

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study # 14: Investigative Judgment
Daniel 8:14 and Daniel 9
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The Little Horn (The main focus in Daniel 7 & 8) – Rise & Fall

Little Horn = Papal Rome

Daniel 7:8

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 8:11-13

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

What are the three phases of Judgment?

- 1) Investigative – to see if guilty or not guilty
- 2) Sentencing – if guilty – punished determined
- 3) Executive – punishment carried out

Daniel 9 reveals the investigative judgment, what else does it reveal?

- Baptism of Jesus Christ
- Death of Jesus Christ
- Jewish nation's rejection of Christ

What did Daniel hear concerning the little horn in Daniel 8:13?

Daniel 8:13

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

The “How Long?” questions of Dan. 8:13:

1. How long shall be the vision?
2. How long shall the “daily” [power to rule] be transferred from empire to empire?
3. How long shall transgression of God's laws continue?
4. How long will “desolation” or persecutions continue?
5. How long will the heavenly sanctuary be defiled by records of sin?

What is the answer to Daniel 8:13? How LONG?

Daniel 8:14

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

Sanctuary to be cleansed? What sanctuary? To understand we must go to the sanctuary message that God used as a teaching tool of salvation in the Word of God!

The Earthly Sanctuary is a pattern or miniature model of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

Hebrews 8:1-5

- 1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
- 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
- 3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.
- 4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:
- 5 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.

What did God instruct Moses to make while in the wilderness with the children of Israel who were just delivered from Egypt?

Exodus 25:8,9

- 8 And let them make me **a sanctuary**; that I may **dwell among them.**
- 9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Sanctuary (Hebrew): miqdâsh miqqedâsh [mik-dawsh', mik-ked-awsh']

From H6942; a consecrated thing or place, especially a **palace, sanctuary** (whether of Jehovah or of idols) or asylum: - chapel, hallowed part, holy place, sanctuary. - Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

Psalms 77:13

- 13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

The Earthly Sanctuary is a sacred dwelling place and teaching tool of God's salvation! It teaches us how God deals with the sin problem. It teaches us about the Messiah, Jesus, what He has done in the past, what He is currently doing, and what He will do in the future. It teaches us about forgiveness and how God cleanses us from sin. It teaches us how we go from guilty to not guilty (justified). It teaches us how to live a holy life with total victory over sin through Jesus Christ. Plus much more! All the holy furniture and items that were a part of the sanctuary has symbolic significance that taught real life lessons that are applicable today.

To get a detailed understanding of the sanctuary go to pathwaytopeace.net – Victory In The Sanctuary Series – Preaching and Teaching Section

Show overview of diagram of sanctuary including the temple and the separation of the holy and most holy place

What are the two key services that were connected to the earthly sanctuary service?

- 1) Daily Service (Holy place)
- 2) Yearly Service (Most Holy Place)

- Daily Service – a. Daily sacrifices in the courtyard symbolically transferring sin from sinner to innocence animal. (representing the sacrifice of Jesus and forgiveness of sins)
 b. Then sin symbolically transferred to the Holy Place (record of all confessed sins)

Yearly Service – Known as Day of Atonement / also the Day of Judgment because every record of sin confessed and recorded will be judged.

The Day of Atonement illustrates how Jesus cleanses us from sin.

What is Jesus promise for those who sincerely ask for forgiveness of sin and turn from sin?

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

What feast day prepared the people for the Day of Atonement?

Leviticus 23:24-27

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the **seventh month**, in the **first day of the month**, shall ye have a sabbath, a **memorial of blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the **tenth day of this seventh month** there shall be a **day of atonement**: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Reference only: The details of the Day of Atonement is found in Leviticus chapters 16 and 23:26 – 30.

Summary: Day of Atonement

10th day of the seventh month

Ceremonial sabbath

Day of affliction, reflection & humility

Day of judgment

What is the meaning of “Atonement”?

Hebrew meaning: kâphar / kippur meaning to cover, cleanse, purge...

Day of Atonement in the Hebrew is known as Yom (day) Kippur (Atonement)

When you have confessed your sins and forsaken the sins you have confessed and abide in Jesus, you become **at-one-ment** with Christ.

We are never out of reach of God’s love, but sin separates us from God.

Isaiah 59:2

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Have you forsaken your confessed sins?

The Day of Atonement was a time of Judgment (investigation) to see if every sin that you have confessed has been forsaken. Does the record say victory / overcomer through the blood of Jesus. Or will the record reveal, fake christian – confessed sins have not been forsaken. They are living a life of hypocrisy.

In general what did the high priest do once a year on the Day of Atonement?

Two goats – one for the Lord for sacrifice and one as the scapegoat. Only the High Priest went into the Most Holy Place to bring all the sins symbolically transferred and recorded in the Holy Place before the throne of God! This was known as the cleansing of the sanctuary. All recorded sin was taken to the Most Holy Place and then symbolically placed on a scape goat. (show illustrations)

The cleansing of the sanctuary = the day of judgment

Daniel 8:14

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed [=then shall the judgment begin].

When will the cleansing of the sanctuary referred to in Daniel 8:14 take place?

1) Near the End of Time

The context of Daniel 8:14 refers to the end of time. The cleansing of the sanctuary or day of judgment begins at the end of time before the destruction of the last earthly kingdom, the little horn, Papal Rome.

Which sanctuary is Daniel 8:14 referring?

2) Heavenly Sanctuary

At the time the prophecy was given the earthly Jewish sanctuary (aka Solomon's Temple) was destroyed by the Babylon.

Approximately 40 years after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the rebuilt Jewish sanctuary was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD as Jesus prophesied.

Who is our heavenly High Priest?

Hebrews 5:8-10

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 Called of God an high priest after the order [arrangement] of Melchisedec [King of righteousness].

Melchizedek = King of righteousness!

What is the order of Melchizedek?

Genesis 14:18

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

Prophecy of Jesus as our high priest after the order of Melchizedek!

Psalms 110:4

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus is our high priest and king!

When Jesus' earthly ministry was complete where did he go next as our high priest?

Hebrews 9:11-12

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the **holy place**, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

What did Jesus complete at the cross of Calvary? His sacrifice was complete. Was His ministry over? No. Jesus still had a work to do in heaven. We must know where Jesus is to follow Him! It is represented in the sanctuary messages.

Where is Jesus' earthly ministry represented in the sanctuary? Courtyard – Jesus literally died for our sins

Where did Jesus go when His earth ministry was complete? Holy Place in the temple of heavenly

What did Jesus promise us when he went back to heaven to the holy place in the temple? I will come again!

What is the last phase of Jesus' ministry in the heavenly sanctuary as our high priest? He will go to the most holy place.

What takes place in the most holy place? The cleansing of the sanctuary, Day of Atonement, time of judgment.

We learned in our study of Daniel 7 that after the judgment is complete Jesus ministry in heaven is complete, Jesus is given official dominion over the earth as king of Kings and the marriage of His bride takes place. He returns to the earth for the great consummation to gather up his virgin bride made of the faithful people of God.

Remember Daniel 7:9 – 10 reveals that there is a judgment: verse 10 “the judgment was set, and the books were opened.”

Daniel 8:14 gives us the prophecy of when the judgment will begin!

Before Jesus comes judgment MUST take place, the cleansing of the sanctuary . Out of love, He tells the world when it will take place!

When? 2300 days! Is this timeline given in symbolic context? Yes. Day for a year principle (reference text – Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34)

In other words,

Daniel 8:14

14 And he said unto me, Unto 2300 YEARS; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed [judgment will begin].

When will it begin?

Did Daniel fully understand Daniel chapter 8 after he was given the interpretation of the ram and he-goat?**Daniel 8:27**

27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

Based on the prophecy timeline of the rise and fall of kingdoms, Babylon was already conquered by Media-Persia and the Jewish nation's 70 years of captivity in Babylon was soon to end.

Instead of feeling sorry for himself what did Daniel earnestly do? Daniel prays.

Let's take time and read Daniel powerful prayer. This should be our position and understanding.

Daniel 9:1-19

- 1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;
- 2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
- 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
- 4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;
- 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:
- 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- 7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.
- 8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.
- 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;
- 10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.
- 11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.
- 12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.
- 13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.
- 14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.
- 15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
- 16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.
- 17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.
- 18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.
- 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

What happens after Daniel completes his sincere prayer?

Daniel 9:20-23

- 20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
- 21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, **I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.**

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Gabriel came to give Daniel an interpretation of Daniel 8:14.

Daniel 8:14 = 2300 days sanctuary will be cleansed Daniel 9:24 – 27 2300 days, the interpretation

Remember every timeline begins with an official action or decree. If we know when the timeline begins we know when it ends, 2300 years.

What was one of the things that Daniel was praying for? The sins of Israel.

What was the first answer to Daniel's prayer that is part of the 2300 year prophecy of Daniel 8:14?

Daniel 9:24

24 **Seventy weeks** are **determined [decreed / divided/ marked out / cut off]** upon **thy people [Israel]** and upon **thy holy city [Jerusalem]**, 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 [complete / close up] the vision and prophecy**, and to **anoint the most Holy**.

Seventy weeks = 70 x 7 days = 490 days = 490 years!

Jerusalem was still in ruins at the time of this prophecy. The prophecy reveals that Jerusalem will exist again after their 70 years of captivity in Babylon. But on the 2300 year timeline the prophecy reveals that before the time of judgment Israel has 490 years to repent and turn from sin as a nation - 490 years of probation!

490 years – 2300 years = 1810 years before the judgment begins. 490 years was decreed and divided within the 2300 timeline for Israel to make an end of sin.

So when does the timeline begin? Every prophetic time begins with an official decree or action.

Daniel 9:25

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment [official decree] to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Here is the official decree that begins the 2300 year prophecy of Daniel 8:14.

At the time that Daniel was given the vision the earthly sanctuary in Jerusalem was destroyed.

Official decree: From the commandment to RESTORE and BUILD Jerusalem!

When was the official decree given to the Jews after the 70 years of captivity in Babylon was complete?

Ezra 7:11-13, 25

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not.

King Artaxerxes gives the decree in 457 BC to rebuild the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem (see chart last page)

When does 490 years end? 457 BC + 490 AD years [490-457 = 34 AD (remember no zero year 26 + 1 = 27 AD)]

Israel's probation was scheduled to be ended in 34 AD.

What confirms that the 457 BC is the correct date on the 2300 years prophecy timeline?

What happens within the 490 years before the Jewish probation closes?

Daniel 9:25

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment [official decree] to restore and to build Jerusalem **unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Who is the Messiah the Prince?

Hebrew: Messiah

Anointed; usually a consecrated person (as a king, priest, or saint); specifically the Messiah: - anointed, Messiah.

Messiah (Anointed) = Jesus Christ (Anointed)

When was Jesus prophesied to begin His earthly ministry from the time of the rebuilding of Jerusalem? Seven weeks, threescore (3x20=60) and two weeks.

7 weeks + 62 weeks = 69 weeks = 69 x 7 = 483 days = 483 years

Jesus Christ was anointed at His baptism at the beginning of His ministry

Was Jesus Christ baptism exactly 483 years as prophesied from the rebuilding of Jerusalem? Yes! In 27 AD!

Luke 3:21-22

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 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.

What did Jesus say to confirm that He is the fulfillment of Daniel 9:25?

Mark 1:15

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Within Daniel 9:25 it tells us when Jerusalem will be complete from the command in 457 BC

Daniel 9:25

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment [official decree] to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks, and** threescore and two weeks: **the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.**

Seven weeks (before the conjunction) - **the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.**

7 weeks = 49 days = 49 years. It took Israel 49 years to complete the rebuilding of Jerusalem from the decree of Artaxerxes in 457 BC. Completed 408 BC. (see chart last page)

What else confirms that the 457 BC is the correct date of the 2300 prophecy?

Daniel 9:26, 27

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation [sacrificial offerings] to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

After the time from Jesus anointing the Messiah is cut off – died for our sins on the cross of Calvary!

How many years were left of Israel's probation (490 years) when Jesus Christ started His ministry in 27 AD? Seven years.

What happened in the “midst of the week”, seven years? Jesus was crucified – He was the fulfillment of the everlasting covenant. All oblations [animal offerings] ceased. Jesus the Lamb died for our sins!

Did Israel make an end of sin after 490 years of probation? No. What did that do has a nation, the Jewish leadership to totally reject the covenant in 34 AD?

They stoned Stephen 3 ½ after they rejected Christ. The gospel message officially goes to the Gentiles.

Notice at the end of Daniel 9:26 and 27, what happens to those who reject the Messiah? Destruction and desolation! How long? Until the consummation, the coming of Jesus

Jesus was sacrificed in the midst of the week = 34 AD on timeline! (show chart)

Mark 15:38

And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

Original Question:

When did the Day of Atonement (anti-type) begin?

In other words, when did the investigative judgment in heaven begin?

2300 days – 457 BC = 1843 + 1 (no zero year) = 1844!

October 22, 1844 10th Day of the Seventh Month according to the Jewish month of Tishri on the Day of Atonement! Every feast day was fulfilled where type met anti-type.

What confirms that we are living in the time of judgment?

Revelation 14:7

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

1 Peter 4:17

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

We are living in the time of judgment, the cleansing of the sanctuary? Who is being judged? All those in the sanctuary who “confessed” their sins. Is their confession just profession or have they turned from sin.

Daniel 7	Daniel 8	Revelation 14	Daniel 9
<p>Daniel 7:10 – Judgment appointment set & books opened. Does not reveal the appointment date when it begins.</p> <p>Dan 7:10 “...the judgment was set, and the books were opened.”</p>	<p>Daniel 8:14 Reveals that appointment for judgment will begin in 2300 years.</p> <p>Dan 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.</p>	<p>Revelation 14:7 reveals that we are living in the time of the investigative judgment NOW!</p> <p>Rev 14:7 “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”</p>	<p>Daniel 9:24 – 27 reveals actual date when the investigative judgment began!</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">1844</p>



