

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

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Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Daniel 8 Part 2²

So in one sense my theory seems to be substantiated. Both the Persian and the Greek influence figures predominantly in our spiritual “Babylon” today.

This prophecy has been a problem to those who want to denigrate the reality of God and His power. Some have said it is so accurate it must have been written after the fact. That reminds me of this Scripture: Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the **Scriptures** or the **power** of God.

That Scripture was in Matthew 22:29. And I’ve found that to be so true---people do not know the Scripture, nor the power of God! But it is so real. Enjoy!

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The Interpretation of the Vision

¹⁵While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man.

I like this Scripture. Daniel was “watching” the vision. I guess like he was an observer of something, much like us watching a video or movie. What does the Hebrew say?

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¹⁵Now it came to ¹be ²when I³, Daniel, had seen⁴ ⁵the vision and ⁶sought for understanding, ⁷+ behold, standing in front of me was one like the appearance of a master.

עמד	והנה	בינה	ואבקשה	את־החזון	אני־דניאל	בראתי	ויהי	8:15
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standing	and·behold!	understanding	and·I·am- ^m seeking	the·vision	» Daniel	I in·to·see·of·me	and·he·is·becoming	
						לנגדי	קמראה	גבר
						I·ngd·i	k·mrae	gbr -
						to·in·front·of·me	as·appearance·of	master

From that I perceive Daniel “understanding” he was seeking and “the vision” might be coupled with the phrase “into see of me”---and I’m trying to figure out what that means. “Into” “see” “of me”? I’m looking at it deeply within? I’m trying to see it “into” it’s depth in me, in my mind? I’m cogitating on it, giving it my best shot? This ties in with something we said at Bible study last night about the proper approach to a revelation by God as stated by Jesus in Mark 4:

²⁰ `And these are they who on the good ground have been sown: who do hear the word, and receive, and do bear fruit, one thirty-fold, and one sixty, and one an hundred.' **Mark 4**

You are to “hear” the word in this case, and “receive it”---deeply, I imagine.

¹⁶And I heard a man’s voice from the Ulai calling, “Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision.”

Gabriel is an angel of God, who stands in the presence of God. He was the one who told both Elizabeth and Mary about the births, respectively, of John and Jesus.

Luke 1:19 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.

He must be a high ranking angel of great authority. He apparently is held in esteem by other faiths besides Christianity and Judaism.

In the **Abrahamic religions**, **Gabriel** (/ˈɡeɪbriəl/; **Hebrew**: גַּבְרִיאֵל *Gabṛīʾēl*, 'God is my Strength'; **Greek**: Γαβριήλ, *Gabriél*; **Latin**: *Gabriel*, *Fortitudo*

Dei; **Coptic**: Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ, *Gabriêl*; **Amharic**: ገብርኤል, *Gabrə`el*; **Aramaic**: ܩܒܪܝܐܠ, romanized: *Gabṛī`ēl*; **Arabic**: جبريل, *Jibrīl* or جبرائيل, *Jibrā`īl*) is an **archangel**, first described in the **Hebrew Bible**.

Annunciation of Gabriel by **Jan van Eyck**, 1434.

In the Hebrew Bible, Gabriel appears to the prophet **Daniel** to explain his visions (**Daniel 8**:15–26, **9**:21–27). The archangel also appears in the **Book of Enoch** and other ancient Jewish writings. Alongside archangel **Michael**, Gabriel is described as the **guardian angel** of Israel, defending its people against the angels of the other nations.^[6]

The **Gospel of Luke** relates the stories of the **Annunciation**, in which the angel Gabriel appears to **Zechariah** and the **Virgin Mary**, foretelling the births of **John the Baptist** and **Jesus**, respectively (**Luke 1**:11–38). Many Christian traditions—including **Anglicanism**, **Eastern Orthodoxy**, and **Roman Catholicism**—revere Gabriel as a **saint**.^{[1][7]}

Islam regards Gabriel (**Jibreel**) as an **archangel** sent by God to various prophets, including **Muhammad**.^[8] The first five verses of the ***Al-Alaq***, the 96th chapter of the **Quran**, is believed by Muslims to have been the first verses revealed by Jibreel to Muhammad.^[citation needed]

Statue of Archangel Gabriel (15th century), adorning the top of the northwest corner pillar of the **Palazzo Ducale** in **Venice**.

The **Latter Day Saints** hold that the angel Gabriel is the same individual as the prophet **Noah** in his mortal ministry.^{[9][10]}

Yazidis consider Gabriel one of the Seven Mysteries, the heptad to which God entrusted the world and sometimes identified with **Melek Taus**.^[11]

According to the ancient **Gnostic** manuscript, the **Holy Book of the Great Invisible Spirit**, Gabriel is a divine being and inhabitant of the **Pleroma** who existed prior to the **Demiurge**.^[12]

Gabriel - Wikipedia

¹⁷As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. "Son of man,"^[b] he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."

The phrase "Son of man" here is different from the phrase used in Daniel 7:13 referring to the Messiah and the name Jesus took for Himself so many times in His ministry.

Daniel 7:13	<i>Footnotes:</i>
<p>Daniel 7:13 (NIV)</p> <p>¹³"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man,^[a] coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.</p>	<p>a. Daniel 7:13 The Aramaic phrase <i>bar enash</i> means <i>human being</i>. The phrase <i>son of man</i> is retained here because of its use in the New Testament as a title of Jesus, probably based largely on this verse.</p>
<p>Matthew 8:20 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Matthew 9:6But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home."Matthew 10:23When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.Matthew 11:19The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."Matthew 12:8For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."Matthew 12:32Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.Matthew 12:40For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Matthew 13:37He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. Matthew 13:41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.Matthew 16:13[<i>Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah</i>] When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Matthew 16:28"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." Matthew 17:9As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."</p>	

The NIV says “The Son of Man is Jesus’ most common title for himself, used 81 times in the Gospels and never used by anyone but Jesus there. Elsewhere it is used by Stephen and in John’s vision. . .it is considered a Messianic title.

Acts 7:56	Revelation 1:13
<p>⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”</p>	<p>¹³and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.</p>

In Mark 8, Peter calls Him the Messiah, and in juxtaposition to that, Jesus uses the phrase Son of Man to describe himself.

Mark 8:27-31 New International Version (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

That must mean something very important to Jesus!

¹⁸While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and raised me to my feet.

¹⁹He said: "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end."^[c] ²⁰The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between its eyes is the first king. ²²The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

²³"In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. ²⁴He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. ²⁵He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.

²⁶"The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future."

²⁷I, Daniel, was worn out. I lay exhausted for several days. Then I got up and went about the king's business. I was appalled by the vision; it was beyond understanding.

Footnotes:

- a. **Daniel 8:12** Or *rebellion, the armies*
- b. **Daniel 8:17** The Hebrew phrase *ben adam* means *human being*. The phrase *son of man* is retained as a form of address here because of its possible association with "Son of Man" in the New Testament.
- c. **Daniel 8:19** Or *because the end will be at the appointed time*