתִיחוּ

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand ten thousands stood before him; the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

יא תָּזַה הַנִּיט--בְּאֲדִין מִן-קֶל מְלִיא רַבְרִבְתָּא, דִּי קִרְנָא מְמַלְלָה; תָּזַה הַנִּיט עַד דִּי קִטִּילַת חִיּוֹתָא, וְהוּבַד גִּשְׁמָה, וַיִּהְיֶיבַת, לִיקְרַת אֲשָׁא

11 I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke, I beheld even till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire.

יב וְשֹׁאֵר, חִיּוֹתָא, הַעֲדִיו, שְׁלִטְנִתְהוֹן; וְאַרְכָּה בְּתִין יִהְיֶיבַת לְהוֹן, עַד-זְמַן וְעֵדֶן

12 And as for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

יג תָּזַה הַנִּיט, בְּחֻזִּי לִילְיָא, וְאָרְו עִם-עֲנִי שְׁמִיא, כְּבֵר אֲגַשׁ אֶתְּהָא; וְעַד-עֵתִיק יוֹמִיא מְטָה, וּקִדְמוּתֵי תִקְרְבוּתֵי

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man, and he came even to the Ancient of days, and he was brought near before Him.

יד וְלֵה יְהִיב שְׁלִטָּן, וְיִקֵּר וּמִלְכוֹ, וְכָל עַמְמִיא אֲמִיא וְלִשְׁנִיא, לֵה יִפְלַחוּן; שְׁלִטְנִיָּה שְׁלִטָּן עָלֵם, דִּי-לֹא יַעֲדָה,

14 And to him was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages

ומלכותיה, די-לא תתחבל	should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. {P}
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5) Daniel 7:17-18, 21-22, 27 (2nd century BCE) – Interpretation of Vision of the Beasts

<p>יז אֵלֵּין חִיּוֹתָא רַבְרַבָּתָא, דִּי אַנְיִן אַרְבַּע--אַרְבַּעַה מַלְכִין, יְקוּמוּן מִן-אַרְעָא</p> <p>יח וַיִּקְבְּלוּן, מַלְכוּתָא, קֳדִישִׁי, עֲלִיּוֹנִין; וַיַּחֲסִנוּן מַלְכוּתָא עַד-עֲלָמָא, וְעַד עָלָם עֲלָמָא</p> <p>כא תִּזְהַר הַיִּת--וַיִּקְרָא דְכֹן, עֲבָדָא קֳרַב עִם-קֳדִישִׁין; וַיִּבְלֶה, לֵהּ</p> <p>כב עַד דִּי-אַתָּה, עֲתִיק יוֹמִיָא, וְדִינָא יְהִי, לְקֳדִישִׁי עֲלִיּוֹנִין; וְזִמְנָא מָטָה, וּמַלְכוּתָא תִּחְסְנוּ קֳדִישִׁין</p> <p>כז וּמַלְכוּתָא וְשִׁלְטָנָא וּדְבוּתָא, דִּי מַלְכוּת תְּחֻזָּת כָּל-שְׁמַיָא, יְהִיבַת, לְעַם קֳדִישִׁי עֲלִיּוֹנִין; מַלְכוּתָהּ, מַלְכוּת עָלָם, וְכָל שִׁלְטָנָא, לֵהּ יִפְלָחוּן וַיִּשְׁתַּמְעוּן</p>	<p>17 'These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, that shall arise out of the earth.</p> <p>18 But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.'</p> <p>21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;</p> <p>22 until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given for the holy ones of the Most High; and the time came, and the saints possessed the kingdom.</p> <p>27 And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High; their kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.'</p>
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6) Daniel 4:14, 10:18 (2nd century BCE) – *Sefer Daniel's* use of קדיש and אדם כמראה

יד בַּגִּזְרֵת עִירִין פְּתִגְמָא, וּמֵאִמֵּר קֳדִישִׁין שְׂאֵלְתָא	14 The matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones..
יח וַיִּסְף וַיִּגַּע-בִּי כְּמֹרְאֵה אָדָם, וַיִּתְקַנֵּי	18 Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me.

7) 1 Enoch 46:1-4 [Similitudes of Enoch] (ca. late 1st century BCE – early 1st century CE)

<p>In that place, I saw the Head of Days, whose head was like white wool. With him there was another individual, whose face was like that of a man, and whose face was full of grace like that of one of the holy angels.</p> <p>And I asked the one from among the angels who was walking with me, and who was revealing to me all the secrets about that Son of Man: "Who is this, and from whence is he and why is he walking with the Head of Days?"</p> <p>And he answered and said to me: "This is the Son of Man, to whom belongs righteousness, and with whom righteousness dwells. He reveals all the hidden storerooms, for he is the one whom the Lord of the Spirits has chosen...This Son of Man whom you have seen is the One who will remove the kings and the mighty ones from their seats and the strong ones from their thrones."</p>	
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8) The "Son of Man" in the Gospel of Mark

Mark 2:5-10 (ca. 70 CE)	Mark 9:30-32 (ca. 70 CE)
<p>5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"</p> <p>8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?" 10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."</p>	<p>30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,</p> <p>31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."</p> <p>32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.</p>