

Sanctuary Messages Sermon Series
Study # 22: Investigative Judgment Part 1
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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?

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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 a 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.

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.

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.

In Daniel 7 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.

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's 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?

To be continued....