

THE SANCTUARY AND ITS CLEANSING – IN TYPE

1. Repeat Dan. 8:14. What line of reasoning upon this text led to the conclusion that the second coming of Christ would take place in the autumn of A.D. 1844? Note 1.

2. What does Dan. 8:14 say, would take place at the end of the 2,300 days?

3. Repeat Heb. 8:1, 2, also 9:24. What literal sanctuary was in existence in A.D. 1844?

4. Repeat Heb. 9:23 - Could a sanctuary in heaven need cleansing? Note 2.

5. Study Lev. 16:2. What instruction was given to Aaron concerning his entering the most holy place of the typical sanctuary?

6. Repeat Heb. 9:6, 7. By whom alone, and how often, was the most holy place to be entered?

7. Study carefully Lev. 16:5, 7-10. What was to be taken from the congregation of the children of Israel? Where, and before whom, were these two goats, presented? How was a selection made between these two goats? For whom

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were these goats thus severally set apart? What was done with the goat upon which the lot fell to be the Lord's? For what purpose was the scapegoat reserved?

8. Study verses 15, 16. What was then done with the Lord's goat? Where was the blood brought? Upon what was the blood sprinkled? What was thus made on behalf of Israel?

9. Repeat verse 19. What was thus done to the sanctuary? From what was it cleansed? Was this cleansing of the sanctuary, then, from physical, or from moral uncleanness? How had the sins of Israel been transferred to the sanctuary, and how were they removed once every year by this ceremony?

10. Repeat verses 21, 22. After the sins of Israel had been borne from the sanctuary, in the person of the high priest, what did he do with them? What was then done with the live goat? What was the principal difference between the death of these two goats? Note 3.

11. What is the difference between the death of Christ and the death that Satan will experience?

12. Repeat Phil. 3:10. What did the apostle desire to be made "conformable" unto? What choice is left for you and me to make? Note 4.

NOTES

1. This text states that at the end of the 2,300 days, "then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." When the believers in the great advent message found that those days were to end in 1844 A.D., they reasoned that the earth was the sanctuary; that its cleansing would be by fire, at the second coming of Christ; therefore Christ must come on the tenth day of the seventh month, in that year. They overlooked the fact that nowhere in the Bible is the earth spoken of, or referred to, as the sanctuary. They overlooked the fact, also, that the only sanctuary in existence in A.D. 1844 was the one in heaven, where our Great High Priest ministers.

2. By a careful study of the yearly rounds of service in that sanctuary built by Moses, with its two holy places, which were "figures of the true," the great truth is revealed that the sins of all who repent and turn to God are transferred to the heavenly sanctuary, and that the cleansing of that sanctuary will be the removal of those sins, when the blotting-out time comes. See Acts 3 :19, 20.

3. The slaying of the Lord's goat represented a voluntary death TO sin. The goat for Azazel, that was sent away to "bear upon him all the iniquity of the children of Israel," represented an involuntary death IN sin.

4. The same choice that was left to Christ, after He had

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"taken man's place, with all of its risks and liabilities," to die a voluntary death to sin, or suffer an involuntary death in sin, is also left for us to make. "The wages of sin is death." The old man must die. Either he will be "crucified with Christ," or perish in the lake of fire with Azazel.