



“For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be **cleansed.**”
Daniel 8:14

Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His **judgment** has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”
Revelation 14:7



“I watched till thrones were put in place,/ And the Ancient of Days was seated.../ The **court** was seated,/ And the books were opened.” Daniel 7:9-10

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:/ Fear God and keep His/ commandments,/ For this is man’s all./ For God will bring every work/ into **judgment**,/ Including every secret thing,/ Whether good or evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

In our last lesson we briefly looked at the Old Testament’s Day of Atonement. We learned that on this day the sins of the priests and the people were transferred from the tabernacle to the scapegoat (Leviticus 16:21-22). The purpose of this very special day was to symbolically grant forgiveness for sins (Hebrews 10:1-4). This meant that the sinner was reconciled back to God and the sanctuary, the priests, and the people stood as being cleansed from their sins (Leviticus 16:30 & 33). Then (Lesson 8) we saw that Jesus represented the sacrifice for our sin and that He is currently in heaven as our High Priest handing out the merits of His death.

Now this should leave one big question in our minds. What would that question be?

→ This required a judgment.

In this lesson we will cover these subjects concerning our judgment:

- #1: The judgment’s announcement.
- #2: Who is our judge?
- #3: How many “judgments” will there be and when?
- #4: How will Jesus judge?
- #5: When does the judgment begin?
- #6: Why we don’t have to be afraid of our judgment.

The judgment’s announcement:

1. Before an earthly court opens, public announcement is made. Here an angel representing a worldwide message announces the judgment hour. Read Daniel 8:14 from our introduction or from the Bible.
2. Jesus sent His disciples on a missionary tour. Considering that some cities would reject their gospel message what did Jesus tell them concerning a future judgment? Mark 6:11
3. In Revelation’s prophecy why are we told to fear (respect) God and give Him glory? Read Revelation 14:7 from our introduction texts or from the Bible.

4. Paul foretells of the judgment in this way. Who will be judged? 2 Corinthians 5:10
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Who is our judge?

1. We will start with Paul's judgment statement. Who does Paul list as our judge? Romans 2:3
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2. What two divine beings will be involved in the judgment? Daniel 7:9-10 & 13

"I watched till thrones were put in place,/And the Ancient of Days was seated.../The court was seated,/And the books were opened." (Daniel 7:9-10)

"I was watching in the night visions,/And behold, *One* like the _____,/Coming with the clouds of heaven!/He came to the _____,/And they brought Him near before Him. (Daniel 7:13)

3. But now here is a little twist. Notice what Jesus claims in John 5:22.

"For the Father **judges** no one, but has committed all judgment to the _____,"

4. Who gives Jesus the authority to judge? John 5:26-27
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5. What conclusion can we draw from these texts concerning who is our judge?

I believe that God the Father oversees and appoints Jesus to be our judge. Now this is very good news for us because in our last lesson we know that Jesus is familiar with our situations.

How many "judgments" will there be and when?

From our last lesson we looked very closely at the Day of Atonement and what it symbolized. The events of the Day of Atonement illustrate three phases of God's final judgment. They are:

#1: the "pre-millennial judgment" also called the "investigative judgment" and also called the "pre-advent judgment"

#2: the "millennial judgment"

#3: the "executive judgment"

1. The Pre-millennial Judgment/Investigative Judgment/Pre-advent Judgment

a. This judgment determines who will be _____.

i. Therefore it happens before Jesus returns. → Pre-advent Judgment

ii. It is called the Investigative Judgment because of its investigative nature of our deeds here on earth. → Pre-millennial Judgment

iii. The millennium does not begin until Jesus returns.

b. So what does the Pre-advent Judgment (I will use this term because it is my favorite description of these three judgment terms.) accomplish?

i. Daniel 12:1b-2

ii. Revelation 20:14-15

- iii. Here is a text that contains the objective purpose of Jesus as our High Priest.
Revelation 3:5
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- iv. These texts and others tell us that in order to be saved our names must be entered in the _____. → **This is what the Pre-advent Judgment determines.**
- c. Why is the Pre-advent Judgment necessary? Revelation 22:12
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- d. What will be standard of our judgment? James 2:12
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- e. Who will Jesus be judging?
- i. 1 Peter 4:17

 - ii. Hebrews 10:30

 - iii. 2 Corinthians 5:10 Paul is writing to a church.

 - iv. My personal opinion: It appears to me that it may only be those who ever claimed to be followers of Jesus or claimed to be faithful who will be judged. Those who do not claim to be faithful or desire to have a relationship with Jesus are lost by their own claims and actions.
 1. Matthew 7:21-23 This is about profession. Not everyone who calls Jesus "Lord" is a true follower. There is a need to separate those who claim to be followers of Jesus from those who truly are.
 2. From verse 23 what did Jesus say were the two things that the false followers have done?
 - a. #1 _____
 - b. #2: _____

We must be sure that our faith is solidly grounded in Jesus and that we are in the group that "who follow the Lamb wherever He goes." (Revelation 14:4)

2. The Millennial Judgment

- a. The millennium begins after Jesus has returned and taken those whose names were entered in the book of life to heaven. It is during this time that the wicked are all dead and Satan is bound to this earth. The banishment of Satan is represented in the Day of Atonement's services when the scapegoat is removed from the camp and released into the wilderness. (Revelation 20:1-6 & Leviticus 16:20-22)
- b. When we are in heaven we will be able to do a lot of things, but concerning the Millennial Judgment what will be our privilege and why?
 - i. Our privilege:
 1. 1 Corinthians 6:3 The saints will have the opportunity to judge the _____.
 2. 1 Corinthians 6:2 The saints will have the opportunity to judge the _____.
 3. Matthew 19:28 Jesus' disciples will have the opportunity to judge the _____.
 4. Summary text: During the millennium what authority will the saved be given? Revelation 20:4

 - ii. Why? What will be the purpose of the saints looking over the records during the millennium?

1. Revelation 15:2-4 God opens the records to the saints so they will know that God has been _____ and _____ in His ways.
2. Dr. Marvin Moore states this: "This will be particularly important for those of us with loved ones who are not in heaven with us. We'll want to know why, and the record of their lives will show us. We may also wonder why certain people are in heaven—and heaven's record books will reveal that, too." ("Signs of the Times", August 2002, p. 10)

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Evangelist Doug Batchelor has been credited with words to this effect regarding God's mercy and judgment: There will be three surprises in heaven: 1) Who is there. 2) Who is not there. 3) The biggest surprise is that we are there.

3. The Executive Judgment

- a. Prior to taking a closer look at the executive judgment we should determine the events surrounding this last and final judgment.
 - i. John 5:26-30 At the end of the millennium for what reason will the wicked be raised from the dead?
 1. NIV → "and those who have done evil will rise to be **condemned.**"
 2. NASB → "those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of **judgment.**"
 3. KJV → "and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of **damnation.**"
 4. NKJV → "and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of **condemnation.**"
 - ii. "Condemned" "Judgment" "Damnation" "Condemnation" → These words do not sound very good. Let's see what the executive judgment is all about.
- b. This has to do with rewards. The executive judgment is the issuing of the reward for the wicked.
 - i. In His interview with the Nicodemus, (John 3) Jesus told this Pharisee that whoever believes in Jesus will have _____.
 - ii. According to this lesson's time line the saints have been in heaven during the millennium. (Revelation 20:4-6)
 - iii. Revelation 20:5a → The wicked are raised at the _____ of the millennium.
 - iv. What happens to the all of the wicked? Revelation 20:14-15
 1. Those whose names are not entered into the Book of Life will be cast into the _____.
 2. What is the lake of fire? _____.



4. Summary: The glory of the new Jerusalem Revelation 21:22-27



But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

5. What Happens at ...
 ...the beginning
of the millennium:

The Pre-advent Judgment
 Second coming of Christ
 The righteous go to heaven
 The wicked are destroyed
 Satan is bound to the earth

How will Jesus judge?

... during
the millennium:

The Millennial Judgment
 Satan remains bound to the earth
 The righteous are in heaven.
 The righteous judge God's justice.
 The wicked are dead on the earth

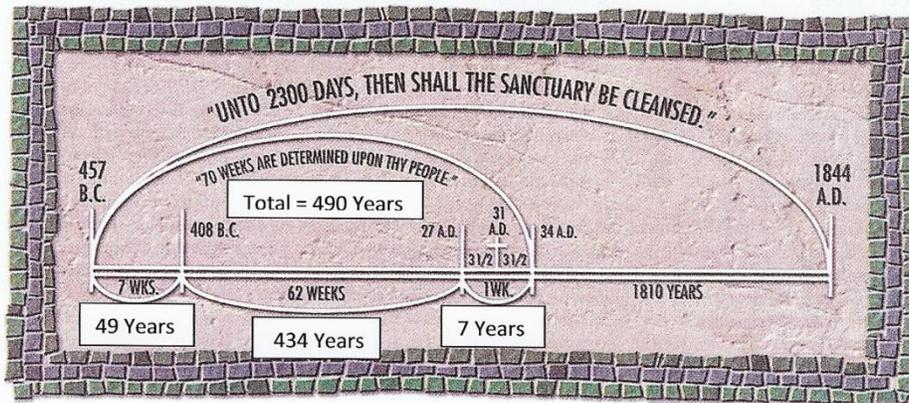
... the end of
millennium:

The Executive Judgment
 The wicked are raised to life.
 Satan is unbound.
 The wicked are destroyed.

1. Ecclesiastes 12:14 _____
2. Romans 2:5-6 _____
3. Deuteronomy 10:17 _____
4. Romans 2:12 _____ (cf. James 2:12)
5. Romans 2:16 _____
6. Revelation 16:5 _____
7. Daniel 7:22 _____
8. Numbers 14:18 _____

When does the judgment begin?

1. Daniel was considering the sanctuary and its services (lesson 8) and that they would be undermined. The angel's voice gave him a time period when the sanctuary would be cleansed. Daniel 8:14 "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary would be _____."



2. From lesson #8 we learned that on the Day of Atonement the sins of the people that had been symbolically collected in the tabernacle were removed from the sanctuary. The big question concerning our judgment topic and the Old Testament’s Day of Atonement is this:
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3. So by what means does this question receive its answer?
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4. William Miller and many other’s mistakenly thought that the cleansing of the sanctuary predicted when Jesus would come. So in October of 1844 many people, called Millerites or Adventist, were expecting Jesus to come. Of course we know that Jesus did not return in 1844.



5. What was their mistake?
- The cleansing of the sanctuary was the announcement of the _____.
 - Jesus cannot return until a judgment is made to determine whose names will be entered in the _____.
6. How do we know when this 2300 day prophecy was to begin?
- That was Daniel’s question. Daniel 8:15
 - Then the angel Gabriel was sent to Daniel with this message. Daniel 8:17 “Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the _____.”
 - Babylon fell and Daniel was now under the rule of Cyrus king of Persia. Gabriel was sent to give Daniel the starting of this prophecy. Daniel 9:21-23 & 25.
 - The prophecy starts when the command was given to _____ and _____ Jerusalem.
 - Daniel did not know when this command would be given, but we can look back on history and know that in 457 B.C. King Artaxerxes issued that very important decree. (You can read this decree in Ezra 7:11-26)
7. In prophecy symbolism is used so we can differentiate between real time and prophetic time. In prophetic time the term “day” refers to one year (Numbers 14:34 & Ezekiel 4:5-6). So how do we come to 1844?

2300 prophetic days or real years.

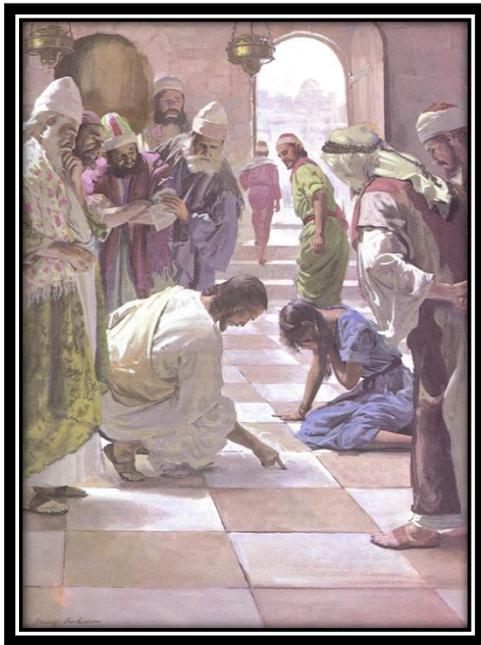
2300	days or years
-457	B.C.
1843	A.D.
+1	(add the missing year 0)
1844	A.D. → Pre-Advent Judgment Begins

Why we don’t have to be afraid of our judgment.

1. Riddle: What is the one thing nobody wants, but when they get it they don’t want to lose it? →
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2. Let's let Roland Hegstad give us three answers:

- a. #1: Revelation 15:3-4
 - i. God is not an _____ judge. | The good news of the judgment:
 - ii. He does everything with _____ and _____. | _____
- b. #2: 1 John 1:9
 - i. Our sins cannot be hidden. | The good news of the judgment:
 - ii. But they can be _____. | _____
- c. #3 Daniel 7:22
 - i. There is good news about our judgment | The news of the judgment.
 - ii. Have we confessed all our sins? | _____



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
John 3:16-18

Our next lesson: A New Creation