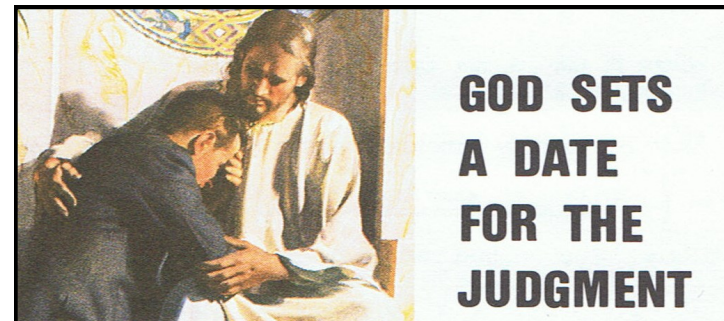


A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE **REVELATION SEMINARS**



Would you believe that about 3,500 years ago, in a desert just east of Egypt, God demonstrated with graphic aids His entire plan of salvation to over two million slaves who had just been freed?

Would you believe that about 2,500 years ago God referred to these visual aids as foundation material when in a vision He announced to His exiled prophet in Iran, the date for the judgment to begin?

Would you believe that in the book of Revelation, God reveals that one way that His church can be identified is that it will be announcing to the world the date for the judgment to begin?

It all seems incredible, doesn't it? Yet, it is true, and more than this, the subject is so important that Jesus refers to it directly or indirectly at least fifty times in the book of Revelation. Make no mistake about it: in this lesson we consider a topic of life and death import. It will touch upon several extremely significant Bible themes which are interrelated and which are weighty beyond description. We will need to seek explanations outside of Revelation for this subject. We will look especially at the book of Daniel, which covers several of the same prophecies as does Revelation. The books of Daniel and Revelation explain each other. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our study!

THE SANCTUARY — SYMBOL OF SALVATION

- 1. In Moses' day, God freed His people from slavery in Egypt, and led them into the desert where He explained His plan of salvation to them through visual aids. What was the most important visual aid called? Exodus 25:8**

Ans: "And let them make me a _____."

NOTE: The sanctuary was the portable temple where God met His people for worship and sacrificial offerings.

2. **How would Moses know how to build this sanctuary? Exodus 25:40**

Ans: God showed him a _____.

3. **Where is the original sanctuary that God used for the pattern?**

Hebrews 9:23; cf 8:1-5

Ans: The earthly sanctuary was a pattern of the sanctuary in _____.

NOTE: The original sanctuary is located in heaven.

4. **Why is it important to understand the sanctuary? Psalm 77:13**

Ans: "Thy _____, O God, is in the _____."

NOTE: God's way or His plans for the salvation of imana are revealed in the sanctuary, A or A P A

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DESCRIBE THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES

(see Exhibit #1).

5. **What happened in the earthly sanctuary or temple when Jesus died?**

Mark 15:37, 38

Ans: "The _____ of the _____
was rent in _____."

NOTE: The temple veil (as thick as the palm of your hand was tom in two from top to bottom by unseen hands; and the Most Holy Place was thrown open to view. No one but the High Priest saw inside the 'Most Holy Place, and he saw it only annually, on the Day soft Atonement. The earthly; sanctuary services had come to an end with Jesus' death. He is the true Passover, 1 Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 5:6-14 to which the sacrificial system pointed. The law of sacrifices was to last only until Jesus' death, Galatians 3:16, 19. From that moment the HEAVENLY sanctuary began to serve God's people, and the EARTHLY sanctuary, and it's services, were nullified by God, Hebrews 8:1-5; 9:24

JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST

6. **When Jesus began to serve as our priest in the heavenly sanctuary, after His ascension, in which apartment or section was He working.**

Revelation 1:12, 13

Ans: "I saw . . . in the midst of the seven _____
one like unto the _____ of man".

and also by the PRIEST who LIVES as my High Priest in heaven. Both symbols are necessary to represent Jesus' ministry. His sacrifice paid for my sins His present ministry restores me to His image. Both are essential. Neither is ample alone.

7. In addition to the daily services, once each year the high priest entered the Most Holy Place to "cleanse" the sanctuary, Leviticus 16:29-34; Hebrews 9:7. The sins of the people were transferred all year long, by their sacrifices, to the sanctuary. Once a year, on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) two goats were chosen, one as the scapegoat, the other as the Lord's goat. The Lord's goat was slain and its blood taken into the Most Holy Place, accomplishing the work of cleansing. Then the priest put the sins on the scapegoat, who was led into he wilderness to die, Leviticus, chapter 16 and 23:27-30.

The Lord's goat represents Jesus, who is our atonement, substitute and example. The scapegoat, who represented Satan, was separated from God's people forever. In like manner, after being arraigned in judgment at the close of the thousand years, Satan, his angels, and sin will be destroyed and thus banished forever from the universe.

The Day of Atonement was a day of judgment. If sins were confessed prior to that day the people were saved. If not, they were cut off from among God's people. Their doom was sealed, Leviticus 23:27-30. It was a day of heartfelt confession, repentance and earnest prayer.

The Jews have always considered the Day of Atonement or "Yom Kippur" a solemn day of judgment. From the Jewish encyclopaedia, Article, Atonement, day of", we read:

"God, seated on His throne to judge the world . . . openeth the Book of Records; it is read, every man's signature being found therein. The great trumpet is sounded; a still, small voice is heard; the angels shudder, saying, this is the day of judgment . . . On New Year's Day the decree is written; on the Day of Atonement it is sealed who shall live and who are to die."

3. In the courtyard were the **ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERINGS**, Exodus 27:1-8; the **LAVER** (for washing), Exodus 30:18-21; and the sanctuary building itself. The courtyard fence was made of white linen supported by 60 pillars, Exodus 27:9.

4. Inside the Holy Place were three pieces of furniture:

a. The **TABLE OF SHEWBREAD**, Exodus 25:23-30 which represented dependence on God for physical and spiritual food. It pointed to Jesus the living bread, 1 Corinthians 11:23, 24; John 6:51.

b. The **SEVEN BRANCH CANDLESTICK**, Exodus 25:31-40. The **LIGHTS** represent the Word of God, Psalm 119:105 and Jesus Christ, John 9:5; and the **OIL** represents the Holy Spirit, Zechariah 4:1-6; Revelation 4:5.

c. The **ALTAR OF INCENSE**, Exodus 30:1-9. **INCENSE** represents the prayers of God's people, Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8; 8:3, 4.

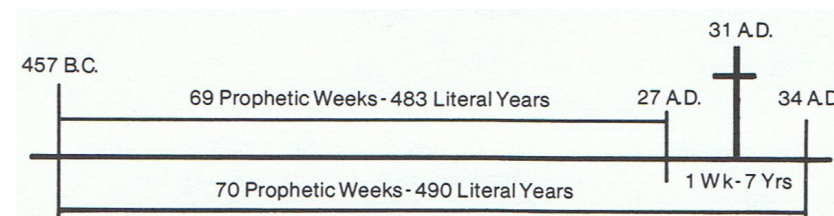
5. In the Most Holy Place there was one piece of furniture only, the **ARK OF THE COVENANT**, Exodus 25:10-22. It was a chest overlaid with gold. The cover was called the **MERCY SEAT**, Exodus 25:17-22. On it were carved angels of gold. Here, between the angels, dwelt the presence of God. Inside the ark were the ten commandments written on tables of stone, Deuteronomy 10:4, 5. The ark demonstrated both mercy and law. The law must be kept but God provides mercy for His people who break it.

6. When a person sinned he brought a sacrificial animal to the priest. He confessed his sins over the head of the animal then slew it with his own hands. The priest sprinkled some of the blood on the horns of the altar of burnt offerings and a portion of its flesh was eaten by the priest, see Leviticus 6:25-30. In the sin offering (for the congregation as a whole) blood was sprinkled on the veil by the priest and put on the horns of the altar of incense. Sin was thus transferred from the sinner to the animal substitute and then to the sanctuary. This demonstrates how Jesus becomes my substitute before the Father when I accept His blood in my behalf.

There was no virtue in the blood of a lamb to atone for sin. Faith in Jesus' sacrifice to come was the key, 1 John 1:7. They looked FORWARD to the cross as we look BACKWARD to it

Christ is represented by the LAMB that DIES as my substitute, John 1:29

NOTE: He began His ministry as our priest in the HOLY PLACE where the seven candlesticks are.



Let's review a few points:

a. Beginning with Artaxerxes' decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem in the autumn of 457 B.C., God gave His chosen people, the Jews, 490 additional years of probationary time which would end in the autumn of 34 AD.

b. The first 483 years were to reach to the Messiah. It happened precisely as foretold. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost in the autumn of 27 AD. and became the "Messiah" which means "anointed", Luke 3:1, 21, 22. He recognized the fulfillment of this prophecy when he began to preach by saying, "The time is fulfilled", Mark 1:1-4, 15.

c. Jesus' crucifixion took place 3½ years after His anointing, in the spring of 31 AD at the time of the Passover.

d. Four hundred eighty-three (483) years passed from the decree of Artaxerxes until the Messiah in 27 AD. After 27 AD., one prophetic week, or seven years, yet remained of the 70 weeks, or 490 years allotted to the Jews. Jesus was "cut off" or crucified, Daniel 9:26, in the "midst of that week", Daniel 9:27 in the spring of 31 AD. The crucifixion came right on prophetic schedule: 3½ years after the autumn of 27 A.D. It was mid-week, or the middle of the seven years, so 3½ years remained — which ended in the autumn of 34 AD.



Jesus was
anointed as
the Messiah
in 27 A.D.

CHRIST'S GOSPEL TO THE GENTILES

8. When Jesus sent His disciples to preach, where did He tell them not to go and to go? Matthew 10:5, 6

Ans: a. "Go _____ into the way of the _____."

b. "GO rather to the lost _____ of the house of _____"

NOTE: He told His disciples not to work among the Gentiles, but to go only to the Jews or Israel. The reason is clean the Jews' probationary time as God's people did not end till 34 A.D. They were to be given first opportunity.

9. Stephen was stoned and general persecution was launched against the church 3½ years after the cross in 34 A.D. What did the apostles later say which indicated probation had closed for the Jews as God's chosen people? Acts 13:46

Ans: "It was _____ that the _____ of God should _____ have been spoken to _____; but seeing ye put it _____ you, and _____ yourselves _____ of everlasting _____, lo, we _____ to the _____."

10. In Matthew 21:43, Jesus warned plainly that He was taking the kingdom from the Jews and giving it to another nation. To what nation did He refer? Galatians 3:7, 29; Romans 2:28, 29; 1 Peter 2:9.

Ans: "They which are of _____ the same are the children of _____" ... "If ye be _____, then are ye Abraham's _____ and _____".

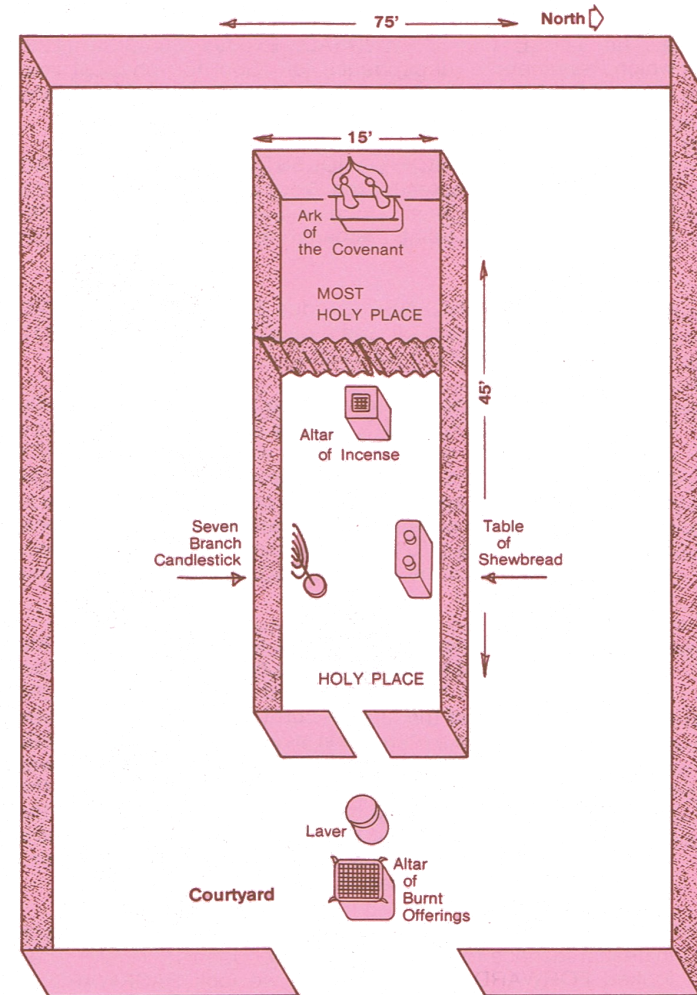
NOTE: The chosen nation referred to in Matthew 21:43 is SPIRITUAL Israel, Galatians 6:15, 16. Every servant of Jesus from every race, world-wide, is apart of God's "holy nation", 1 Peter 2:9, to which the promises made to Israel of old, now apply in a SPIRITUAL sense. In Luke 21:24 Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled". The time of the Gentiles reaches to the coming of the Lord, Matthew 24:14. Earthly Jerusalem will never again be accepted as God's chosen city. His chosen city is the new Jerusalem, Revelation 3:12. The prophecies of Revelation have very special meaning for the "nation" of spiritual Israel. This is why we are conducting this Revelation Seminar.

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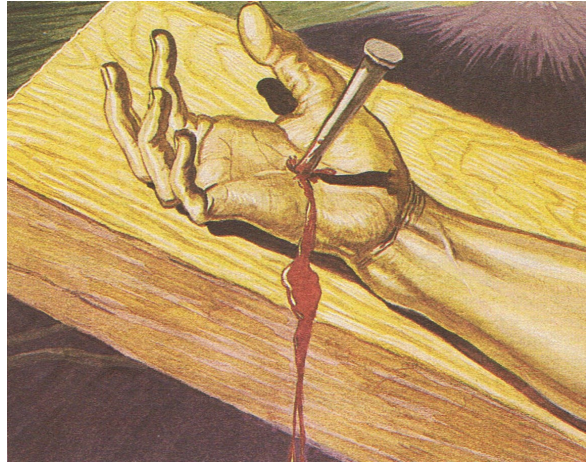
THE SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES

1. A drawing of the sanctuary and court yard appears below. Read Exodus, chapters 25-40 (127) for full details.



2. The sanctuary consisted of three main parts: the COURTYARD, Exodus 27 9-13 (131); the HOLY PLACE and the MOST HOLY PLACE, Exodus 26:33 (131).

Jesus was crucified, "but not for Himself".



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20. All Jesus asks in return for giving His life for us is that we accept Him as our loving Father and Friend, and let Him recreate us into His image, so He can take us into His new kingdom. What a wonderful Lord and Saviour! He longs for you to say the word of acceptance now, so He can write your name in His book of life. Will you do it?

Ans: _____

11. Since Jesus only lived 3½ years of the last seven given to the Jewish people, how could He confirm His covenant for the entire "week" or seven years as promised in Daniel 9:27? Hebrews 2:3

Ans: Salvation; which at the _____ began to be _____ by the Lord, and was _____ unto us by _____ that _____ Him".

NOTE: The disciples confirmed it for the last 3½ years.

Virtually ALL Bible scholars agree that the first 69 weeks of Daniel 9 end with the baptism of Jesus (27 A.D.), But many take the last week of the 70 week prophecy and put it down to just before the Lord's return. No other Bible prophecy is divided thus.

12. Can you think of and Scriptural reason for doing this?

Ans: _____



"The stoning of Stephen
—34 A.D."

SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION THEORY

13. The teaching that projects into the future the last seven years of Daniel 9:24-27 is not in the Bible. Where did it come from? Mark 7:13

Ans: "Making the word of God of none effect by your _____."

NOTE: You will be shocked to discover that the teaching which moves the last seven years of the prophecy of Daniel 9 into the future came from men. History documents this It is not hard to check. In the 1500's the reformers were teaching that the prophecies of both Daniel and Revelation indict the Papacy as the antichrist. This greatly discomfited the Papacy so they struck back by adopting other interpretations of the prophecies One of those alternate interpretations is Futurism, a system developed by the Jesuit scholar, Francisco Ribera,* in the 16th century. In the mid-nineteenth century,

Ribera's concept was further developed and has become the basic method of interpreting the books of Daniel and Revelation.

Modern Futurism applies all of Revelation but the first four chapters to the few final years at the end of the world. It makes antichrist a single, evil person who would be received by the Jews, would rebuild Jerusalem, abolish Christianity, deny Christ, persecute the church (the tribulation) and rule the world for 3½ years. Most groups would be startled to learn the origin of futurism. Futurists set aside the prophetic rule that one prophetic day equals one literal year, Ezekiel 4:6. They count the 3½ years/42 months/1260 days of Daniel and Revelation as a literal 3½ years and project it into the future. But God's prophetic rule makes the 3½ years/42 months/1260 days a literal 1260 years which is the time of the Papal persecution of the past — 538 AD. to 1798 AD. (More on this in later lessons).

There is no Bible justification whatever for moving the last seven years of Daniel 9 into the future. Those seven years are past. They ended in 34 AD. Interestingly, many futurist scholars agree on the date of 31 AD. for the crucifixion but still refuse to abandon their seven year theory.

The TRAGEDY is that "Futurism" confuses us as to whom the REAL Antichrist is by placing ANTICHRIST or the BEAST at some time in the future, when the Bible clearly indicates this power, in existence today, CAME OUT OF PAGAN ROME. Unless I correctly identify this beast, I risk receiving it's MARK and losing my place in God's Kingdom! *George Eldon Ladd, The Blessed Hope, pp. 37-40, 1956, Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

GOD GIVES JUDGMENT DATE

14. When did Daniel say the sanctuary in heaven would be cleansed?
Daniel 8:14

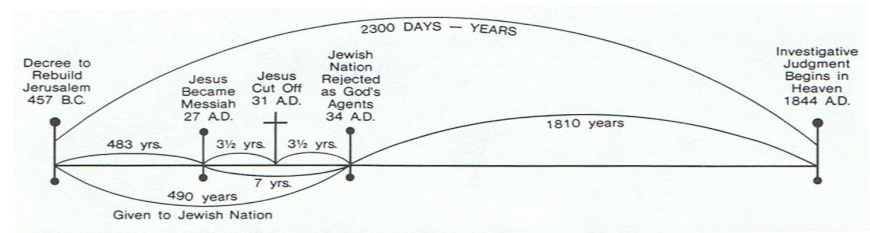
Ans: "Unto two _____ and three _____ days; then shall the _____ be _____."

Both Daniel 8 and 9 deal with the 2300 year prophecy. Daniel 9 explains the date for the beginning of the time prophecy of Daniel 8. The 490 years allotted to the Jews begins at the same time as the 2300 years. The chart below completes the 2300 year time prophecy diagram.

15. When did the judgment begin in heaven?

Ans: _____

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NOTE: It is most sobering to realize that the judgment has been in session for well over 100 years.

16. When the judgment began in heaven, at which compartment of the sanctuary did the prophet John see Jesus? Revelation 11:15-19

Ans: (vs. 19) "And there was _____ in His temple the _____".

NOTE: The prophet saw Jesus in the second apartment, the Most Holy place, where the ark is located in the sanctuary.

GOD'S PEOPLE PREACH JUDGMENT

17. What must God's last day church be preaching world-wide today, as part of the gospel? Revelation 14:6, 7

Ans: "Fear, _____ and give _____ to Him; for the _____ of His _____ is come."

NOTE: God's church for today MUST be teaching that the heavenly judgment is NOW in session. It began in 1844, and when it ends, the horrible problem of sin will be ended forever. Because of this grand fact all should give glory to God!

18. How many will join in praise to Jesus, the Lamb, at His throne? Revelation 5:11

Ans: (vs. 11) "Ten thousand times ten thousand and _____ of thousands".

19. What touching words are found in Daniel 9:26 in connection with Jesus' sacrifice?

Ans: "Shall Messiah be cut off but _____."

NOTE: Touching, indeed When Jesus died it was not for Himself. He died for our sins because He loves us dearly and beyond our comprehension.