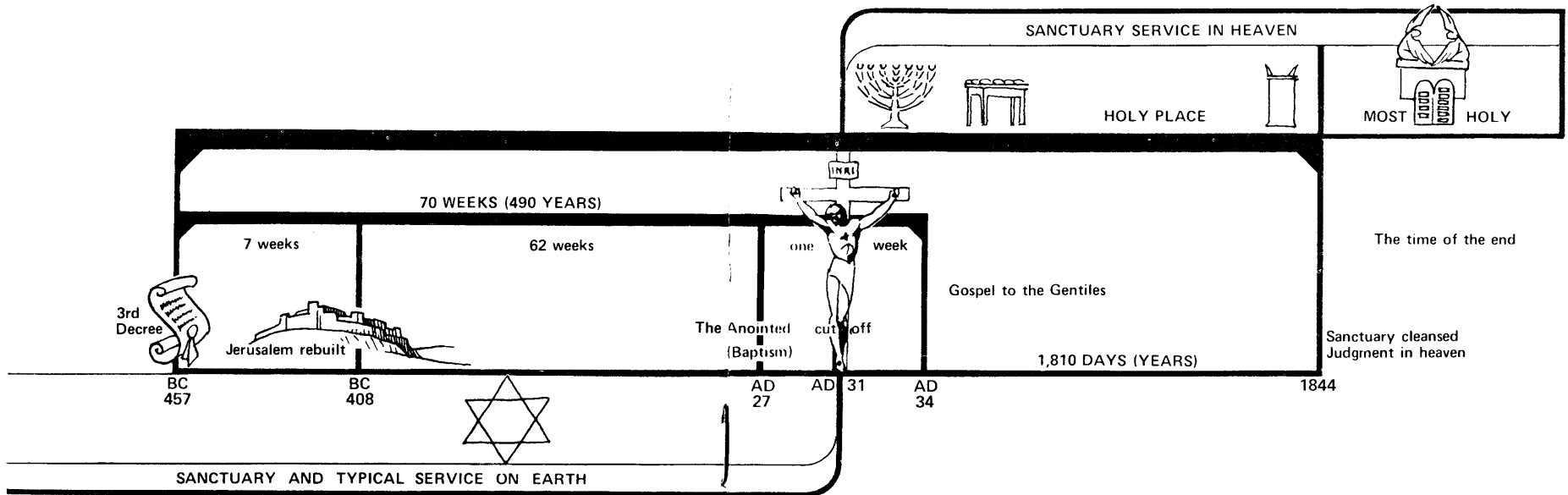


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Lesson 1

THE CREATION

MEMORY VERSE: "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." Psalm 33:6.

1. What did God do in the beginning? Genesis 1:1.
2. How did God create mankind? Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:7.
3. Where were man and the creatures to live? Genesis 2:8-15.
4. What was man's purpose on this earth? Genesis 1:28; 2:15, 19, 20.
5. What was his diet to consist of? Genesis 1:29; 2:16.
6. What did God think of His creation? Genesis 1:31.
7. What did God do as a memorial of His great creative work? Genesis 2:1-3.
8. What else did He do for man? Genesis 2:21-23.
9. What was God's purpose in creating Eve? Genesis 2:18.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Do you think God made everything beautiful and the creatures happy? Why?
2. Name the three institutions God created in the beginning that remain with us today. Genesis 2:1-3, 15, 24.

THE FALL OF MAN

MEMORY VERSE: "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:16, 17.

1. What did God consider His creation? Genesis 1:31.
2. According to Genesis 2:16, 17, did God give man every tree for food? What was forbidden?
3. What would be the result of partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Genesis 2:17, last part.
4. Read Genesis 3:1-5 and 2:17 (again). Compare what God said to what the serpent told the first woman. Was the woman ignorant of what God had said would happen if she partook of this tree?
5. Name the three ways in which she was tempted. Genesis 3:6, 7. What did she do next?
6. After rebelling against God's word to them, what did the first people do when God came to see them? Genesis 3:8-11.
7. Whom did the sinners try to blame for their disobedient actions? Genesis 3:12, 13.
8. Since mankind had now broken the law of God, they must suffer the results of their deed, but God had a plan for their escape. What was the plan? Genesis 3:14, 15.
9. Describe the changes which occurred immediately in man's environment. Genesis 3:16-24.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Why do you think Adam and the woman blamed God for what they had done?
2. Had God said that the two would die instantly after eating of this tree? What did "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" mean?
3. Do you think that a knowledge of evil is a benefit to our life, happiness, and wisdom? What does a knowledge of evil cause?

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A MEDIATOR IS NEEDED

MEMORY VERSE: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5.

1. What is a "mediator"? Look it up and explain the term in your own words.
2. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command not to eat of the forbidden tree, what was the eventual result? Romans 6:23, first part; Genesis 5:5.
3. In order that they might live, the broken law must be again restored. The death of the transgressor (or rebel) was required unless some plan for saving him could be formulated. What was this plan, and why was it instituted? John 3:16, 17.
4. What did Jesus have to do so we could be pardoned and have hope of life instead of death? Romans 5:8; Matthew 26:28.

5. Who is our representative in heaven today ministering for the forgiveness of our sins? Hebrews 9:24.
6. Who called Jesus to be our high priest? What did He have to learn and be made to qualify for this position? Hebrews 5:8-10; 4:14-16.
7. Could salvation have been granted to us if Jesus had not come to earth, died, and been resurrected? Acts 4:12.
8. Besides being our Saviour and Mediator, what does Christ want to be for us? Colossians 1:26, 27.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Through Adam and Eve's rebellion, death became a part of life. Jesus and the Father devised the wondrous plan of salvation so we might not have to be eternally separated from the heavenly family. Do you think God the Father made a sacrifice, too, in allowing His Son to die for us? Can you give an example of someone in the Bible who was willing to do the same thing? Genesis 22:1-13.
2. Can you think of a price that could be paid that would be higher than this wonderful plan? How much do you think you are worth to the Lord? Discuss in class.

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Lesson 4

SALVATION IN THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY

Part 1: The Court and the Holy Place

MEMORY VERSE: "And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." Exodus 25:8.

1. In the earthly tabernacle service, when a man realized he had sinned and broken God's law, what, according to God's direction, was he to do? Leviticus 1:1-5, first part.
2. What would the priest then do with the blood? Hebrews 5:1; Leviticus 1:5, last part. Why was the blood necessary? Leviticus 17:11, 14; Hebrews 9:22.
3. What was the sacrifice to do for the sinner? Leviticus 1:4, last part. What is atonement?
4. What did the priests do before entering the holy place of the tabernacle? Exodus 30:17-21.
5. List the furnishings of the holy place. Hebrews 9:1, 2.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. How often did the priests minister before the Lord in the court (where the sacrifice was made) and in the holy place of the sanctuary? Hebrews 9:6; Exodus 29:36; 28:29, 30.
7. To whom did all of these services point? Hebrews 9:11, 12.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. The animal chosen for the sacrifice had to be perfect. He was innocent and yet had to give his life so the person who committed sin could be forgiven before God. What lesson do you think the Lord was trying to convey by having the sinner himself kill the little animal?
2. Who is your lamb of sacrifice for your forgiveness and eternal life? John 1:29, 36.
3. What is the connection between the sanctuary service and God's plan for man's salvation?
4. Do you believe, according to Hebrews 8:1, 2, that there is a sanctuary in heaven where Jesus ministers for you today?

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Lesson 5

SALVATION IN THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY Part 2: The Most Holy Place; the Day of Atonement

MEMORY VERSE: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord." Leviticus 23:26, 27.

1. What was the second section of the sanctuary called? Hebrews 9:3.
2. Describe the furnishings of the most holy place. Hebrews 9:4, 5.
3. How often did the high priest enter the second apartment? Hebrews 9:7. What was this day called? Leviticus 23:26, 27.

4. Read Leviticus 16:2-6 and list the animals used for this service.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

NOTE: The sacrifice and service on this special day included the whole congregation. It was different from the daily service, which was conducted for each individual. See Leviticus 16:33, 29. Even strangers were included in this service.

5. What was done with the goats? Leviticus 16:7, 8.
6. What was done with the Lord's goat? Leviticus 16:9, 15-19.

NOTE: It was in this service that the sanctuary was cleansed from the people's sins, which had been collected all during the year by the daily service.

7. What happened to the scapegoat? Leviticus 16:10, 20-22.
8. What was then done with the animals that were offered for sacrifice on this day? Leviticus 16:27.
9. What was this service to accomplish? Leviticus 16:30-34.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Where did the Lord say He would be on this special day? Leviticus 16:2; Exodus 25:22.
2. Who was symbolized by the scapegoat? See margin of Leviticus 16:8; Revelation 20:1-3.

3. According to the Scriptures, the scapegoat carried the accumulated sins of the sanctuary away into the wilderness, and there he died. Who will one day carry and suffer for all the sins of the redeemed?

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Lesson 6

PROPHETIC NUMBERS

1. In the vision of Daniel, found in Daniel 8:14, how long was it to be until the time of the real, or antitypical, cleansing of the sanctuary?
2. Who explained the vision? What time was it to be for? Daniel 8:16, 26, 27.

NOTE: In the days when Daniel received these visions from God, the Babylonians and then the Medo-Persians ruled the world. They were not considered the times of the end.

3. In Bible prophecy we have a well-tested and proven key to unlock prophetic scripture. How long is a day in prophetic time? Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6.
4. Using this key, how long was the vision of Daniel 8:14?

NOTE: If the time period would have spanned only 2,300 literal days, then the prophecy would have extended over a period of only 6 1/3 years. As we will learn from the vision, that short time could not have accomplished all that was presented.

5. In Daniel 9:21-23, Gabriel came to Daniel to complete his explanation of the vision given in Daniel 8. What is the first section of this prophecy? Daniel 9:24, first part.

6. Using our Bible key (1 day in prophecy = 1 literal year), how long is two weeks? (A clue: 1 week = 7 days.)

7. What six things were to occur during the 70-week period? Daniel 9:24.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

8. To whom do we look for the fulfillment of these words? Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 3:15-17; Acts 5:31.

NOTE: At His baptism, Jesus was anointed to officially begin His work as Redeemer in our behalf upon the earth. Historians agree that this occurred about A.D. 27.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Do you know of any other prophecies found in the Bible where we can use the prophetic key (1 prophetic day = 1 literal year)?
2. Who is the angel sent from God to explain prophecy? There is only one named. See Daniel 9:21; 8:15, 16.
3. Do you know why the angel did not explain all of the vision to Daniel right at the beginning? See Daniel 8:27.

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THE SEVENTY WEEKS BEGIN

1. Where did Daniel begin to look for a fulfillment of the prophecy? Daniel 9:1, 2.

NOTE: The Israelites were taken into captivity in the year B.C. 606. In B.C. 538, Daniel was looking back to the prophecies of Jeremiah.

2. What did God say He would do for His people Israel after seventy years of captivity? Jeremiah 29:10.
3. In order for us to understand this prophecy, we must have a starting point. According to the going forth of what commandment do we look for its beginning? Daniel 9:25, first part.
4. How many decrees to restore and rebuild Jerusalem were there? Ezra 6:14.

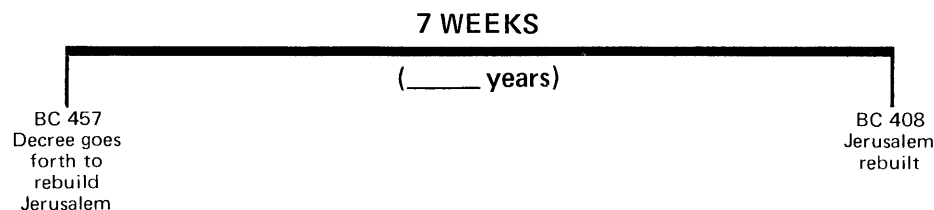
NOTE: Since there were three decrees, we must find the one that actually "went forth" to final completion. In Daniel and the Revelation, by Uriah Smith, 1944 edition, p. 209, we read the following: ". . . In 457 B.C., a decree was granted to Ezra by the Persian emperor Artaxerxes Longimanus to go up to Jerusalem with as many of his people as were minded to go with him. The commission granted him an unlimited amount of treasure, to beautify the house of God, to procure offerings for its service, and to do whatever else might seem good to him. It empowered him to ordain laws, set magistrates and judges, and execute punishment even unto death; in other words, to restore the Jewish state, civil and ecclesiastical, according to the law of God and the ancient customs of the people."

This was the only one of the three decrees that actually went forward to complete fulfillment.

5. Therefore, since B.C. 457 is the prophecy's starting point, let's begin to trace its path. In Daniel 9:25, the verse reads: "To restore and to build Jerusalem . . . shall be seven weeks. . . : the street shall be built again, and

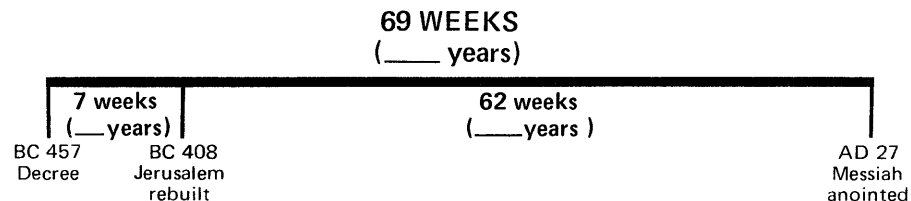
the wall, even in troublous times." Using the prophetic key (1 day = 1 year), how long is seven prophetic weeks?

6. Fill in the blank number of years on the diagram below.



NOTE: Again we read from Daniel and the Revelation, p. 211: " 'In the fifteenth year of Darius Nothus ended the first seven weeks of the seventy weeks of Daniel's prophecy. For then the restoration of the church and state of the Jews in Jerusalem and Judea was fully finished, . . . just forty-nine years after it had been first begun by Ezra in the seventh year of Artaxerxes Longimanus.' –Humphrey Prideaux, The Old and New Testament Connected in the History of the Jews, vol. 1, p. 322."

7. The continuation of Daniel 9:25 says that including the 7 weeks and adding to them 62 more would bring us to the Messiah. How many weeks are the sum of 7 weeks and 62 weeks?
8. Now change the weeks to years. Fill in the blanks below.



9. According to Matthew 3:13-17 and Mark 1:14, 15, what occurred to fulfill this prophecy in the exact year as shown above?

NOTE: The baptism of Jesus was the beginning of His earthly ministry as the Messiah. Before the time of His baptism, Jesus worked closely with His father in the carpenter's shop. Luke 2:52 tells about His growth. After His baptism, Jesus began His active work as the Messiah.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Why do you think Daniel was searching Jeremiah's writings for an explanation of the prophecy? How many years are there between B.C. 606 and 538? (Look again at questions 1 and 2 above.)
2. Why did the Lord permit Jerusalem to be destroyed and its people to be taken captive by the Babylonians?
3. Did Jesus fulfill His part of this prophecy so far?

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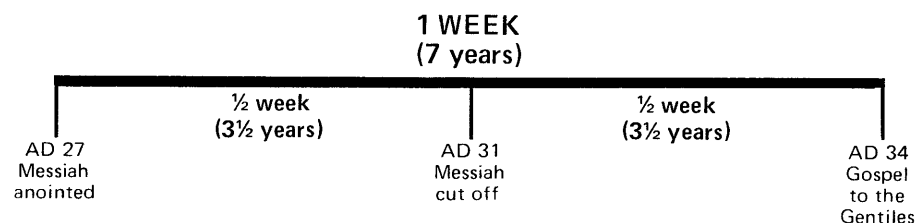
Lesson 8

THE MESSIAH COMES

MEMORY VERSE: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, . . ." Daniel 9:24.

1. What was to happen during the last one week of the 70 weeks? Daniel 9:26, first part.
2. How long was the last week in literal years?

3. Refer again to Lesson 7 to find out when the last week began and thus when the seventy week part of this 2,300-year glimpse of the future would end.
4. When would the Messiah cause all of the earthly sanctuary sacrifices to cease? Daniel 9:27.
5. How many literal years are on either side of the middle of the seventieth week? See the diagram below.



6. Up to the year A.D. 31, before His death, to whom were Jesus' efforts for salvation mainly directed? Romans 15:8; Matthew 15:24.
7. What occurred after the nation of Israel crucified their Saviour? Matthew 27:50, 51.

NOTE: "At the death of Messiah the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. No visible hand would dare to touch this veil, on pain of instant death. The God of heaven destroyed this hanging, that all might know that sacrifices and offerings had ceased. The sacrificial system was ended." —F. C. Gilbert, Messiah in His Sanctuary, p. 138.

8. Read Isaiah 53:7, 8. Did Jesus fulfill this prophecy concerning the Messiah? Why was He cut off from the land of the living?

THINK IT THROUGH

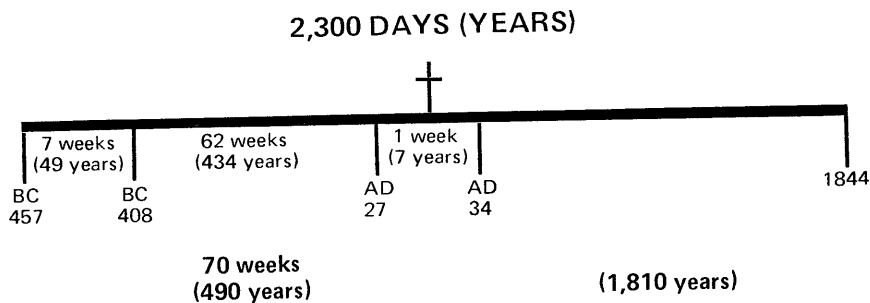
1. Do you know what the name "Christ" means? Compare Psalm 2:1, 2 with Acts 4:25, 26.
2. What was the day of Jesus' death like? What happened the moment He died? Why? Luke 23:44, 45.
3. Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross for you personally? Do you know that if He hadn't died and been raised to life again you would have no hope of life for the future? What do you think about Jesus' sacrifice?

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Lesson 9

THE SEVENTY WEEKS COMPLETED

MEMORY VERSE: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.



1. The end of the last week of the 70 weeks shown to Daniel occurred in A.D. 34. What happened in that year? Acts 6:8; 7:55-60.

NOTE: "The seventy weeks, or 490 years, especially allotted to the Jews, ended . . . in A.D. 34. At that time, through the action of the Jewish Sanhedrin, the nation sealed its rejection of the gospel by the martyrdom of Stephen and the persecution of the followers of Christ. Then the message of salvation, no longer restricted to the chosen people, was given to the world." —Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, p. 328.

2. Where else was the gospel now preached, and by whom? Acts 8:4, 5.
3. To what were the Gentiles compared by the Jews? Matthew 15:21-28.

NOTE: "Christ did not immediately reply to the woman's request. He received this representative of a despised race as the Jews would have done. In this He designed that His disciples should be impressed with the cold and heartless manner in which the Jews would treat such a case, . . ." —Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 400.

4. What work did Jesus especially commit to Paul? Acts 22:21.
5. How did the Jews look upon the work for the Gentiles even in the early Christian church? Acts 21:17-20.
6. What lesson did they still have to learn? Acts 10:34.
7. How could even the Gentiles be accepted of God? Ephesians 2:11-13.
8. The hatred of the Jews for people of other nations was very great. Do you believe this was what God intended? See Matthew 5:14-16.

NOTE: "The opinion is held by many that God placed a separating wall between the Hebrews and the outside world; that His care and love, withdrawn to a great extent from the rest of mankind, were centered upon Israel. But God did not design that His people should build up a wall of partition between themselves and their fellow men. . . ."

His blessing was granted to the chosen people, that they might bless others.” –Ellen G. White, Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 368.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. How many ways can you think of in which the Jewish nation had caused itself to be rejected by God as a chosen people?
2. In A.D. 34, when persecution came to the Christian church, what did the true believers do? See Acts 8:1-4.
3. Why was the Israelite nation rejected by God? See Romans 11:20.
4. Do you think individual Jewish people can be saved today? How only can this be accomplished? See Acts 4:12.
5. The seventy weeks, or 490 years, were in this way “cut off” of the 2,300-day/year prophecy. How many more years remained to fulfill the prophecy? When was it to be fulfilled? Calculate it mathematically and see the diagram heading this lesson.

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Lesson 10

TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER

MEMORY VERSE: “. . . Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is THE BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the Lord: Even He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” Zechariah 6:12, 13.

1. Where did Jesus go when He returned to heaven? John 20:17; Hebrews 9:1, 2.

2. Where did the following four persons see Jesus? Fill in the space after each name.

Stephen (Acts 7:55, 56)

John (Revelation 1:12-16)

Paul (Hebrews 9:12-16)

Peter (1 Peter 3:22)

3. What work was He to do there? Hebrews 3:1; 5:1, 2.
4. We know that in the earthly tabernacle service the priest ministered day by day in the holy place, but on one special day the high priest would cease his work in the holy place and enter the most holy. What was this day called? Leviticus 23:27, 28.
5. What was the high priest to do on that day? Leviticus 16:30, 33. According to Verse 30, what was the atonement to do?

NOTE: “This one day which was set apart for the completing of the sanctuary ministry was to impress the Israelites that the work of intercession would sometime come to a final end.” –Messiah in His Sanctuary, p. 172.

6. What did John see happening in the holy place in heaven? Revelation 8:2-4.
7. When, according to Daniel’s understanding, was Jesus to go from His work in the holy place to the most holy place in heaven? Daniel 8:14.
8. According to the diagram in Lesson 9, when would the 2,300 day/year prophecy end?

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Do you believe Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary was accepted by the Father for the forgiveness of your sins? See 1 John 2:1.

2. Think about the earthly tabernacle service. When a man had sinned, he confessed his specific sin over the head of the animal to be offered. By faith he believed he was forgiven. What did the priest then do with the blood? See Leviticus 4:5-7.

3. Why does Jesus minister in the heavenly sanctuary for you?

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Lesson 11

THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT

MEMORY VERSE: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 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: 6, 7.

1. What glorious scene did Daniel see happening in the heavenly sanctuary? Daniel 7:9, 10.

2. In the earthly service on the Day of Atonement, the high priest made a final atonement for all the congregation, which had prepared for that great day. To what can we compare that last work for the people? 2 Corinthians 5:10.

NOTE: "Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man—to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits." —The Great Controversy, p. 480.

3. What began in heaven in 1844? Revelation 20:12.

4. With whom did this judgment begin? 1 Peter 4:17, first part.

NOTE: "So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the only cases considered are those of the professed people of God." —The Great Controversy, p. 480.

5. What things are written in the books of heaven to be investigated? Malachi 3:16; Ecclesiastes 12:14.

6. What other things will be revealed in the judgment? 1 Corinthians 4:5; Isaiah 65:6, 7.

NOTE: "Every man's work passes in review before God and is registered for faithfulness or unfaithfulness. Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered with terrible exactness every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results, all are chronicled by the recording angel." —The Great Controversy, p. 482.

7. By what are all professed believers judged? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14; James 2:12.

8. What will happen when every case has been decided? Revelation 3:5; 16:17; 22:10-12, 14.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. How solemn and important do you think the work of Jesus is for you in heaven today? See *The Great Controversy*, p. 490.

2. If we don't make sure of our salvation, what may be said of us when our name is called? Daniel 5:27.

NOTE: 1844 marked the beginning of the judgment to see who is truly on the Lord's side. There are many in the

churches who use the Lord's name but in heart are not with Him. These false professors must be revealed, for there will be no more rebelling after Jesus comes. Jesus wants to save you from eternal loss and death. Won't you take His hand today and work with Him for your joy and everlasting life?

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Lesson 12

SUMMARY AND REVIEW

1. When did the prophecy of the 2,300 days start? With what event? (Review the previous lessons and Daniel 9.)
2. What was accomplished in the year B.C. 408, according to the prophecy?
3. List the three important events that occurred during the last week (7 years) of the 70 weeks. List also the year that each event occurred.
4. How many years passed between the beginning of the prophecy and the ending of the 70 weeks?
5. In what year did the 2,300 years end?
6. What happened at the end of the 2,300-year time period?
7. Describe in your own words the work that Jesus is doing for you today in the heavenly sanctuary.
8. What great event will occur when Jesus' work in the sanctuary is finished?

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Review the previous lessons carefully. Then draw a diagram of the 2,300-day prophecy. Do it from memory and then check yourself from the lessons.
2. Since the work of investigative judgment for all of God's professed people began in 1844, do you think it is important for you to be sure that your life is in harmony with God's will today? Explain your answer.
3. Is it your personal desire to study God's word more fully so you may better understand His will for your life?

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Lesson 13

THE SAVIOUR AND YOU

1. Without a Saviour, what hope do we have for the future? Romans 3:23; 6:23, first part.
2. But what has God so freely done for us? Romans 6:23, last part; John 3:16; Romans 5:1.
3. In previous lessons, where did we determine that Jesus went after His resurrection? Mark 16:19; Hebrews 8:1.
4. Jesus is working for you in heaven today. If you are faithful, what will He soon do for you? Hebrews 9:28.
5. What does God desire us to do today? Hebrews 10:22, 23.

6. What does He not want us to do? Hebrews 10:26, 35.
7. How does God say that His true people will live? Hebrews 10:38, first part; 11:6.
8. What does God want to do for each of us individually? 2 Corinthians 5:17.
9. What has God said about His strength and our weakness? When do we become strong? Describe your understanding of 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10.
10. What great event will soon be upon us? Matthew 24:30, 31; 25:31.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. You have just finished your studies concerning the sanctuary and the Saviour. What parts of the lessons did you think were most important?
2. In class, take turns pretending that you are presenting this study of the 2,300 days to your friend(s) at school. Judge each other on clarity and completeness.
3. Do you personally believe that if you were the only lost person on this earth Jesus would have come and given His life for you? It's true!
4. Discuss the plan of salvation. Could God have done any more than He has to secure eternal life and happiness for you? Explain your answer.
5. When Jesus comes again, do you want to be ready to meet Him? How do you think you can best prepare yourself for that day?

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