

The 2300 days and the 70 weeks
Of Daniel and its application
To God's Church in the Last Days
Bible Study Notes

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Daniel 9:24

*'The books of **Daniel** and the **Revelation** are one. One is a **prophecy**, the other a **revelation**; **one a book sealed**, the other a book opened.' E. G White SDA Bible Commentary V.7*

To those of us who profess Christianity it is an obvious fact that we are surely living in the short time preceding the 2nd Coming of Jesus and those in the Church who refute this point should start to read their Bibles more, for the evidence is clear and the prophecies are fulfilling before our very eyes.

Jesus has told His Church ahead of time, of the major events that are to take place in the world before His Second Coming so that they would not be caught off guard and be like the *five foolish virgins* [**Matthew 25:1-13**], but rather to be prepared and ready to endure the events which are to transpire and to receive Him at His glorious 2nd Coming; we are called to be like the *five wise virgins*.

Jesus has revealed in His Word, both in the **Old and New Testament**, the **framework** for the events which will take place in the last days and it is our responsibility as **Bible believing Christians** to know the Word of God and to understand what Jesus has left for us, lest we be caught unawares.

Says Jesus, *'See, I have told you beforehand.'* **Matthew 24:25**

Remember that **ALL Scripture** [both Old & New Testament] is inspired by God and is profitable for our learning [**2nd Timothy 3:16**] and we are to study the Scriptures to show ourselves approved unto God, [**2nd Timothy 2:15**]. As Christians, none of us have any excuse as to why we should not know and understand the prophecies which relate to our time, God has told us everything beforehand that we might be prepared.

When it relates to end time Bible Prophecy the first thing that people will say is, *Revelation is the book to be studied*, yet when they open it, they don't understand what they are even reading and thus end up with many false interpretations that are not consistent with the rest of the Bible. One common example is to say that the mark of the beast is a microchip or a vaccine. However, before you can even address the mark of the beast, you must first address what is a beast and the only way to find that out is to study the Word of God. We must compare Scripture with Scripture and allow the Bible to be its own interpreter as opposed to us, as mere fallen humans, putting our own interpretation on the Holy Word of God.

By comparing Scripture with Scripture, we will see that we get the definition for what a beast is in the Old Testament.

*'Those **great beasts**, which are four, **are four kings** which arise out of the earth... 'The **fourth beast** shall be **A fourth kingdom** on earth.'* **Daniel 7:17:23.**

Let the Bible interpret itself.

The Book of Revelation itself as I have mentioned in my previous studies is a composite of many different Old Testament prophecies and teachings all brought together into one Book and revealed unto the Apostle John, as a message and warning to the Church living in the last days, symbolically called, *Laodicea*, **Revelation 3:14-22**. As a result of this, in order to understand the Book of Revelation and prophetic end time events, **we must have a sound understanding of the Old Testament Scriptures**. It is a must.

This therefore brings us into our study today which deals with certain events first prophesied by the Prophet Daniel, that have their bearing on the Church living in the Last Days and the blowing of the 6th trumpet as seen in **Revelation 9 & 10**. Feel free to go back to my previous Study notes on those two chapters to get up to speed.

The 2300 Days

*'And he said unto me, Unto **two thousand and three hundred days**; then shall the **sanctuary be cleansed**.'* **Daniel 8:14**

In **Daniel chapter 8**, Daniel receives a vision from God in which he sees two beasts [a ram & a goat] at war with each other. These two beasts represent the kingdoms of the Medo-Persians and the Greeks.

'The ram which you saw, having the two horns—they are the kings of Media and Persia. And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece.' **Daniel 8:20-21**

This vision goes on to show Daniel that after the Kingdom of Greece overthrows the Kingdoms of the Medo-Persians, that eventually the Greek Kingdom shall fall, and eventually be split into four smaller kingdoms, of which, out of one of those four kingdoms, a small kingdom shall arise. It shall be a mighty kingdom under the influence of Satan, and it shall be a persecuting power, waging war against the saints of God for 1,260 years.

*'Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, **four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power**. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, **a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up [to rule, (compare with Daniel 11:3,4,20,21 & Daniel 12:1)]**. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power [**Revelation 13:3-4**]: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people [**Revelation 13:7**].'* **Daniel 8:22-24**

History shows us that after the fall of the Greek Empire, it did in fact split into four smaller kingdoms under the four generals of **Alexander the Great**. It was eventually after this time that the Roman Empire came to be, and ruled for more than 1,000 years, ending in the year **AD 476**. This is the same Roman Empire that ruled in the days of Jesus' earthly ministry and during the days of the early Church in the time of the Apostles. It was out of this collapsed Roman Empire that the '*king of fierce countenance*' also known as the little horn power of **Daniel 7:8,20,21,24,25**, came to rule in the year **AD 538 until AD 1798**. This period of the little horn or the king of fierce countenance, which world history shows us as the **Roman Catholic Church** ruled the nations of Western Europe for a period of 1,260 prophetic days/literal years. The Bible refers to this time period that this Beast out of the Sea [**Revelation 13:1-3**] ruled, in a number of different ways. It is at times called *1,260 days, 42 months, or a time, times and a dividing of time*, all of which mean the same thing; this is covered in more detail on my Bible Study notes on **Daniel 2&7** and also on those of **Revelation 13 part 1&2**. See: **Daniel 7:25, Revelation 11:2-3, Revelation 13:5, Revelation 12:6**

It was then at the end of Chapter 8 of Daniel that he is told by the angel that the sanctuary would be cleansed after 2,300 days. **Daniel 8:14**

Daniel is left in astonishment because of what was just revealed to him, and he seeks wisdom and understanding from God about the vision. It is only in chapter 9 of Daniel that the angel is then sent to him again to give him understanding in relation to the vision. **Daniel 9:1-27.**

Before continuing let us recap.

Daniel is given a vision by God about certain events which are to transpire in the future from Daniel's point of time. During this vision Daniel sees two great kingdoms at war with each other [**the Medo-Persians & Greece**], of which the victorious kingdom is eventually split into four smaller kingdoms. As time passes the **Roman Empire** comes to power but that eventually falls and ceases to be, eventually paving the way for the **Roman Catholic, Holy Roman Empire**, ruled by the Popes of Rome [*king of fierce countenance*]. This power is a persecuting power, ruling the nations of Europe and using the kings and queens of those kingdoms to execute its will and to annihilate the true Bible believing Christians, who refused to believe its false teachings and drink of the *wine of Babylon*, **Revelation 17:1-2**. This power ruled for 1,260 prophetic days which is the same as 1,260 literal years. History shows us the Roman Catholic Church ruled Europe from the year **AD 538 until AD 1798 [1,260 literal years]**.

'And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.'

Numbers 14:33-34

'For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.' **Ezekiel 4:5-6**

The Bible shows us that in prophecies which span a period of time, a day in prophecy represents a literal year. Therefore, we can know and understand that the 1,260 prophetic days is the same as 1,260 literal years.

In addition, in the Hebrew calendar they used 30 days in each month, therefore, 42 months [42x30 days] is also the same as 1,260 days, which then is the same as 1,260 literal years.

We also notice that the term, **time, times and half a time** in the Israelite culture is the same as 3 ½ prophetic years. This is the same as 42 months, which as we have just seen is the same as 1,260 days which is the same as 1,260 literal years.

It is because of this that we can see that this same time period here referred to in Daniel's vision of Daniel chapter 7 as well as all the other afore mentioned verses, are all referring to the same period when the Roman Catholic Church ruled Europe, in what history calls the *Dark Ages*. See: **Daniel 7:25, Revelation 11:2-3, Revelation 13:5, Revelation 12:6**

Now that this is covered, we can continue.

'And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.'

Daniel 8:14

Daniel is told that the 'sanctuary' will be cleansed after 2,300 prophetic days, which as shown above is symbolic of **2,300 literal years**. We must therefore ask ourselves, what then is the sanctuary.

In order to understand this, we must go back to the Books of Exodus and Leviticus.

Now we have studied on multiple occasions in previous studies what the Sanctuary is, so I will not go back into detail on this. If you don't know what it is, go back to the study notes '*Thy way oh God is in the Sanctuary.*' A proper understanding of the Sanctuary is necessary in understanding Bible prophecy as we have noticed in our studies on Revelation.

When we go back to **Leviticus 16:1-34** [*you can read this in-depth in your own time*], we see the Day of Atonement taking place in the earthly sanctuary. And as we have seen before, the events, ceremonies and materials of the earthly sanctuary were a type and shadow of those in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

*'Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest [Jesus Christ], who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man...Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.' **Hebrews 8:1,5***

Paul tells us in the Book of Hebrews that Jesus, the true High Priest, ministers in the true Sanctuary which was built by the hands of God. It is for this reason that when Moses was building the earthly sanctuary, that he was told by God, to make sure that he builds it according to all the plans which God showed him upon Mt. Sinai. See: **Exodus 25:9,40.**

In addition, the day of atonement which took place in the earthly sanctuary involved **the sanctuary to be cleansed** once within a year from all the record of sin that was brought into the sanctuary on a daily basis. It was then that the earthly high priest, Aaron, and his descendants, would offer the blood of the sacrificed goat and sprinkle it within the sanctuary to make atonement for the people of Israel. At the end of this day of making atonement and cleansing the sanctuary [**from the record of sin by the shedding of blood**], all those who refused to seek God and to confess their sins before Him, were to be cut off from the people of Israel.

'Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins; and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.' **Leviticus 16:15-16**

'And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.' **Leviticus 16:19**

'For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.' **Leviticus 16:30**

'And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation... to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year.' **Leviticus 16:33-34**

We can see that on the literal day of atonement, the high priest, would cleanse the earthly sanctuary of all the records of sin once a year. It was a day of judgement for the people of Israel, all were expected to afflict their souls in full repentance before God that they may be made spotless in the sight of a Holy God. It was then after this day of atonement that all who did not afflict their souls in repentance would be cut off from the people.

So, as it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual.

If then the earthly sanctuary and its ceremonies are a copy of the Heavenly Sanctuary, pitched by God and not man, that would mean then that the Heavenly Sanctuary also must be cleansed from all record of sin, once, by the true High Priest, Jesus Christ.

'Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.' **Hebrews 4:14**

Therefore, as revealed unto Daniel by the angel Gabriel, *'after two thousand three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed'*.

Quick Recap.

We have noticed that the cleansing of the sanctuary points us back to the examples given to us in the Book of Leviticus. We get an understanding of what transpired on the day of atonement and how it was a day of judgement for the people of Israel.

As the Book of Hebrews shows us, all of the elements associated with the earthly sanctuary are a copy of the true Heavenly Sanctuary, pitched by God and not man. Therefore, as the earthly high priest, Aaron, needed to make atonement for his people by cleansing the sanctuary once a year, so, in the spiritual, Jesus, the Great High Priest, also makes atonement for his people and cleanses the Heavenly Sanctuary from all record of sins.

How does the record of sin get into the Heavenly Sanctuary?

As the people of Israel needed to bring a lamb or goat or dove and sacrifice it in the earthly sanctuary, by the shedding of blood were their sins forgiven. For without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, **Hebrews 9:22**. Likewise, when we come to the throne of grace in the Heavenly Sanctuary, by **FAITH**, pleading the Blood of Jesus, the true Lamb, that takes away the sins of the world [**John 1:29**], and asking for forgiveness of our sins, then the Heavenly Sanctuary, just like the earthly sanctuary, becomes defiled with the records of our sin.

Therefore, The Great High Priest must cleanse the sanctuary once, in this time of Heavenly Judgement. It is then that the Sanctuary will be cleansed.

'Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained [Jesus].' **Acts 17:31**

Since we have established then that the True Heavenly Sanctuary must be cleansed, as was the earthly, we must then ask ourselves, when will it be cleansed. We know that at the end of 2,300 prophetic days [literal years], it shall be cleansed, but in order to know when that time is, we must know when it started.

In order to know this, we must address the next chapter of Daniel, chapter 9, where the angel Gabriel explains to Daniel the meaning of the vision and gives him a starting point.

'Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.' 1st Corinthians 10:11

This will now take us into the next part of our study.

The 70 weeks

'Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy'

Daniel 9:24

After Daniel had received the vision pertaining to the 2,300 days, he sought God for the meaning of it. It was then after a few years that the angel Gabriel returned to Daniel to explain the meaning of the vision but this time, there was more detail which was given. Here we see the mention of the prophecy of 70 weeks and how it pertains to the 2,300 days.

'Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand."' Daniel 9:21-22

'Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression... To seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy.' Daniel 9:24

Daniel is told that 70 weeks are *determined* for the people of Israel to put aside their sinful ways and to reconcile their relationship with God. The word '*determined*' here used in the original Hebrew is the word **CHATHAK** which means '*cut off*' or '*decreed*'.

So, in essence what Daniel is being told, is that **70 prophetic weeks** are decreed for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem to put aside sin. God was given the chosen nation another chance to accomplish its purpose at presenting the Messiah to the world.

Prior to this, the nation of Israel was a back-slidden nation, consistently turning to idol worship and departing from the path that God had laid out for them to follow, ever since He brought them out of Egypt. Because of this, there were taken captive by the Babylonian Empire, and it was during this time that Daniel first received the vision of the 2,300 days.

As the Bible shows us, 1 prophetic day is given to represent 1 literal year in Bible prophecy. Therefore, the 70 weeks [70x7] is symbolic of **490 years**.

God was giving the Israelites another 490 years to accomplish the purpose for which He had chosen them, and this 490-year period was '*cut off*' from the full 2,300-year period.

'Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. Daniel 9:25

The angel Gabriel tells Daniel that He is to start counting the beginning of the 2,300 year & 70-week prophecy from the time that the command is given for the Israelites to restore and rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

Remember that at this time the nation of Israel was in captivity first under the Babylonian Empire and at the time of Chapter 9, the Medo-Persian Empire was now in power, [Daniel 9:1-2]. This is the same Medo Persian Empire that we read of in Chapter 8 represented by the ram with two horns, [Daniel 8:20].

In the Ezra 7:12-26 the decree is found. In its completest form it was issued by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, in the year 457 B.C. But in Ezra 6:14 the house of the Lord at Jerusalem is said to have been built "according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia." These three kings, in originating, reaffirming, and completing the decree, brought it to the perfection required by the prophecy to mark the beginning of the 2300 years. Taking 457 B.C., the time when the decree was completed, as the date of the commandment, every specification of the prophecy concerning the seventy weeks was seen to have been fulfilled.

'Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. Daniel 9:25

So then, from the going forth of the commandment in the year 457 BC until the Messiah the prince, there would be seven weeks [49 years] and sixty-two weeks [434 years]. This is a total of 483 literal years or 69 weeks. Keep in mind that there is still one week left [7 years], as the prophecy encompassed 490 years which were cut off for the Jews.

Quick recap.

A few years after Daniel first received the vision of the 2,300 days, the angel Gabriel is sent to him again to reveal unto him the meaning of the vision.

Daniel is told that there will be a period of 70 prophetic weeks or 490 literal years, cut off from the entire 2,300-year prophecy for the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. God was giving His chosen nation another opportunity to turn away from their wicked idolatrous ways and to fulfil their purpose of presenting the coming Messiah to the world.

The beginning of this 70-week period would commence when the command was given to rebuild and restore the city of Jerusalem, which occurred in the year 457 BC. At the start of this period until the next 69 weeks or 483 years, then the Messiah would be seen.

We should note that the word MESSIAH [Hebrew] & CHRIST [Greek] both mean 'Anointed One'.

So, 483 years after 457 BC, then the Anointed One would appear.

483 years + 457 beginning date = A.D. 26 + 1 year for 1 B.C.-A.D. 1 (there was no zero year) = **A.D. 27**

If we add 457 BC+483 years, we get the year AD 26, however because there is no year 0, we must add 1 to AD 26 to compensate for the fact that the calendar moves from 1 BC to AD 1.

Therefore, the prophecy which Daniel received showed Him specifically at what year the Messiah would come upon the scene.

'How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power...' **Acts 10:38**

'Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.' **Luke 3:21-22**

Jesus was anointed at His baptism, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove in the year **AD 27**. Exactly 483 literal years or 69 weeks after the command was given by the Persian Empire to restore and rebuild Jerusalem in **457 BC**. It was immediately after this anointing that Jesus began His earthly ministry as the Messiah, **[Luke 4:1, Matthew 3:16,17-Matthew 4:1]**

As we can see so far, the entire prophecy at this point has been fulfilled and aligns with the Word of God.

This is why Jesus began preaching, after His baptism, that *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand."* **Mark 1:15**. He was speaking of the time prophecy in **Daniel 9:25**, referring to the fact that the end of the 483 years had come.

Let us not forget however that there was a total of 70 weeks, and up to this point only 69 weeks had been fulfilled. There is still another week left, that is another 7 literal years.

'Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. **Daniel 9:25**

Here we see that from the going forth of the command there would be 7 weeks [49 years] and then 62 weeks [434 years]. The 62 weeks immediately follow the first 7 weeks, which take us to a total of 69 weeks [483 years] as we have covered above.

'And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself... he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week, He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.' **Daniel 9:26,27**

The "week" here brought to view is the last one of the seventy; it is the last seven years of the period allotted especially to the Jews in the 2,300-year prophecy. During this time, extending from A.D. 27 to A.D. 34, Christ, at first in person and afterward by His disciples, extended the gospel invitation especially to the Jews. As the apostles went forth with the good tidings of the kingdom, the Saviour's direction was: *"Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."* **Matthew 10:5,6**

Jesus was to be cut off in the 'middle of the week' (half of 7 is 3 ½). Counting three and one-half years from His anointing in the fall of **A.D. 27** would take us to the spring of **A.D. 31**, which is precisely when Jesus was

crucified. At the time He died, the temple veil was torn into two sections from top to bottom (**Matthew 27:50, 51**), indicating **that Jesus had caused the sacrificial system to cease by His death as the Lamb of God.**

By Jesus' sacrifice as the true Passover Lamb, He '*caused the sacrifice and oblation to cease*'.

*'Jesus insisted that His disciples preach first to the Jews, because they still had three and a half years remaining of their 490-year opportunity to accept and proclaim the Messiah. The prophecy in **Daniel 9:27** said that Jesus would confirm the covenant, or the great plan of salvation, with many for one prophetic week (seven literal years). But Jesus was crucified in the midst of that final week allotted to His chosen nation, so how could He confirm the covenant with them after His death? The answer is found in **Hebrews 2:3**: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." **Jesus' disciples preached to the Jews for that final three and a half years**, until the nation officially rejected the gospel message in **A.D. 34** when Stephen, a righteous deacon, was publicly stoned.'*
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'Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.'
Matthew 21:43

Here Jesus foreshadows to the Jews that because of their rejection of Him, the Messiah who was prophesied to their forefathers in the days of Daniel, the kingdom of God would be taken from them, that is, they would no longer be God's chosen people. The Gospel would be proclaimed to the nations of the world by the Gentile Christians and thus after the stoning of Stephen and the persecution of the first Christians in the early Church in the year **AD 34**, the time of probation would then close for the Jews. This occurred exactly at the end of the 490 years exactly as spoken by the Word of God in **Daniel 9**.

*'Now Saul was consenting to his [Stephen's] death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and **they were all scattered** throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles...Therefore **those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.**' **Acts 8:1,4***

It was at this time that the gospel first went out to the Gentiles, and the time for Israel as the chosen people of God had come to an end. Because they consistently resisted God's plan for them, **the nation of Israel is no longer the central focus of end-time prophecy. Now all who accept Jesus are His chosen people, and the promises God made to literal Israel now also apply to spiritual Israel** [**Romans 9:6-8**]

The remainder of the 2,300-years

We have now established the 70-week prophesy and the wider 2,300-day prophesy and their relation to one another. As we have come to see in our study, the 70 weeks represent the first 490 years of the 2,300-year prophesy and now that we know when it started, we can also now determine, when it came to an end.

At what time was the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary to begin, so that Jesus, like the earthly high priest, could begin His work of judgment in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary?

In **A.D. 34**, there remained another 1,810 years of the 2,300-day prophecy. Adding 1,810 years to A.D. 34 brings us to **the autumn of 1844**. The angel said that at that time, the heavenly sanctuary would be cleansed. Jesus, our high priest in heaven (**Hebrews 4:14-16; 8:1-5**), began removing the records of sin from the heavenly sanctuary (**Revelation 20:12; Acts 3:19-21**) in 1844. This first phase of the judgment is called the pre-advent judgment because **it takes place before Jesus' second coming**. Refer to the similarities in the Old Testament cleansing in the days of Moses.

As we studied in our Bible Study on **Revelation 9 and 10** previously, we saw that the **6th trumpet [Revelation 9:13]** was blown in 1844 at the end of the 2,300-year prophecy.

Ever since this time, there has been numbering of mankind. All those who choose to follow Christ and all who choose to follow satan as a result of rejecting Christ, will all be numbered, for the great day of God Almighty.

We are living in the final days of the 6th trumpet, and in the days just before the 7th angel sounds his trumpet, the mystery of the Gospel shall be preached unto the whole world and all mankind would have been sealed, whether for God or for the devil.

It is therefore imperative that just like the Israelites of old, in this spiritual day of atonement, where our Great High Priest is cleansing the Heavenly Sanctuary from all record of sin, that we should be seeking repentance and forgiveness of all sins. Jesus is making atonement for us in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, as Aaron made atonement for the people of Israel in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary.

It is only by this atonement that we will be made pure and clean before a Righteous and Holy God; it is only by the sprinkling of the Blood of the Lamb, which was slain for our sins, that we can be purged and made spotless.

For Jesus will return as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, for a spotless Church at His 2nd Coming, and all who are found with their sins not forgiven, all who refuse to afflict their souls in repentance as was commanded of the people of Israel in the days of Moses, shall be cut off from this earth, that is, they shall be destroyed by the splendour of His glorious coming.

Therefore, let us surrender all to Christ, and confess all of our sins to Him, that He may make atonement for us all, for a time is coming and coming quickly when Jesus will close the door of probation for all mankind.

Then shall He declare *'He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work."* **Revelation 22:11,12**

Let us not be cut off from the people of Israel because of unrepentance.

*'Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**'*

Ephesians 5:25-27

'For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD'

Leviticus 16:30

