

# LIGHT FROM THE SANCTUARY



Lesson 8 for May 25, 2024



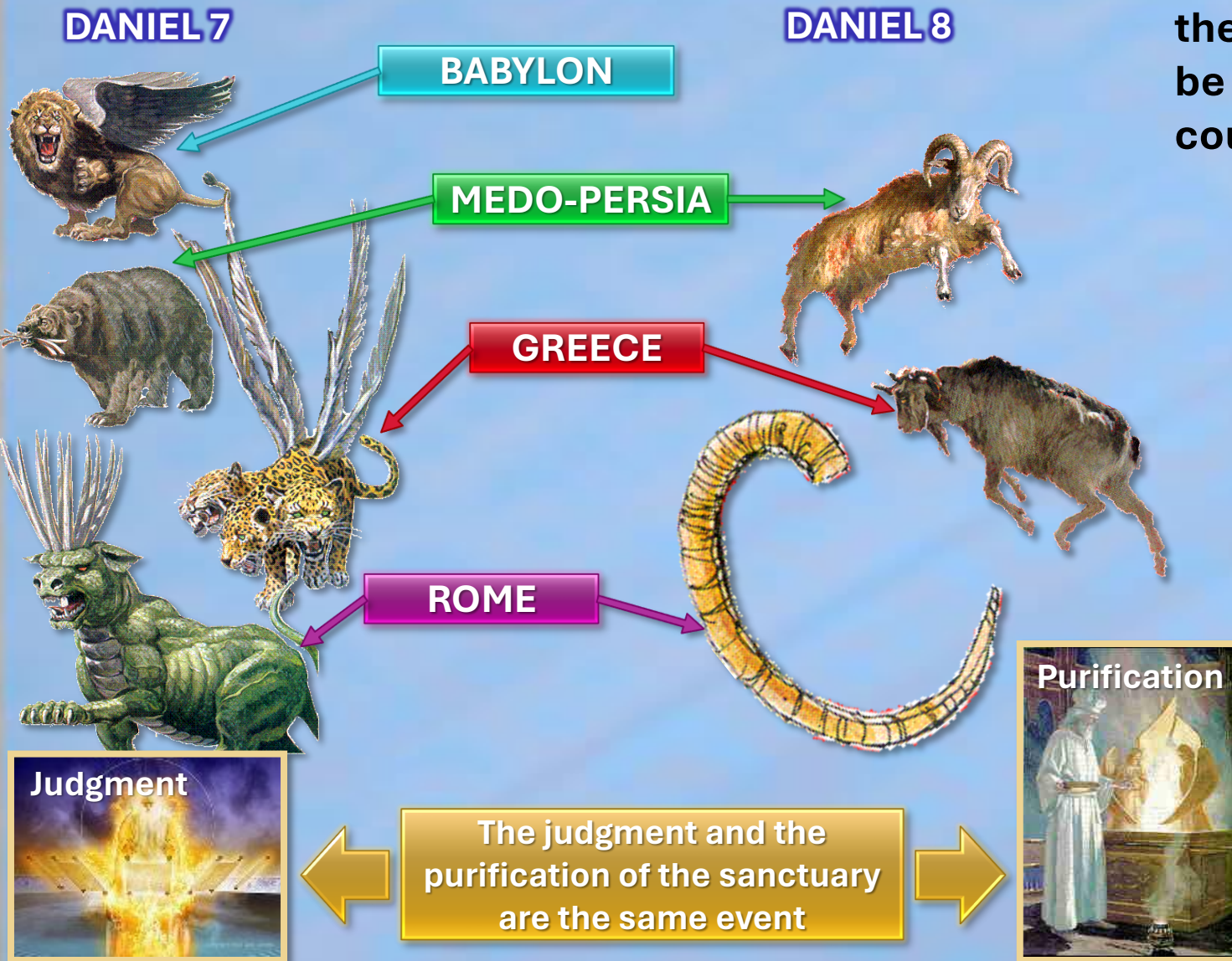


“We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man”  
(Hebrews 8:1, 2, NKJV)



When Jesus did not return in 1844, as indicated by the 70 weeks and 2,300 days prophecies, it was necessary to revise the prophecies. And they found this:

The cleansing of the sanctuary was not the Second Coming of Jesus. If Daniel 8:14 and the judgment of Daniel 7:9-10 announced the same event, what sanctuary needed to be cleansed? On the other hand, what trial could have begun in 1844?



-  **The true Sanctuary.**
-  **The purification.**
-  **The Judgment.**
-  **Mercy and justice.**
-  **The Lawyer and Intercessor.**



# THE TRUE SANCTUARY

**"and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being"  
(Hebrews 8:2)**

**If the sanctuary to be purified was not the earth, what was it?  
In studying the Bible, Adventists after the disappointment of  
1844 discovered that there were two sanctuaries:**

**An earthly sanctuary, a figure and shadow of the true one (Heb. 8:5)**

**A heavenly sanctuary, erected by God Himself (Heb. 8:2)**

**The first sanctuary, and the temples that followed it until AD 70, were built  
after the model that God showed Moses (Ex. 25:40). In them the true Lamb  
and High Priest was represented: Jesus (Jn . 1:36; Heb. 4:14).**

**First, Jesus offered himself for us to  
take away the guilt of our sin  
(Rom. 5:8); and, secondly, he  
intercedes for us, freeing us from the  
dominion of sin, and securing our  
salvation (Heb . 7:25).**





# THE PURIFICATION OF THE SANCTUARY

**"In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been" (Lev. 16:16a)**

**Although the Israelites were forgiven by presenting their sacrifices, their guilt was "transferred" to the sanctuary. Therefore, its purification was necessary. This happened on the day of atonement, known even today among the Hebrews as the day of judgment.**



**Each one had to afflict his soul (Lev. 23:27)**



**No secular activities were carried out (Lev. 23:28)**



**The high priest entered the presence of God (Lev. 16:12-13)**



**The ark, the veil and the golden altar were cleansed with the blood of a goat (Lev. 16:15-19, 33)**



**Another live goat carried iniquities to an uninhabited land (Lev. 16:20-22)**



**They were finally cleansed from sin (Lev. 16:30)**

**If someone did not grieve that day, repenting of their sins, they were "cut off" (Lev. 23:29-30). His fate was sealed that day. In the same way, when the purification of the heavenly sanctuary is completed, our destiny will be sealed. Meanwhile, today is the day of afflicting our souls, the day of decision (Heb. 3:14-15).**



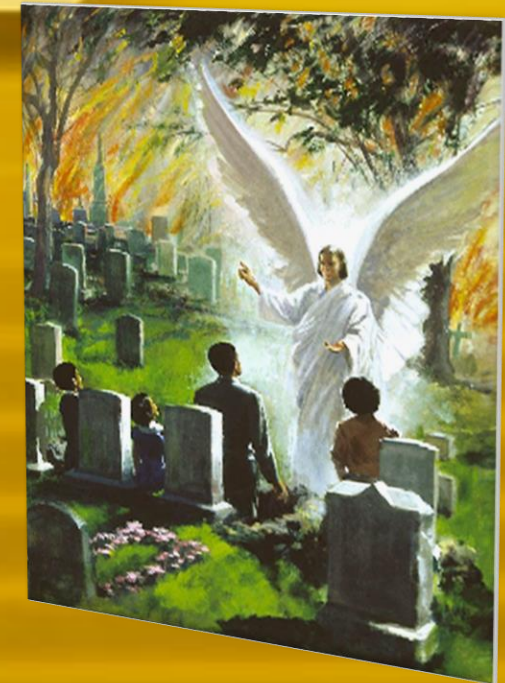
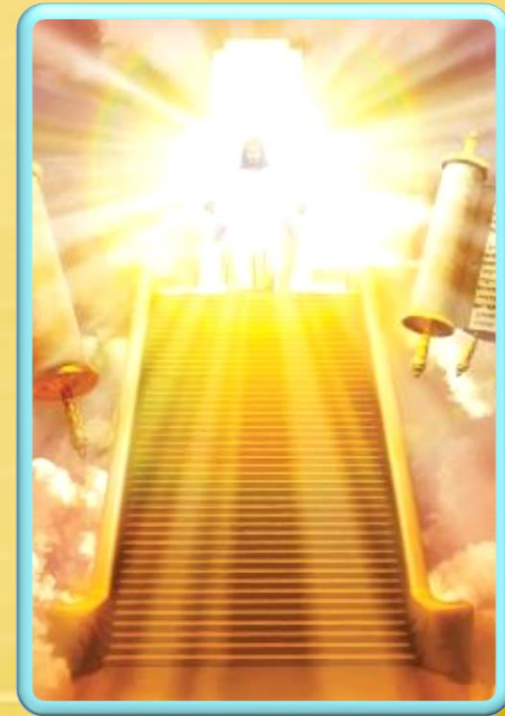
# THE TRIAL

*"He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water"" (Revelation 14:7)*

**According to prophecy, the purification of the Heavenly Sanctuary – that is, the Judgment – began in 1844. Since then, the Adventist Church has loudly proclaimed that the hour of judgment has arrived, inviting everyone to worship God, and to live according to his commandments.**

**But won't judgment take place when Jesus comes to Earth (1Ch. 16:33; 2Tim. 4:1)?**

**When Jesus comes, He executes the judgment already carried out, since He comes with a "reward" to repay "each one according to what he has done" (Rev. 22:12 ); He sends his angels to gather the elect (Mt. 24:31); and resurrects those who believed in Him (1Thes. 4:16). Note that dead unbelievers are not resurrected when Jesus comes and are therefore not judged at that time (Rev. 20:4-5).**





# MERCY AND JUSTICE

“In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it one from the house of David one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.” (Isaiah 16:5)

The 10 commandments placed in the ark represent the standard of judgment, divine justice (Eccl . 12:13-14 ). The mercy seat placed between the law and the presence of God represents divine mercy (1Jn. 2:1-2).

His blood sprinkled  
on the altar of burnt  
offerings



The path to the  
Celestial Sanctuary  
begins by accepting  
the sacrifice of Jesus

His blood sprinkled  
on the altar of  
incense

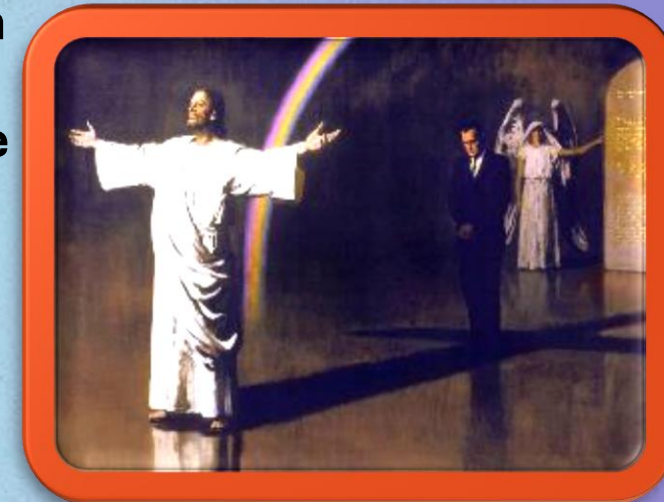


continue with a life  
in communion with  
Christ

His blood sprinkled  
on the veil, before the  
ark



and concludes when  
our case is  
presented before the  
Judge



Justice requires compliance with the Law. Mercy accepts the perfect life of Jesus in place of ours (1 Pet. 1:18-19). “This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment” (1Jn. 4:17).

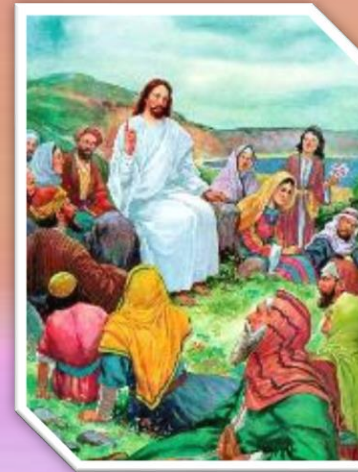


# THE LAWYER AND INTERCESSOR

“Therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25)

Jesus’ life revealed God’s love to a needy world and a watching universe. His death revealed the hideousness of sin and provided salvation for all humanity. His intercession in the heavenly sanctuary provides the benefits of the atonement to each one who reaches out in faith to receive them.

Throughout our lives and, of course, at the time of judgment, Jesus is our Advocate (1Jn. 2:1).



The work of Jesus in the Celestial Sanctuary teaches us:

- A clear understanding of the plan of redemption
- The demands of the Law of God
- The infinite price of our salvation
- The path that Jesus opened to reach the Father
- The security of being able to approach God with confidence

Soon, the Judgment will end and Jesus “will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him” (Heb. 9:28)





**“As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living.**

**Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. [...]**

**All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of heaven; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God, their sins will be blotted out, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life.”**



**“We are now standing in the outer court, waiting and looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. [...] In His intercession as our advocate, Christ needs no man's virtue, no man's intercession. He is the only sin-bearer, the only sin-offering. Prayer and confession are to be offered only to Him who has entered once for all into the Most Holy Place. He will save to the uttermost all who come to Him in faith. He ever liveth to make intercession for us.”**

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