

2300 Year Prophecy

Introduction

We have talked about the Three Angel's Messages that were coming from God in Revelation 14. These messages are not just to warn of judgment, but to save the world. We saw the way God would save the world through the proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel.

We looked at what the Everlasting Gospel is and learned it is the message of the Life and Death of Jesus Christ.

Lastly, we looked at the righteousness of Christ and how we will impute that righteousness to us in the judgment, taking the penalty of death for us.

Jesus walked for us before the law, satisfying its claims of death and righteousness for us. Now we need to walk a life of obedience as Jesus did.

Then we studied Daniel 2 and the great image, getting a sense of the nearness of the coming of Jesus. But before that kingdom can come, there must be a determination of who is in it.

This is a central feature of the judgment hour message of the first angel.

The Coming Judgment

Jesus taught a parable that illustrates the idea of the coming judgment.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.' ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Matthew 22: 2-8

For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14

The wedding is the coming of the Kingdom of God. The good and bad are invite, but before the wedding there is an examination of the guest to see who has the wedding garment on.

The wedding garment is a representation of the righteousness of Christ, prepared as a gift that is receive by faith for all who would enter in. You must have the wedding garment to be part of the wedding.

This is the gospel going to all the world that prepares them to be part of the great Kingdom of God. So, there is an inspection of the guest by the king. This is the judgment that happens before the Kingdom of God comes to Earth.

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:8

The 2300-year prophecy tells us when the king begins to inspect the guest.

In the Old Testament, Jews understood the connection Jesus was making with the wedding parable to the Cleansing of the Sanctuary in Daniel's prophecy

And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed." Daniel 8:14

The Cleansing of the Sanctuary

The cleansing of the sanctuary is associated only with the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), also known as the Day of Judgment.

Every year, Jewish people in the Old Testament had a special year-end service that was performed in the Most Holy place of the earthly sanctuary (the Temple). During this service, sins were symbolically removed from the sanctuary where they had been collecting all year.

Every day throughout the year, anytime a person wanted to have their sins forgiven, all they had to do was come to the sanctuary and bring a sacrifice. They confessed their sin onto that animal and killed it. The sin was transferred from the sinner to the innocent victim (the animal.)

The blood of the animal was transferred into the sanctuary and sprinkled on the veil of the inner curtain (separating the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place). This was called the Holy Place Daily Ministry.

In this way, the person was set from his/her sin, but the record of the sin remained in the sanctuary all year until the Day of Atonement. The droplets of blood on the veil represented the sins that had been committed and then forgiven based upon the innocent animal paying the cost of death for those sins.

On the Day of Atonement, there was a special service. The high priest entered the Most Holy Place (only once a year), going with the blood behind the veil.

For this special service, two goats were chosen. The high priest would slay the Lord's goat – the atonement for all the sins that were collected on the curtain.

The blood of the Lord's goat was sprinkled on the mercy seat, on top of the Ark of the Covenant that housed the Law of God that condemned man to death for its violation.)

The other goat, the scapegoat, was taken and the sins of the people were transferred to this goat, and he was taken out into the wilderness and left. This way, the sins were completely removed from the camp of Israel.

This is why the Day of Atonement is also called the cleansing of the sanctuary. The sanctuary was cleansed from the sins of the people. It was an atonement because it was how God set the people free from the condemnation of sin. It is the Day of Judgment because God was determining who had truly confessed and repented and who had not.

This is the same as the parable of the King and the examination of the guest at the wedding.

This process took place very year from Moses to Jesus' time (1500 years).

But what is the day really about? Paul gives insight in Hebrews.

Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; 8the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience Hebrews 9:6-9

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Hebrews 9:11

Therefore, it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; Hebrews 9: 23-24

It was like a picture, actors on a stage showing the greatest event in human history when God would cleanse the sanctuary in heaven from the sins of the world that had been collecting there since the fall of Adam.

It was foreshadowing the great judgment of God and the end of time, when He would determine who, through repentance and forgiveness, would have their sins blotted out. He would look to see whose sins were transferred to the sanctuary in heavy (just like the examination of the king to see who all may enter the wedding ceremony.)

This is what Daniel understands the 2300-year prophecy to be

Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end." Daniel 8: 15-17

The 2300-year prophecy has two parts:

- The 70 weeks concerning the Messiah
- The First 490 years of the prophecy

The 490-year prophecy

Daniel 9:25 gives us the start date:

Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

Jerusalem lay in ruins, so the command to rebuild would be the start of the 490 years. At the time of the prophecy, Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Babylonians. God allowed his people to go into captivity

because of their disobedience and lack of faith. After the 70-year captivity and exile from their homeland, God promised to send them home. When that time came would mark the beginning of the prophecy.

Artaxerxes, king of kings, To Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of heaven: Perfect peace, and so forth. issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you. Ezra 7:12-13

History tells us the decree in Ezra 7 was 457 BC.

Until Messiah the Prince, there would be 7+62 weeks (483 years). Gabriel says 483 of the 490 years (or 70 weeks) of the prophecy would bring us to the anointing of the Messiah.

From the decree to rebuild to 483 years into the 490-year prophecy, Messiah would be anointed.

This is fulfilled in the New Testament.

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene....When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli," Luke 2: 1, 21-23

History tells us that the 15th year of Tiberias was 27 AD, when Jesus showed up.

The last 7 years (one prophetic week) of the prophecy

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate." Daniel 9:27

The Messiah fulfills this by his death on the cross. It is seen that there is one prophetic week. The middle of the week would be 3 ½ years. It says at this time, the Messiah would be crucified. The middle of the week from 27 AD would be 31 AD, the year that Jesus was killed.

The final 3 ½ years brings us to 34 AD. Jews were commanded to preach the gospel to Jews only. They did that until Stephen was stoned in 34 AD as the first Christian martyr.

In the wedding parable, this is the preparation of the wedding garment: the prophecy telling us that He will take our grave clothes (the death penalty), give us His righteousness (wedding garment) and then the invitation goes to the world.

The remainder of the 2300-year prophecy

If you travel the full 2300 years into the prophecy (from the start in 457 BC) you come to the year 1844.

Daniel was pointing down to the end of time when the Heavenly High Priest would begin the process of the examination of the wedding guest.

The earthly sanctuary and the earthly High Priest were shadows and symbols pointing to a greater heavenly reality.

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. Hebrews 8: 1-2

In 1844 AD our heavenly High Priest entered the Most Holy Place and began the work of judgment, the process of cleansing the Heavenly Sanctuary from the defilement of human sin.

We are 178 years into that judgment and last time prophecy.

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We all have a court date. Our names enter into that judgment. We all get examined by the King to see if we have two things: the blood and righteousness of the lamb.

Blood on the Veil

We don't need to fear because He has already told us what to do. Remember: they had to sprinkle the blood of the animal that paid for their sins on the veil of the sanctuary. That was for a particular reason. Those carmine droplets were records of sin, but they provide proof on the Day of Atonement that they were on the veil, slated to be removed and atoned for by the Lord's goat and removed forever by the scapegoat. That meant the sins were not me. They were on the veil, and we are free.

During this court day, the blood provides protection from the accuser.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Revelation 12:10-11

Satan stands up and says, “I object.” There is an Old Testament parable that conveys this idea.

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?” Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Take away the filthy garments from him.” And to him He said, “See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.” And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. Zechariah 3: 1-5

Satan is the accuser, the prosecuting attorney pointing to our sin and demanding a verdict of death. But Jesus says our sins are not held to our account because they are on the veil.

by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, Hebrews 10:20

Preparing for the Kingdom of Jesus

What did Jesus say we had to do to prepare for His kingdom?

*From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Matthew 4:17*

Repentance must follow belief. Faith must be chased down with repentance.

But while God can be just, and yet justify the sinner through the merits of Christ, no man can cover his soul with the garments of Christ's righteousness while practicing known sins or neglecting known duties. God requires the entire surrender of the heart, before justification can take place; and in order for man to retain justification, there must be continual obedience, through active, living faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Spirit of Prophecy

How does the world accept this message?

*The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. John 7:7
testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts 20: 21*

The Power of the First Angel's Message

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." Revelation 14: 6-7

How do we give Glory to God?

Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." Joshua 7: 19

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." John 9: 24

The First Angel's Message is saying the judgment of God has begun according to Daniel's prophecy. We need to give Him Glory, meaning repent of our sins, get our sins on the heavenly veil so that Christ can cover us with his righteousness and forgive us.

This way, the accuser (Satan) has no accusatory power over you. He is accusing Christ who was proven to be above reproach.

The first angel has been warning the world, calling the world to the wedding ceremony since 1844, calling them to come up and be inspected, be investigated. He is offering the covering that the whole world is going to need.

*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,*

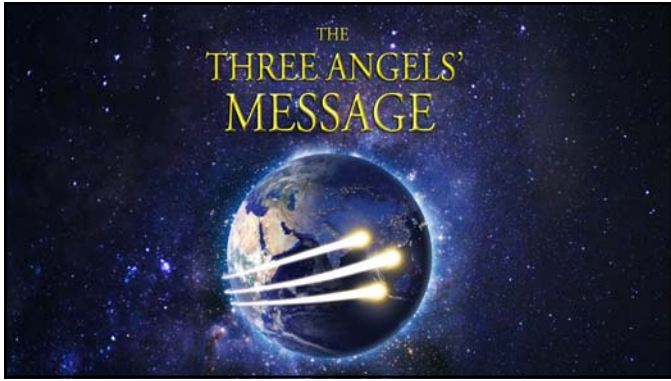
Whether good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

What an amazing God we serve who before He judged this world and put an end to sin has given us a wonderful prophecy to warn us but invite us to the wedding.

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." Revelation 19: 1-7

Do you want to get ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb? Do you want to transfer your sins to the veil and blot them out?

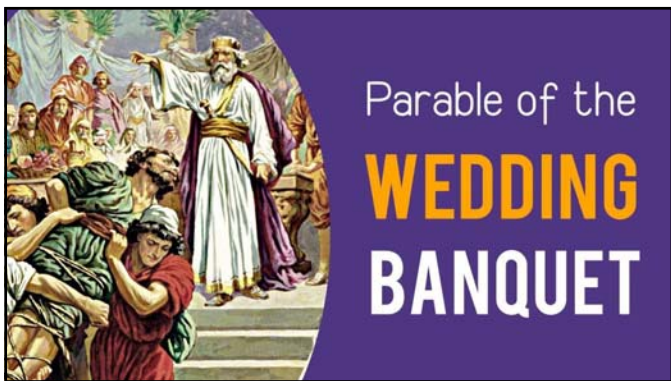
Repent your life of sin, confess your shame of face, repent of living a life without God apart from his will.



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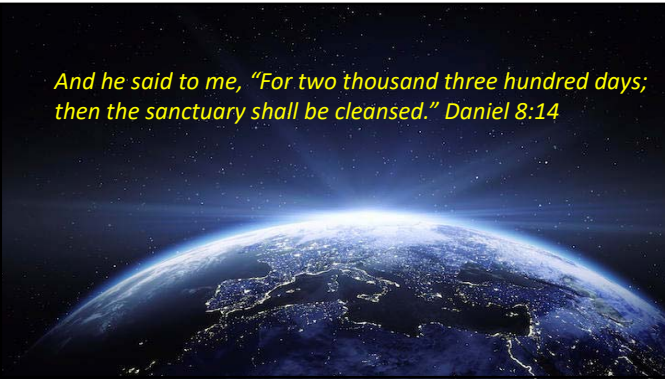
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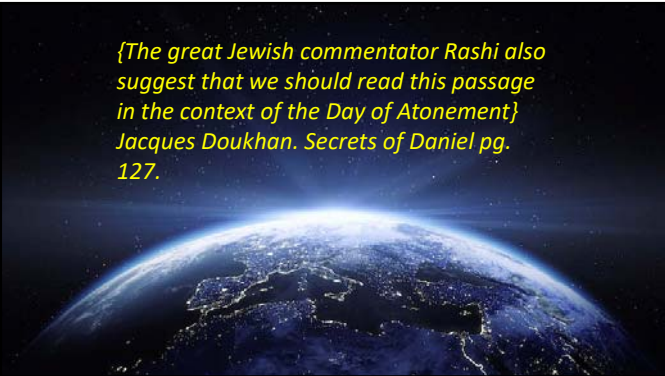
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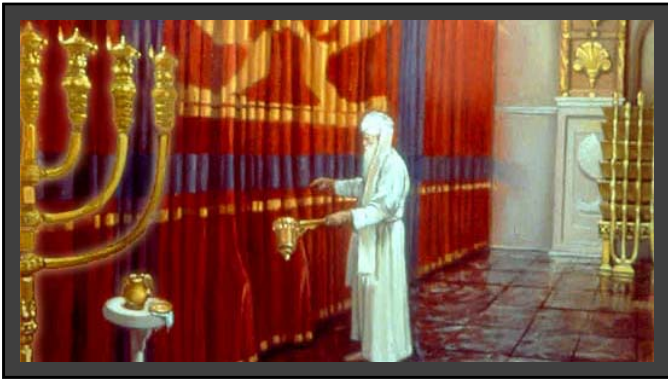
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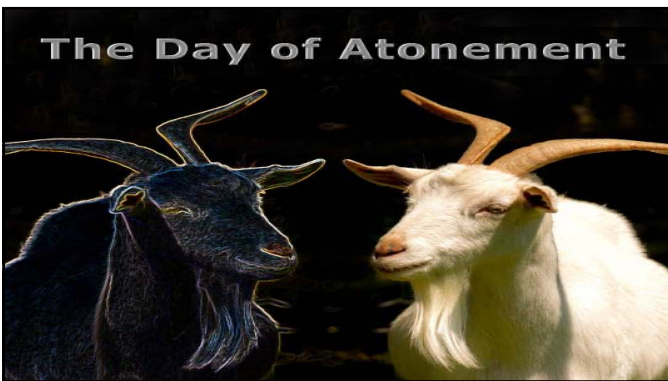
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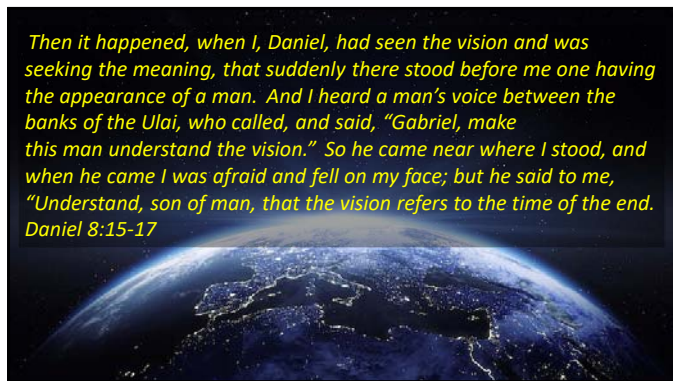
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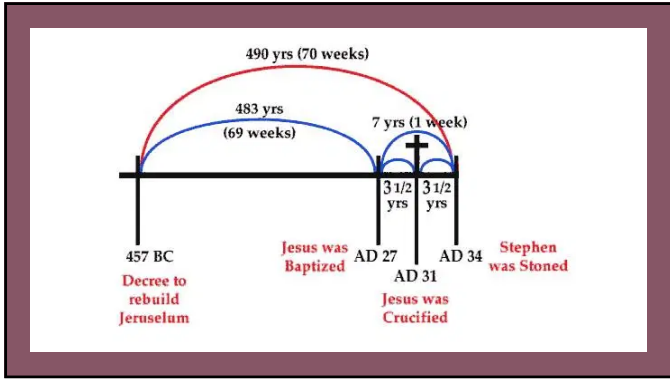
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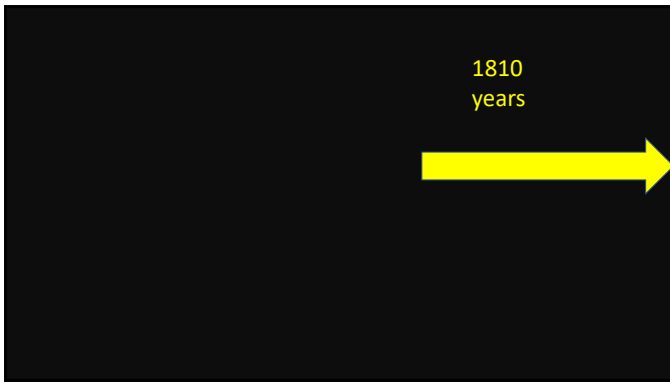
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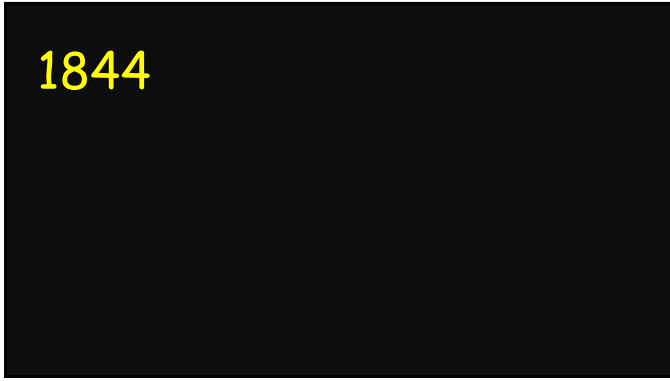




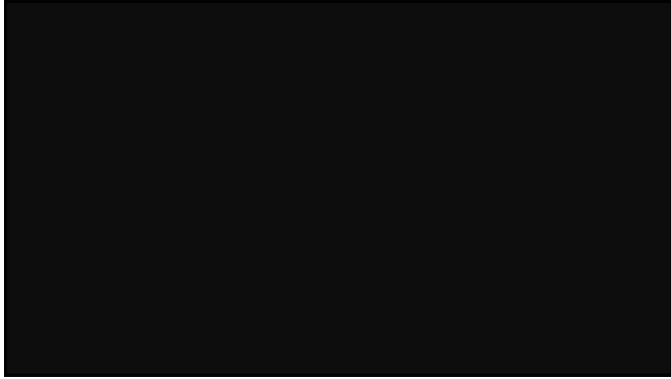
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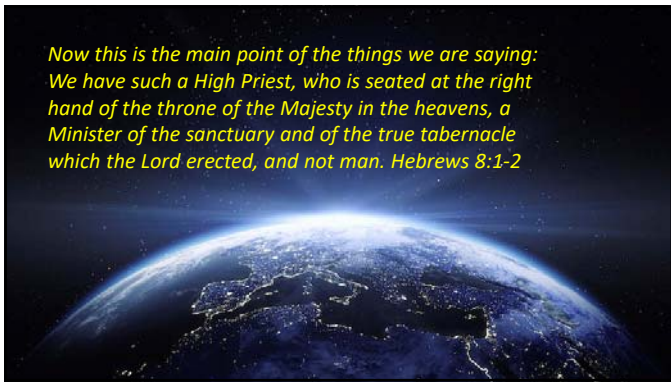
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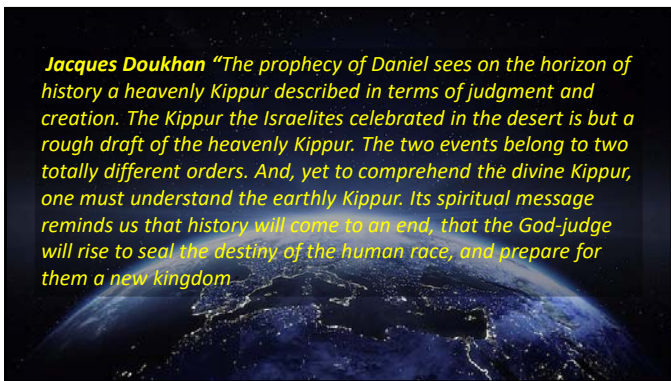


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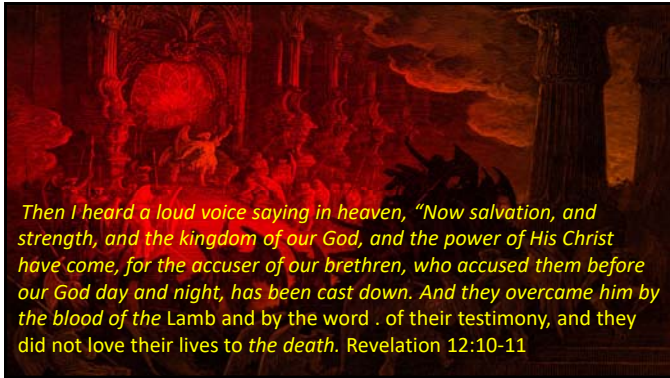
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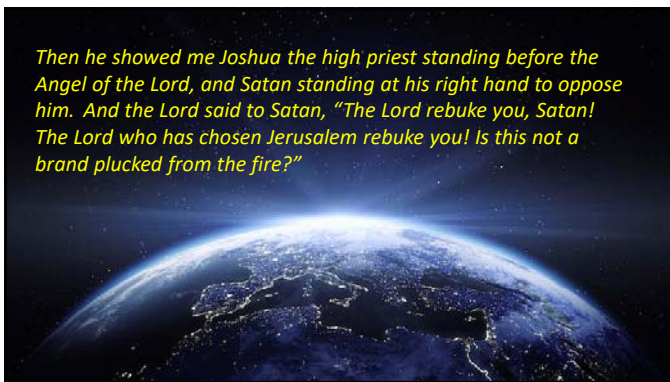
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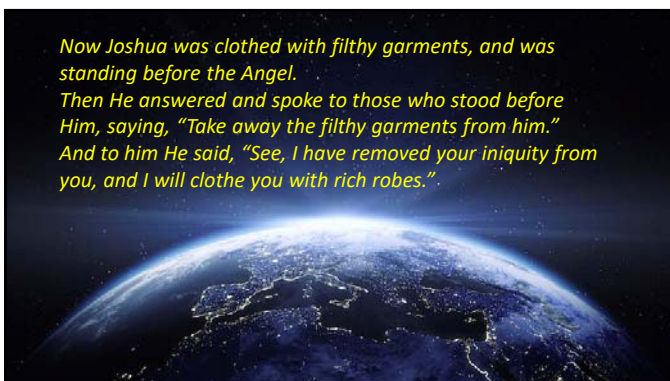
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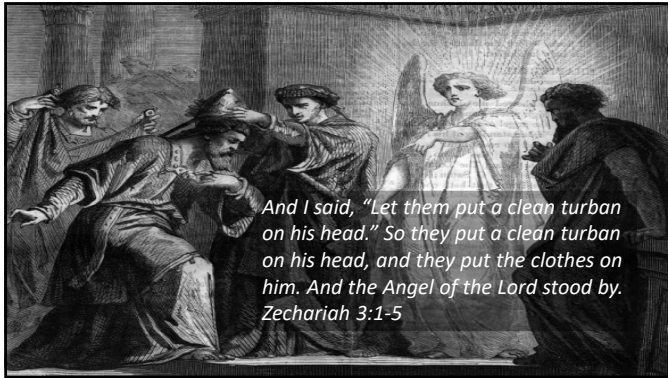
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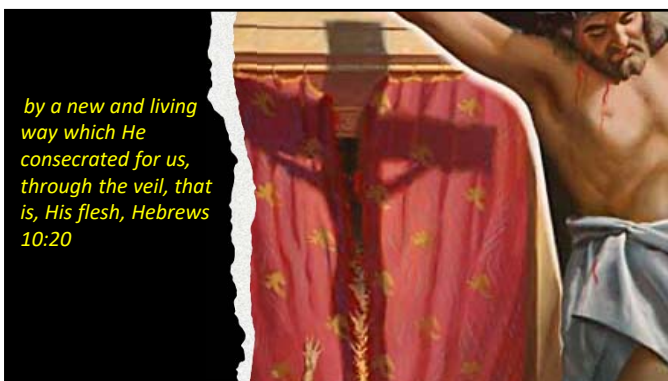
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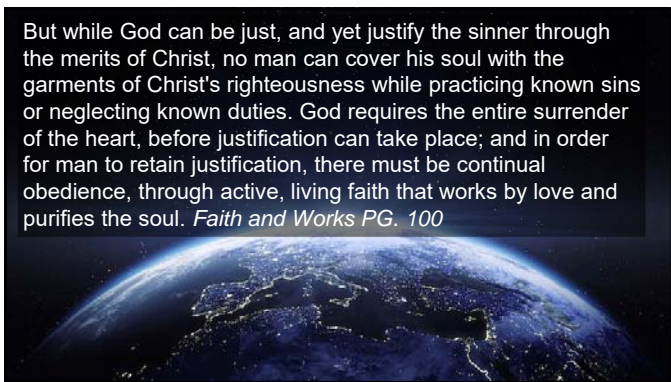
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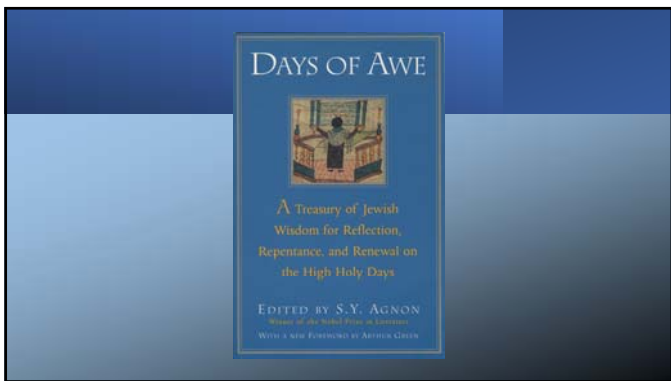
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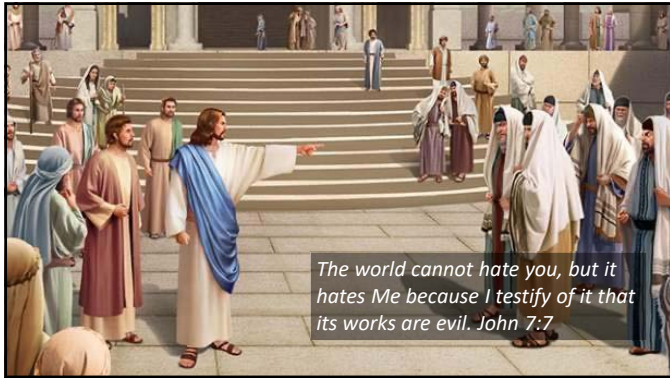
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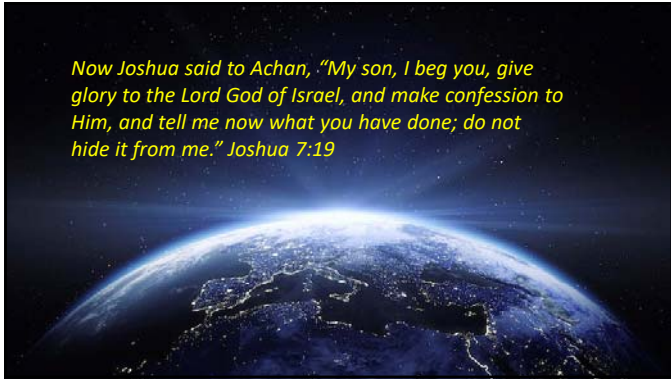
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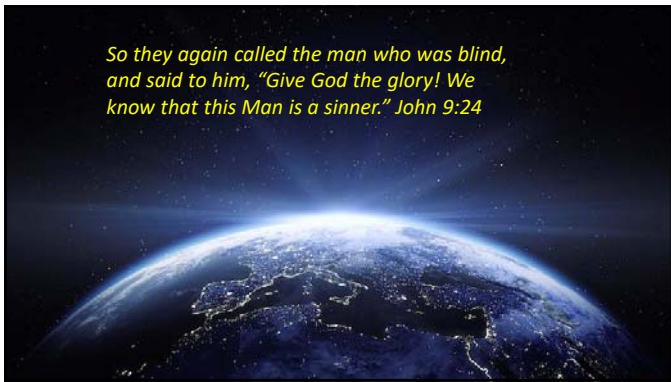
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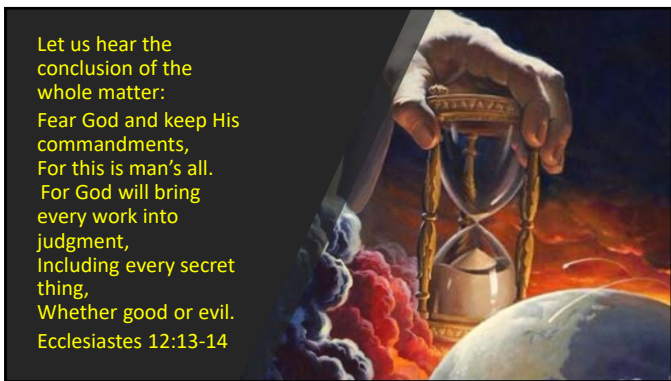
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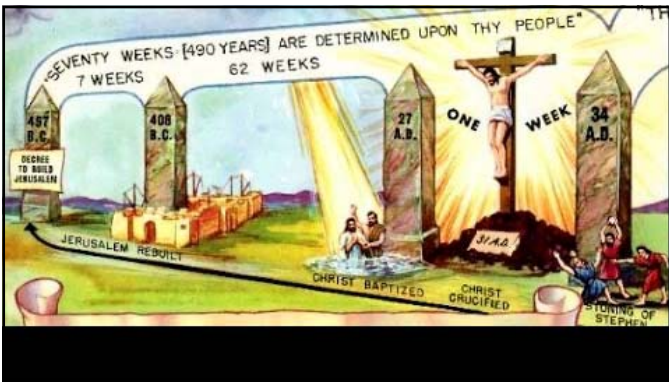
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Everlasting Gospel	The Hour of Judgment
490 years	Remaining 1810 years
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