
A Bible Prophecy Series

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Judgment Day

Lesson #5

Introduction:

Last time we looked at the most important prophecy in the Bible, this time we will look at the longest time prophecy in the Bible. Please use the above chart to review. Last week was lesson we studied the first 490 years of the prophecy we will look at this week.

1. **When will this prophecy end?** - Daniel 8:14
2,300 minus 490 = 1810. The first part of the prophecy ended in 34 AD so if we add 34+1810 this brings us to the year 1844.
2. **What happened in 1844?** – Dan. 8:14
The cleansing of the sanctuary began.
3. **What is the sanctuary?** – Exodus 25:8,9
God gave Moses a pattern to build a place for God to dwell among them.
4. **What pattern did God give Moses?** – Heb. 8:1,2,5
God gave Moses plans for an earthly sanctuary that was a pattern/copy of the heavenly (original) sanctuary.
5. **What did the sanctuary consist of?**
(See illustration) Courtyard, Holy Place, and Most Holy Place.

Courtyard – Altar of burnt offering where Jews sacrificed animals symbolizing Jesus death on the cross.

- Laver filled with water where priest would wash his hands, symbolizing how the Spirit of God cleanses us of sin.

Holy Place – Heb. 9:2 – Candlestick, table of showbread, altar of incense.

A curtain separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place

Most Holy Place – Heb. 9:3-5 – Golden censer was a portable incense holder used by the priest. The ark of the covenant was covered in gold and held the Ten Commandments, covering that was the Mercy Seat made of solid gold.

6. **What was the purpose of the sanctuary?**
Hebrews 9:11-14
The courtyard represents what Jesus would do on earth as our Savior. The Holy and Most Holy Places represent what Jesus would do in Heaven for our Salvation (Hebrews 9:24).
7. **How is the plan of salvation taught through this?** – Lev. 4:29, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:19
The animals sacrificed all represented Jesus. The sanctuary taught how sin would be atoned for and done away with.
8. **What happened after the altar with the sin offering?** Lev. 4:30,31
The priest took blood from the sacrifice and sprinkled it on the horns of the altar thus symbolizing the ripple effect of sin it is not stagnant it moves and carries the pain and sorrow with it.

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9. **What happens after the altar?** - Lev. 4:6,7

The priest would wash his hands in the laver and then take some of the blood and sprinkle it on the altar of incense representing how sin has affected also symbolizing a written record of our sins in Heaven (Jer. 17:1, Rev. 20:12).

10. **What happened once a year?** - Hebrews 9:7

Once a year (the only time a priest could enter the Most Holy Place) the sanctuary was cleansed of sin. This was known as the Day of Atonement. This is what is referred to in Dan. 8:14.

11. **What is the Day of Atonement?** Lev. 16:15-19

Blood sprinkled on Mercy Seat in the Most Holy Place to make atonement (cleanse) the children of Israel. Then more blood was sprinkled on the altar of incense in the Holy Place to cleanse the altar from Israel's uncleanness (sin). This is the cleansing of the sanctuary referred to in Dan. 8. The reason the altars needed to be ceremonially cleansed was because of all their sins (vs16) that had been committed during the year. Every day of the year sinners had committed and confessed sin. These sins were represented as written in Heaven by the blood that was sprinkled on the horns of the altar. Now on the Day of Atonement, these sins were all erased. They were finally put away, once and for all by the cleansing of the sanctuary.

12. **How important is this?** - Leviticus 23:27-32

On this day no work was to be done, everybody was to search their hearts and make sure all their sins had been confessed. All who would not participate would be put to death. The Jews still celebrate the Day of Atonement today, it is considered judgment day.

13. **Has God set a date for the judgment?**

Acts 17:31, Eccl. 3:17, Acts 24:25

Yes, several Bible writers point to a "time" of judgment. All of these writers looked for a time of judgment to come, but we see in Revelation we see a time when people will be able to say "the hour of his judgment IS come." As we saw in our last study the time for the judgment is the year 1844. - *Three parts of every judgment* -

Investigation Phase - Facts of cases investigated

Verdict Phase - Jury determines guilt or innocence and verdict is announced

Execution of the Sentence - Person is either set free or penalized.

14. **What does Daniel 8:14 represent?** - Dan. 8:14

The cleansing of the sanctuary, the judgment day. This represents judgment in the last days. Cleansing the Heavenly sanctuary.

Conclusion:

Yes it is true since 1844 we have been living in the time of the end. It was in 1844 that Jesus began to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary. It was then that judgment began in Heaven.

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Supplement

Must I stand alone in the judgment?

Jesus is our advocate

1 Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Jesus is our judge

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Jesus is our faithful and true witness

Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

It would be hard to lose a case when our best friend is the judge, lawyer, and witness! Unfortunately many of us fire our lawyer. Jesus is looking for ways to get you into Heaven...He is not looking for ways to keep you out. Always remember there is someone working on your behalf!