

End-Time Prep Series
Lesson 15: Investigative Judgment Part 1
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Revelation 14:7 is the first angel's message which reveals that we are living in the time of the investigative **judgment**. **This message is extremely urgent.**

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.

“Hour” in this context according to Thayer’s Greek Dictionary is “any definite time, point of time, moment.”

Revelation 14:7 reveals that we are living in that moment of time. The judgment will soon end what will be your fate, guilty or not guilty?

What are the three phases of Judgment?

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

Did you know that Daniel 9 reveals prophetically when the investigative judgment began?

What are four prophetic events that Daniel 9 reveals?

- Completion of the restoring and rebuilding of Jerusalem
- Baptism of Jesus Christ
- Death of Jesus Christ
- Jewish nation’s official rejection of Christ

When was the beginning of the Investigative Judgment? Note: The beginning of the investigate judgment will also have the four prophetic events on its timeline. They all have to fit like a puzzle. Not one piece can be out of place.

First, we need to look at the message concerning the sanctuary in Daniel 8:14

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? A miniature model of the Heavenly sanctuary

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.

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 innocent 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.

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 to?

2) Heavenly Sanctuary

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

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 earthly ministry was complete? Holy Place in the temple of heaven

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].

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

To be continued...