

THE CLEANSING OF THE SANCTUARY

This lesson brings to completion a grouping of four studies which help us understand two important revelations from the book of Daniel. First, we have seen how God through Daniel, in chapters 2, 7, and 8, opened the door to help men see future world kingdoms, and political and religious developments far beyond his day. Second, Daniel was shown great events of a spiritual nature that belong in end time--in and beyond our own day. He was shown the coming of God's eternal kingdom, and a previous judging of people (Daniel 7:9-13), an event necessary to determine who should live in God's everlasting kingdom of righteousness.

In these lessons we have studied the time prophecies of Daniel 8:14 and 9:24-27 which point to the coming of Christ, the Messiah ("anointed" at His baptism, 27 AD), to His death for sinners in 31 AD, to the rejection of the Jews in 34 AD, and finally to the time when the sanctuary would be cleansed with the key date of 1844. Our last lesson made it clear that this "sanctuary" of Daniel 8:14 was the sanctuary in heaven where Christ serves as our High Priest.

We need now to discover what God meant when He told Daniel that the sanctuary in heaven would be cleansed. Re-read Daniel 8:14. The word translated "cleansed" in some versions could also be translated "justified," "set right," or "vindicated," with the idea of being restored to its rightful state. There is no single English word to express exactly the original Hebrew word. The question we rightfully ask is, What is there in a perfect heaven, where God and our Lord are, that needs to be cleansed, or vindicated, or restored? The purpose of this lesson is to discover the answer.

1. We need to begin with another look at the sanctuary on earth, the pattern, figure, or shadow of the heavenly (Hebrews 8,9), and at what happened from day to day in the services of the tabernacle of Moses. There were two clear divisions over the course of the year. There were the DAILY services, and a SPECIAL DAY, once a year. First, what can we learn from the following passages that refer to DAILY offerings?

(a) Exodus 29:38-42 _____

(b) Leviticus 6:1-7 _____

There were many variations in the type of offering the sinner was to bring to the Lord. They differed with different situations. The "key" to it all was the shedding of blood, each offering being a portrayal of Christ Who someday would shed His blood for guilty sinners. (See Hebrews 9:22.) In some cases the priest would eat a tiny piece of the animal's flesh. In some instances he took some of the blood into the holy place and there sprinkled it before the veil which hid the most holy place and the ark wherein was kept God's ten commandments which the sinner had broken. Thus, the ceremony symbolized the transferring of sin from the repentant individual to the priest and the sanctuary. This happened every day, all year long.

2. What about the YEARLY event? What can we learn about it in Leviticus, chapter 16? (Read the entire chapter first.)

(a) When did this yearly event occur? Verses 29,34. _____

(b) What was the day called? Verse 30. _____
(Note that verse 31 also called it "a sabbath of rest," meaning an annual holy day.)

- (c) Which apartment of the sanctuary was involved? Verse 2. _____
- (d) What did the high priest do for himself? Verse 6. _____
- (e) What did the sacrificed goat represent? Verses 7-9. _____
(Compare Hebrews 9:22.)
- (f) What happened to the unsacrificed goat? Verses 20-22. _____

The day of atonement was a solemn day for Israel. Every man and woman were to afflict their souls. All business was laid aside. The whole congregation was to spend the day in solemn humiliation before God. It was a day of judgment, at the close of which the sanctuary was cleansed of all the records of forgiven sins that had been transferred to it for the past year. The final event was the leading away of the scapegoat with the responsibility of all those sins on his head. All of this earthly ceremony came to an end when Christ died.

3. As on earth, so in heaven. The earthly sanctuary was patterned after, was a figure or shadow of the heavenly sanctuary. The services on earth teach us about the ministry of Christ in heaven. How does the DAILY work of the earthly priest typify of the daily work of Christ in heaven, since His ascension? Summarize Hebrews 4:14; 9:24; 1 John 2:1.

This has always been Christ's first work in heaven--to represent and save sinners who have faith in His shed blood. He always forgives the repentant sinner. The sin is transferred to Christ who "bore our sins." Or, we could say, the sin is transferred to heaven, to His sanctuary. This is Christ's first apartment work that He entered into at His ascension.

4. The Bible also clearly teaches that there are records of sin in heaven. There are "books." What are the books called in Revelation 3:5, Malachi 3:16, and Revelation 20:12,13?

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5. The Bible also teaches that there is judgment that takes place in heaven. There must be an investigation of the records of each sinner to determine who will be saved, and lost. Carefully summarize these passages.

- (a) Daniel 7:9-13 _____
- (b) Ecclesiastes 12:13,14 _____
- (c) Acts 17:31 (John 5:22,23) _____

6. As the high priest on earth faced the ten commandments on the day of atonement or cleansing of the sanctuary, so the ten commandments must be faced by all in the judgment, for "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23) and sin is the "transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). What are the commandments called in James 2:10-12? _____

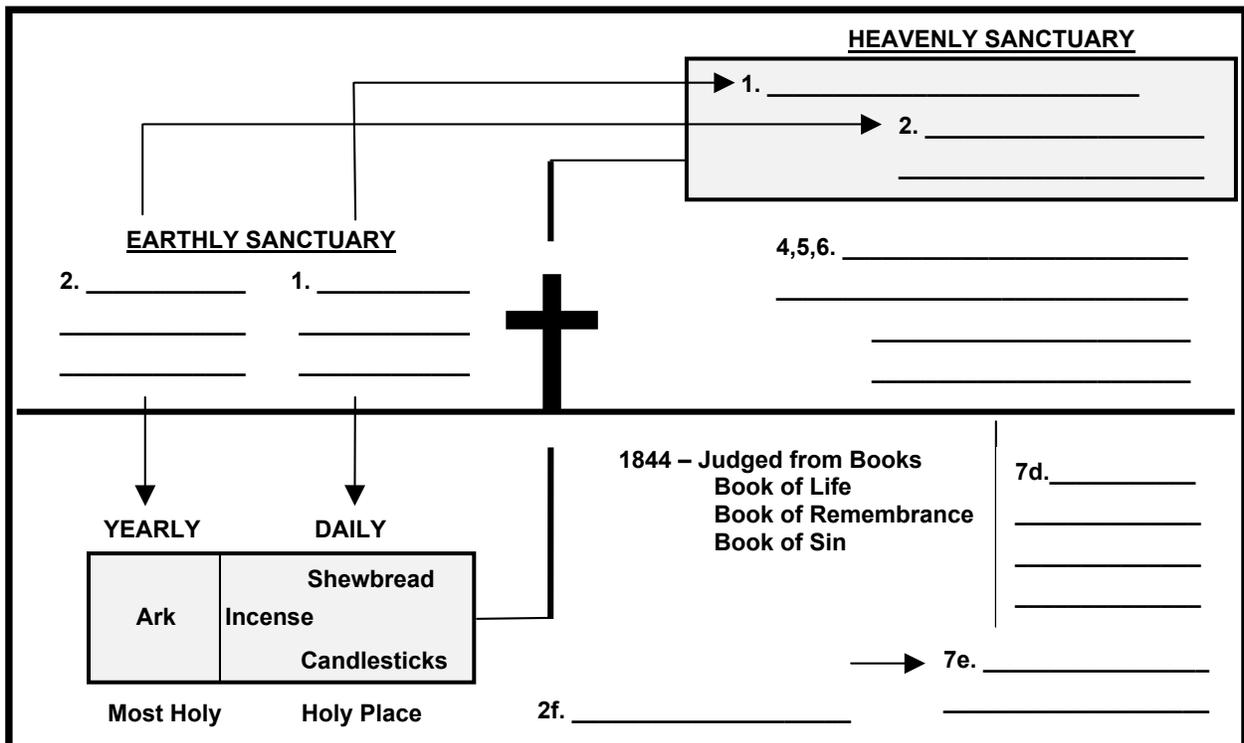
7. Now, let us tie it all together. Daniel 8:14 says that at the close of the 2,300 years, the sanctuary (heavenly) would be cleansed. As on earth, so in heaven. Since 31 AD Jesus has taken upon Himself the sins of repentant sinners. Sin is thus transferred to heaven. We could therefore say that heaven is "defiled," as was the earthly sanctuary. It must be cleansed, vindicated, restored to its rightful state. Since 1844, the records of those who have professed Christ have been, and are being examined as were the cases of the repentant on the Old Testament day of atonement. As our High Priest and Judge, this is Christ's second apartment work. It parallels the ONCE YEARLY work of the earthly high

priest, when he entered the tabernacle's second apartment. On earth there were many sacrifices; but Christ offered Himself as a complete one once (Heb. 9:24-28). On earth,

there was a yearly day and judgment and cleansing of the sanctuary; in heaven, there is one final and complete judgment and cleansing, at the end of time. Jesus began this phase of His work on **October 22, 1844**, as we have studied. He continues it today. But it will soon end! Note carefully, and summarize, these final, climactic events:

- (a) Revelation 11:15-19 _____
- (b) Revelation 22:11,12 _____
- (c) Revelation 15:5-8 _____
- (d) Revelation 19:11,16 _____
- (e) Revelation 20:1-3 _____

What a revelation! And we all live in the last short period of earth's history. There is a solemn day of judgment, a close of probation, Christ comes. Then Satan, the author of all sin, will be led into the desolate wilderness as was the scapegoat. Heaven will be cleansed. And after the 1,000 years, the Lord will cleanse the earth, with fire and recreation, and it will become the eternal home of the saved. The eternal God will rule in a universe that is clean, forever to be acclaimed as the God of perfect love and justice. How totally Daniel 8:14 will be fulfilled.



Summary of Lessons 15-18

THE SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES

Moses' Tabernacle or Sanctuary, Its Priesthood, Its Services, All Are Patterns, or Shadows, or Figures, or "Foretastes" of God's Great Sanctuary in Heaven:

Earth's Sanctuary Itself -- Made after the pattern of the Heavenly.

The Sanctuary Priesthood -- A picture of Christ as our great High Priest in heaven.

The Sanctuary Services --- Pictures of Christ's ministry in heaven.

The Daily Services of the Earthly Sanctuary:

The morning and evening offerings, by the priest, for the sinner, and the sinner's offering, for his own sins--both involving the shedding of innocent blood--portray Christ's dying for the sinner, shedding His own innocent blood, and His continual ministrations of forgiveness for every repenting person, from His position in heaven.

Both the daily offerings and services of the earthly sanctuary, and the daily ministrations of Christ in heaven, are connected with the first apartment--the holy place--of the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries.

KEY POINT TO REMEMBER: The repenting sinner, be he or she of Old Testament times, or someone living this side of Christ's earthly life, is fully forgiven by God when sincere repentance is made. Any later "judgment" is not needed to guarantee the act of forgiveness.

The Yearly Day of Atonement on Earth, the One-time Judgment in Heaven:

In connection with the sanctuary on earth, all RECORDS of forgiven sin were removed each year, on Tishri 10, during the autumn. The "day of atonement" involved the sins of repentant sinners ONLY, and they were all removed from the sanctuary, put on the head of Satan, the great tempter,--the "responsible party" was led away into the wilderness. This important day of judgment was repeated every year.

In connection with the sanctuary in heaven, we find the parallel in a one-time judgment, when Christ adds the work of Judge to His Mediatorship, reviewing the RECORDS of every person who has ever "professed" His name, and then separating genuine Christians from those who are "Christians" in name only.

Then, having determined who has a right to eternal life, Christ comes to take all such to heaven, and the rest die with unrepentant sinners, and the RECORDS of the saved are placed on the head of Satan who is led into earth's desolated wilderness for 1,000 years.

Both the day of atonement in connection with the sanctuary on earth, and the judgment (heavenly day of atonement) by Christ, are connected with the second apartment--the most holy place--of the two sanctuaries.

The Matter of Timing in Connection with Christ's Two-apartment Work:

Daniel 9:24-27 leads us to Christ's ministry and death for sinners, and thus to the beginning of His first apartment work in heaven, when He ascended to become High Priest at God's right hand, in 31 AD.

Daniel 8:14, completed 1810 years after Christ ascension, or in 1844, leads us to the beginning of the heavenly "day of atonement," the beginning of Christ's judging, the second apartment work, in the sanctuary in heaven, the tabernacle that God pitched and not man. Both Christ's mediatorial work, and His judging, will terminate together, at the time when Rev. 22:11 is proclaimed by Jesus Himself: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

If the signs of Christ's coming are truly telling us that He will soon come, then the fulfillment of Rev. 22:11 is even nearer, and the close of the judgment is imminent.

The Great Lesson from the Most Holy Place (Lev. 16:11-16; Rev. 11:19):

In both the earthly tabernacle and the heavenly sanctuary (or temple), there is the ark, with its mercy seat, and containing the ten commandments. Thus, there is pictured, in the place of God's presence and holiness, both God's mercy and justice, His grace and His law--perfect character, forgiveness, and enabling power.

God may demand much of those who choose Christ, and desire to become saints. But He is forgiving, and presents enabling strength to accomplish all that He requires. Thus, human beings are left without excuse.

And when Jesus comes, by God's grace, they will be "like Him" (1 John 3:2), and He will escort them to heaven.

Why the Specific Date of October 22 in 1844, as the Starting Date for the Second Apartment Work of Christ in Heaven?

First, the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries are inseparably linked together in Scripture.

Second, both are concerned with judgment, on a "day of atonement" on earth, when the most holy place was cleansed of repentant sinners' records of sins; and at the time of the "cleansing" of the sanctuary of Dan. 8:14, clearly the sanctuary in heaven, which, when cleansed, or justified, or restored to its rightful state, is also free from the records of sins of repentant people--whose sins have been borne by Christ.

Third, because of the intimate tie between the two sanctuaries, and because the first was "cleansed" on a specific date--Tishri 10 of the yearly Jewish calendar; so Bible scholars of the 1840s saw the date of October 22, 1844--Tishri 10 that year, as the correct date for the beginning of Christ's second apartment ministry, not to be completed in one literal day, but in one continuous period of time--closing with Rev. 22:11.

Fourth, because records are investigated in heaven as stated above, just in the same way as in the Old Testament sanctuary, the terms "investigative judgment," or "pre-advent judgment," have been given to this heavenly "day of atonement."

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Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of lesson 18: This lesson climaxes the development that began in lesson 15. There has been a fourfold sequence of truths: (1) the great prophecies of Daniel 2, 7, and 8; (2) the matter of time in Daniel 8:14 and 9:24-27; (3) an attempt to understand what "sanctuary" meant in 1844; and now (4) what did it mean to "cleanse" that sanctuary which existed in and since 1844? It is very difficult to further limit the length of this lesson and make the subject clear. The value of the lesson justifies its length.

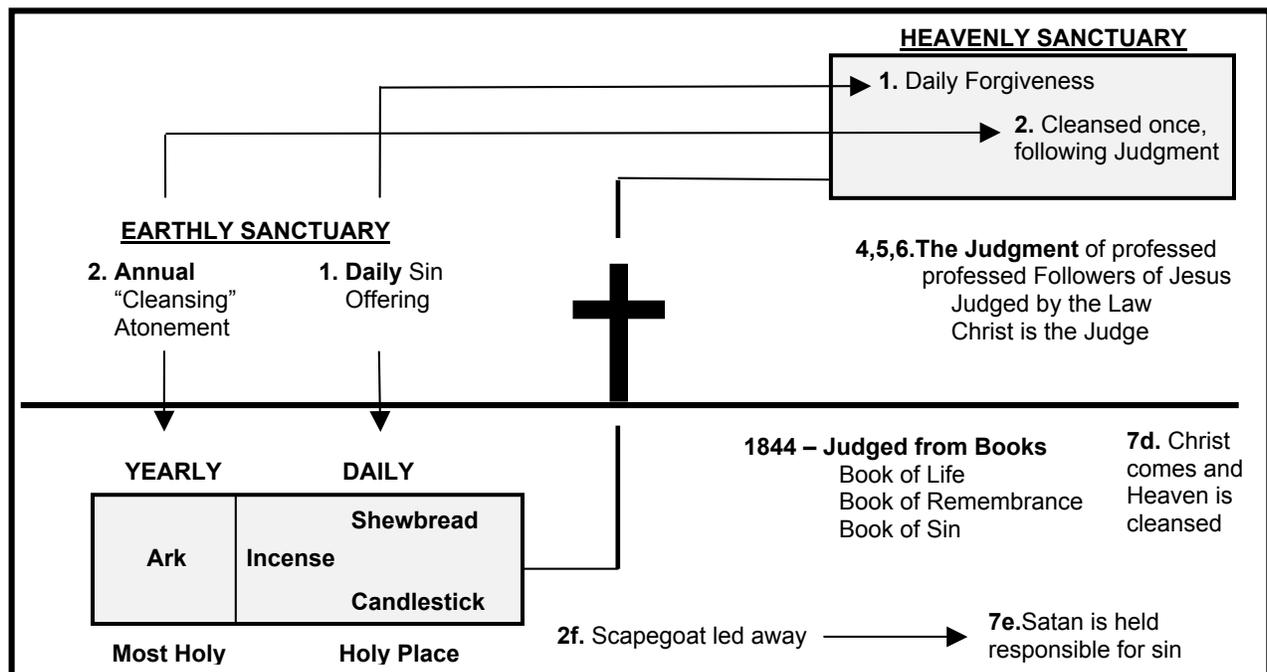
It is clearly the purpose here to clarify the end time events that occur from 1844, and in their correct sequence. First judgment is given place and meaning, both as to time and importance. Second, the close of probation is fixed, then the plagues, the second coming, the bringing of Satan, and finally the re-creation of the earth.

It is strongly urged that outside reading and study be done in connection with the presentation of this lesson. Read Unto a Perfect Man, pages 114-118 with care. An excellent article appeared in Signs of the Times, March 1973, "The Sanctuary: Forgiveness and Judgment in Our Time," by Leslie Hardinge. Another excellent study was made by Gerhard F. Hasel, "The 'Little Horn,' the Saints, and the Sanctuary in Daniel 8," for the Biblical Research Institute, General Conference of SDA. It is also of tremendous value to carefully re-read Great Controversy, pages 317-432. On this lesson, pages 423-432 are of critical importance.

During the lesson itself: One suggestion--move through the lesson slowly, carefully, attempting to ensure the understanding of the student on each point. Let two points stand out in connection with the earthly and heavenly sanctuary services. What happened daily? What happened yearly? What happened many times on earth, only once with Christ? Many sacrifices and offerings, many days of atonement on earth. One sacrifice, one day of atonement in heaven.

Appeal: It is carefully built into question 7.

Illustration: This lesson requires very careful thinking, so keep the illustration ultra simple.



Introduction**Daniel 7:9-13**

- ⁹ “I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment *was* white as snow,
And the hair of His head *was* like pure wool.
His throne *was* a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;
- ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court was seated,
And the books were opened.
- ¹¹“I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.
- ¹³ “I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.

Daniel 8:14

- ¹⁴And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”

Daniel 9:24-27

- ²⁴ “Seventy weeks are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.
- ²⁵ “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;
The street shall be built again, and the wall,
Even in troublesome times.
- ²⁶ “And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it *shall be* with a flood,

And till the end of the war desolations are determined.
²⁷ Then 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.
 And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
 Even until the consummation, which is determined,
 Is poured out on the desolate.”

1a. Exodus 29:38-42

³⁸“Now this *is* what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day continually.
³⁹One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. ⁴⁰With the one lamb shall be one-tenth of an *ephah* of flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering. ⁴¹And the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; and you shall offer with it the grain offering and the drink offering, as in the morning, for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord. ⁴²*This shall be* a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet you to speak with you.

Answer: Two lambs were daily sacrificed – one in the morning and the other in the evening
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1b. Leviticus 6:1-7

¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²“If a person sins and commits a trespass against the Lord by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, ³or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely—in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins: ⁴then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, ⁵or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, *and* give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering. ⁶And he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering, to the priest. ⁷So the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses.”

Answer: If a person “sins and commits a trespass against the Lord” by lying to, or stealing from, or losing something of value of a neighbor, the sinner is to correct or restore the damage and the offer a “trespass offering to the Lord” and the priest shall “make atonement for him before the Lord” and the sinner would be “forgiven”.

Hebrews 9:22

²²And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

2. Leviticus 16

¹Now the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered *profane fire* before the Lord, and died; ²and the Lord said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at *just* any time into the Holy *Place* inside the veil, before the mercy seat which *is* on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

³"Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy *Place*: with *the blood of* a young bull as a sin offering, and *of* a ram as a burnt offering. ⁴He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These *are* holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. ⁵And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

⁶"Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁸Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. ⁹And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it *as* a sin offering. ¹⁰But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, *and* to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

¹¹"And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which *is* for himself. ¹²Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring *it* inside the veil. ¹³And he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* on the Testimony, lest he die. ¹⁴He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle *it* with his finger on the mercy seat on the east *side*; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

¹⁵"Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which *is* for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. ¹⁶So he shall make atonement for the Holy *Place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. ¹⁷There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy *Place*, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. ¹⁸And he shall go out to the altar that *is* before the Lord, and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. ¹⁹Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

²⁰"And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy *Place*, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. ²¹Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send *it* away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. ²²The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

²³"Then Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of meeting, shall take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy *Place*, and shall leave them there. ²⁴And he shall wash his body with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people. ²⁵The fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar. ²⁶And he who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. ²⁷The bull *for* the sin offering and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy *Place*, shall be carried outside the camp. And they shall burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their offal. ²⁸Then he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

²⁹"*This* shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether* a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. ³⁰For 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. ³¹*It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.* ³²And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; ³³then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. ³⁴This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year." And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.

2a. Leviticus 16:29, 34

¹⁶So he shall make atonement for the Holy *Place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

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Answer: One the 10th day or the 7th month (once a year).

2b. Leviticus 16:30, 31

³⁰For 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. ³¹*It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.*

Answer: A day to "make atonement for you".

2c. Leviticus 16:2

²and the Lord said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at *just* any time into the Holy *Place* inside the veil, before the mercy seat which *is* on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

Answer: The Holy Place inside the veil (the Most Holy) compartment.

2d. Leviticus 16:6

⁶Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house.

Answer: Offer a sin offering (a bull) for himself.

2e. Leviticus 16: 7-9

⁷He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁸Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. ⁹And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering.

Answer: Jesus death in our place for our sins.

Hebrews 9:22

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2f. Leviticus 16:20-22

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Answer: The sins that had been transferred to the sanctuary was transferred to the head of the scapegoat and released into the wilderness. The scapegoat represents Satan, who is ultimately responsible for all confessed and forgiven sins.

3. Hebrews 4:14

⁴Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.

Hebrews 9:24

²⁴For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

1 John 2:1

¹My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Answer: Jesus is in heaven, functioning as our High Priest, dealing with confessed sins on our behalf on a daily basis.

4. Revelation 3:5

⁵He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Malachi 3:16

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another,
And the Lord listened and heard *them*;
So a book of remembrance was written before Him
For those who fear the Lord
And who meditate on His name.

Revelation 20:12, 13

¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Answer: Book of Life; Book of Remembrance; Book of works (sins).

5a. Daniel 7:9-13

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¹³ “I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.

Answer: A judgment hall (court) is set up and “the books” are opened.
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5b. Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.

¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.

Answer: Each person will be judged according to what he has done, whether good or evil.

5c. Acts 17:31

³¹because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

John 5:22, 23

²²For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

Answer: Jesus (The Judge) will correctly or rightly (in righteousness) judge (determine what kind of people each person is) the people of the world.

6. Romans 3:23

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

1 John 3:4

⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

James 2:10-12

¹⁰For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. ¹¹For He who said, "*Do not commit adultery*," also said, "*Do not murder*." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

Answer: The 10 Commandments are called "the law of liberty", when one lives in harmony with the 10 Commandments, one is free of guilt and is at peace with God

7a. Revelation 11:15-19

¹⁵Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying:

"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,
The One who is and who was and who is to come,
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,
And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,
And those who fear Your name, small and great,
And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

¹⁹Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Answer: The Most Holy in heaven was opened and the "ark of His covenant was seen in His temple".

7b. Revelation 22:11, 12

¹¹He 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."

¹²"**And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.**

Answer: God accepts each person's decision – one to remain a rebel and the other to be His follower, covered by His righteousness.

7c. Revelation 15:5-8

⁵After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. ⁶And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. ⁷Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

⁸The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Answer: The temple of the testimony in heaven was opened and filled with God's glory and power.

7d. Revelation 19:11, 16

¹Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

¹⁶And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Answer: Jesus is the "righteous Judge and He is King of Kings and Lord of Lord.

7e. Revelation 20:1-3

¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Answer: An angel from heaven came down and bound Satan in “the bottomless pit” x 1000 years.

Daniel 8:14

¹⁴And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”