

crucified right on time. Remarkable! This is why Jesus would say things like: "My time is not yet come" when people would seek to "lay hands on Him". Jesus knew the prophecies of Daniel intimately. He knew the divine schedule of God, and was operating in exact accordance with it. His birth, His baptism, His crucifixion and resurrection, all of it was perfectly timed. They followed a \_\_\_\_\_ schedule.

If you follow the 70<sup>th</sup> week to its end, it closes in \_\_\_\_\_. What happened then? The answer is the very foundation of the book of Acts, namely the preaching of the Gospel to the gentiles. See Acts 7-11. The Gospel, following the stoning of Stephen, in \_\_\_\_\_, went like wildfire to the gentile communities in and around Jerusalem, Asia Minor, North Africa, India, Armenia, Europe and beyond! The nation of Israel had forsaken its special opportunity to be the chosen people of God, *as a nation*. See Acts 13:46; Acts 22:21; Acts 1:7, 8; Matthew 21:43.

Now, the finale, if we add the remaining 1810 years to the 490, we find that the prophecy ends in \_\_\_\_\_. Wow! This is powerful stuff. This date, then, is the year in which the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ would begin in heaven. That is the time when Jesus Christ our Great High Priest would enter into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_. Just as this prophecy foretells the \_\_\_\_\_ hour of Jesus Christ's ministry, so too it reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ hour of His ministry. The historical accuracy of His baptism in 27AD, His crucifixion in 31AD and the spread of the gospel to the gentiles in 34AD, all perfectly confirm and necessitate the closing of the prophecy in \_\_\_\_\_. Like a template, if the first part matches up, the last part is certain. Plus it agrees perfectly with Daniel 7 and 8 which foretold that the judgment would take place after the reign of the antichrist. This lasted from 538AD to 1798AD, and \_\_\_\_\_ fits perfectly within that timeframe.

There we have it. The hour of God's Judgment has already begun. We are living, literally, in the judgment hour. This is no time for religious games and facades. It is time to be right with God through His Son Jesus Christ, for only in Him can we have any hope of passing the judgment! In fact, in Him, we cannot fail or fall in the judgment. See, for example, Romans 8 and 14:4, 10-12. For those who have put their trust in Christ, the Judgment is good news!

# —Discover Prophecy—

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Discover: Perfect, Prophetic Proof of Jesus Christ's Identity

This series of lessons covers a very important topic: the sanctuary, that is, the temple, of God. We must begin by noting that there are two temples: *an earthly and a heavenly*. The temple on earth was a picture, or a *model*, of the temple in heaven. Just as the high priest ministered in the earthly *sanctuary*, Jesus Christ, our High Priest, is ministering in the heavenly sanctuary!

We concluded the last lesson with the following paragraph: Just as the earthly pointed forward to the heavenly in terms of the temple, so too the office of the High Priest points forward to one aspect of Jesus' ministry, namely, His entrance into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. Our question, then, is: *When will Jesus enter into the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary and thus commence the heavenly judgment, that is, the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary?*

## The Timing of the Judgment

We have already learned that the NT writers referred the judgment as taking place in the \_\_\_\_\_, as the following texts make very clear:

- Acts 17:31
- Acts 24:25
- Romans 2:16
- Romans 14:10-12
- Hebrews 10:30

This agrees perfectly with what we have learned in Daniel chapters 7 and 8. Remember that important sequence: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome, Little Horn (antichrist), Judgment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. So both Daniel and the NT apostles agree: *the judgment takes place sometime after the reign of the antichrist and before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming*. See: Revelation 14:6, 7 and 22:11, 12

### The Judgment and the Cleansing of the Sanctuary

These two events are one-in-the-same, as a comparison of chapters 7 and 8 makes clear. The cleansing of the sanctuary, which took place on the Day of \_\_\_\_\_, was a day of solemn \_\_\_\_\_ for ancient Israel. This was the day when God was once again "one" with his people. The people were cleansed, the priest was cleansed, and the sanctuary itself was cleansed. On this special day, the defilement of sin was ceremonially removed, and God was in a state of "at one ment" with His dear people.

Remember, God \_\_\_\_\_ sin, but \_\_\_\_\_ the sinner. This is a very difficult situation for God! Think of it: *the supreme object of His love, and the supreme object of His hate are wrapped, almost inexorably, together!* God longs to save the sinner, but destroy the sin. This is delicate surgery indeed! To separate sin from sinners is the most difficult, and delicate, surgery that has ever been performed!

### Christ the Lamb, Christ the Priest

As we learned last lesson, the sanctuary was a picture, in all of its important detail, of \_\_\_\_\_. He was the very center of the sanctuary's imagery and drama. He was both the \_\_\_\_\_ lamb, and the \_\_\_\_\_ priest. It is essential that this point is grasped! All of the divine drama in the sanctuary pointed forward to the work of Jesus Christ on behalf of sinful humanity. It was a picture of the plan of salvation! See Hebrews 4:2.

### Putting the Pieces Together: Daniel 9 and the Explanation of the Vision

In Daniel 9 we find Daniel seeking to understand the troubling vision of Daniel chapter 8. He seeks the Lord in prayer and supplication. Verses 4-19 record one of the most powerful and beautiful prayers in all of the Bible. In the middle of this prayer, the angel Gabriel comes to answer Daniel's prayer. The answer is found in the form of the angel explaining the meaning of the troubling vision of Daniel 8. The vision of Daniel 8 had to do with the "pompous" *words* and *wars* of the antichrist, "the little horn". These *words* and *wars* call to session the heavenly court for the purpose of judgment and the vindication of God's people who had been wrongly accused by the Roman Church-State. The terrible record of this power is doubly compounded by the fact that it carried out all of its persecutions and blasphemies in the name of \_\_\_\_\_!

### The 70 Weeks and the 2300 Days

It is imperative to remember that a "day" in end-time Bible prophecy actually represents a \_\_\_\_\_ of actual, literal time. Not only are beasts, horns, women and water symbolic, so is *time* in end-time prophecy. As we learned last lesson, the vision of Daniel chapter 8, the 2300 days, extends all the way down to "the distant future" Daniel 8:26, NIV. As the angel returns to explain the 2300 day vision, he begins by telling Daniel of another time period. This period would last \_\_\_\_\_ prophetic weeks, or \_\_\_\_\_ prophetic days. According to the angel Gabriel this was a time period especially allotted to the \_\_\_\_\_ nation. During this time period, six specific events were to take place. All are taken from Daniel 9:24.

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Judgment fell in 70 AD when Jerusalem was sacked by the Roman army. Verse 25 gives us a starting point for these time prophecies. That date is \_\_\_\_\_. Gabriel then explains that after 69 weeks (483 literal years), the Messiah would come. This happened in \_\_\_\_\_. Note: The word "Messiah" and "Christ" mean the same thing, namely, *anointed*. Jesus of Nazareth was anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism right on time. See Luke 3:1-4, 21; Acts 10:37, 38. Have you ever wondered how Jesus knew *when* to leave the carpenter's bench and begin his public ministry? How about John the Baptist: how did he know when to start preaching in the Wilderness of Judea? The answer is simple: both were students of the prophecies of Daniel. In fact, just after Jesus' baptism by John in the river Jordan he said, " \_\_\_\_\_ " see Mark 1:14, 15. What time? The answer: *the* time. God operates on a tight, organized schedule. See also Galatians 4:4.

Not only was Jesus baptized on time, He was \_\_\_\_\_ right on time. See Daniel 9:26 and 27. Vs. 27 says that He would be " \_\_\_\_\_ " in the " \_\_\_\_\_ " of the week. What week? The 70<sup>th</sup>, remaining week of course. What is the middle of 7? The answer is 3 1/2. From the Fall of \_\_\_\_\_, the time of Jesus' baptism, to the Spring of \_\_\_\_\_, is exactly 3 1/2 years! Jesus was