

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-18

9. I watched, and beheld till the thrones were cast down, with an great noise, and the Ancient of Days did sit, (for his throne had not been cast down, let the reader understand.) His garment was white as snow, for it had been washed by those who toil in the laundry, and the hair of his head like the pure wool, and did need some conditioner upon it. His throne was like the fiery flame, like unto which we suffer when we have eaten of the spiced food and rich wines, and his wheels (for his throne was on casters so that it might move about with ease, without squeaking,) were as a burning fire. And, oof, it was super-hot.

10. A fiery stream issued, worryingly, and came forth from before him, and I did wince, for the air became scented. Very whiffy indeed. And at a guess a thousand – no, wait, more thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand, yes, stood before him, (and lo, I was not able to count the multitude for there were far too many of them): the court of judgment was set, and the books were opened, slowly, and they did contain many pictures. And they were very good.

(Here is a break in today's reading, and the tale is taken up again when Daniel is once more in bed, but again dreams disturbed his rest.)

13. I saw in the night, very odd visions, which I did put down to the cheese I had consumed at supper. And yea, some of them were quite spooky. And behold, in one of them, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, swirling and billowing, and causing great fogs. Like cheese usually does.

14. And came he unto the Ancient of Days, though not alone for they (here the meaning is a bit uncertain) brought him near before him. (Didn't have a clue here.) Which, given the amount of fog around, was no mean feat.

15. And there was given unto him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, or in any other form, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Seriously.

16. And I then heard the words dominion and kingdom repeated so many times, that I counted them, and fell back into a dreamless sleep.

17. (And this vision shall be repeated unto to the people in daily worship at every opportunity in this form: Here, all standing up, the priest shall say, Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Hymn number 235.)

18. And I wrote unto myself: No more cheese after supper.