

#5 The cleansing of the sanctuary

Key verses: 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. -Revelation 14:7

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. -Daniel 8:14

1. Revelation 14:7 says that we are to **give glory to God**, because the hour of His judgment is come. We have already looked at giving Glory to God in the way we eat and drink, and also how we dress and adorn our bodies. According to Romans 3:23, How do we ultimately give glory to God?
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Note: The investigating judgment has begun, therefore God wants us to put away sin before our probation closes.

2. According to the prophecy of Daniel 8, at what time was the sanctuary to be cleansed? (Daniel 8:14)
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Note: This a key verse in understanding where we are in prophecy, and the plan of redemption. The Bible Says, "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?" -Psalms 77:13

3. Where was Daniel when the vision of this chapter given? (Daniel 8:2)
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4. What first appeared to the prophet? (Daniel 8:3)
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5. What next appeared on the scene? (8:5,7)
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6. What happened after the prophet heard the time announced for the cleansing of the sanctuary? (Daniel 8:15)
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7. What command did Daniel hear given to this angel? (Daniel 8:16)
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8. What were the first words that the angel then uttered to the prophet? (Daniel 8:17)
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Note: That is, the complete fulfillment of the vision will come in the end of time.

9. How did the Angel then proceed to fulfill his mission to Daniel? (Daniel 8:20-21)
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10. What part of the vision did the Angel say was to be shut up, and why? (Daniel 8:26)

Note: The part of the vision, relating to the "evening morning" (concordance for verse 14) was to be shut up for a time, because that was not to be fulfilled for "many days". The other portion of it was impending in Daniel's days. In fact in 15 years after the view as given to the prophet. It was proper to explain this part of the vision to Daniel that he might apprise the people of what was coming.

11. What did Daniel say about the vision? (Daniel 8:27)

12. Although Daniel said nothing of his astonishment at the vision, so that the king's courtiers did not perceive it, what did he do? (Daniel 9:1-2)

Note: that is, in his anxiety to learn the full meaning of the vision, Daniel searched the sacred books until, in the first year of Darius the Median King, he had about come to the conclusion that the seventy years' desolation of Jerusalem and the earthly sanctuary in that city would be the fulfillment of that vision.

13. In view of this, what did the prophet do? (Daniel 9:3)

14. What, in Daniel's prayer, showed that he was still anxious about the sanctuary question? (Daniel 9:17)

15. How did the Lord regard his petition? (Daniel 9:23)

16. What application did Gabriel proceed to make of the vision? (Daniel 9:24)

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Strong's Number: H2852

See all occurrences

Transliteration: Chathak

Phonetic: khaw-thak'

Definition:

1) to divide, determine

a) (Niphal) to be determined, be decreed, be settled, be marked out

Origin: a primitive root

Part of speech: Verb

Strong's: A primitive root; properly to cut off that is (figuratively) to decree: - determine.

17. When did the angel say that the seventy weeks were to commence? (Daniel 9:25)

Note: Sixty-nine of the 70 weeks were to reach "into the messiah the Prince." The messiah is Christ, "the anointed." Messiah is the Hebrew word, and Christ is the Greek word, meaning anointed.

18. How was Jesus anointed? (Acts 10:38)

19. At what time did Jesus receive the special anointing of the Holy Spirit? (Luke 3:21-22)
What did Jesus say shortly after this? (Mark 1:15)

Note: It is evident that the 69 weeks were to reach the baptism of Christ, as that was the time of His anointing by the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist began his work in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius (Luke 3:1-3). Tiberius began to reign conjointly with his father in the year AD 12, two years before his father's death. The 15th year of his reign would therefore be AD 27, the time when Jesus was anointed at His baptism.

20. When was the decree made to restore and build Jerusalem? (Ezra 7:6-8)

Note: This Artaxerxes began to reign in 464 BC. THE 7th year of his reign would be 457 BC. Reckoning 483 full years from the first day of 457 BC to make 483 years.

21. At the close of the 483 years in AD 27, one week, or seven years, of the 490 yet remained. What was to be done in the midst of that week? (Daniel 9:27)

Note: As the 69 weeks ended in the fall of AD 27, the middle of the 70th week (or 3 1/2 years) would end in the spring of AD 31. At this time, Christ was crucified; and by His death, He caused the sacrifices and oblations of the earthly sanctuary to cease. Three and a half years more would end in the autumn of AD 34. This brings us to the end of the 490 years which were "cut off" from the 2300 years. There still remained 1810 years, which, if added to AD 34, which takes us to AD 1844.

21. And what did the angel say would then take place? (Daniel 8:14)

Note: The great closing work of Christ for the world, the atonement, or the investigative judgment, will at that time commence. The typical day of atonement for Israel occupied but one day in a year. This may occupy but a correspondingly short time. Already that work has been going on for many years (174), and must soon close. Who is ready to meet its decisions?

