

GOD'S TWO SANCTUARIES

Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of lesson 17: Following the study of the 2,300 years of Daniel 8:14, two questions must be answered. First, what is the "sanctuary" in 1844, and second, what does it mean to cleanse that sanctuary in the context of 1844? This is the sequence in which the subjects are handled in the book, Great Controversy (time, sanctuary, cleansing). The earthly sanctuary of the Old Testament tells us much about the earthly presence of God with people, about a God of harmonious justice and mercy, about how a person was saved in the Old Testament period. It helps us to understand the meaning of "worship" and the importance of reverence in connection with the worship of a holy God. We see the types of Christ as the supreme Sacrifice, the Bread of life, the Light of the world, the Intercessor, the Author of law and grace. We see also the type of the royal priesthood of Christ.

With the use of the New Testament book of Hebrews, we understand more of the ministry of Christ in heaven since His ascension in 31 AD, in the true sanctuary which God pitched and not man. Thus, we are led to the clear conclusion that Daniel 8:14 refers to the sanctuary in heaven in 1844, not to the earth as the Millerites taught.

In 31 AD the leaders of the infant Christian church were mistaken about the place and event to take place in the midst of the seventieth week of Daniel 9:26,27. They believed that the Messiah would be set up on a throne in Jerusalem, to be their earthly king, rather than crucified for sin on a hill outside of the city. In 1844 the Millerites were mistaken about the place and the event at the conclusion of the time of Daniel 8:14. BUT IN BOTH CASES THE CORRECTION OF THESE MISTAKES LED TO MIGHTY PROCLAMATION OF A MESSAGE WHICH WAS VITAL TO SALVATION AND PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. (See Acts 2 and Rev. 14:6-12.) This lesson helps to clarify the place in connection with Oct. 22, 1844. Lesson 18 will clarify the event.

During the study itself: In connection with the introduction, make clear who the people were who in 1844 looked for Christ to come to this earth to cleanse it. Explain the term, "Adventists." Question 2 is included to simply show the transition from portable tabernacle to permanent temple. Question 3 is vital to clarify the time and events which brought the sanctuary on earth to an end. The point of question 4 is that there is also a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle of God, of which the earthly was a shadow.

Appeal: Appeal to the point brought out in the lesson that Christ ministers in heaven as man's representative and intercessor.

Illustration: The vital point is to show the transition from type to antitype in connection with Christ's ascension. There is then a visual understanding of what the sanctuary was in 1844.

