
Notes, Questions & Prayer Requests

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE REVELATION SEMINARS

LESSON FOURTEEN

GOD SETS A DATE FOR THE JUDGMENT

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1. Underlining - designed to get class participation.
2. Bold items - messages to instructor.
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Place Lesson #15, with Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and Amazing Facts Folder “J” (Your Turn is Next) at each student location before session begins.

Greetings and Opening Prayer

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QUIZ QUESTIONS

(Fill in Scripture)

1. "And let them make me a
S _____ Sanctuary
2. "Thy W _____, O God, is in the Sanctuary." Way
3. "Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour
of His J _____ is come." Judgment
4. "Shall Messiah be cut off but not for
H _____." Himself
5. "Unto 2 _____ days; then shall the
Sanctuary be cleansed." 2300

OFFERING APPEAL

Decision Questions

Place an "X" on your quiz envelope in answer to the following questions:

1. The lesson tonight is clear.
2. If you are ready to say, "I believe that the judgment of God is going on right now in Heaven and I accept Christ as my Saviour and Heavenly Attorney to speak on my behalf". Place the second "X" if that is your desire.

Talk up the next lesson.

Closing Prayer

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Would you believe that nearly 3,500 years ago, in a desert just east of Egypt, God demonstrated with graphic visual aids His entire plan of salvation to over two million slaves who had just been freed?

Would you believe that about 2,500 years ago God referred to these visual aids as foundation material when in a vision He announced to His exiled prophet in Iran, the date for the judgment to begin?

Would you believe that in the book of Revelation God reveals that one way His church for today can be identified is that it will be announcing to the world the date for the judgment to begin?

It all seems incredible, doesn't it? Yet, it is true, and more than this, the subject is so important that Jesus refers to it directly or indirectly at least fifty times in the book of Revelation. Make no mistake about it: in this lesson we consider a topic of life and death import. It will touch upon several extremely significant Bible themes which are interrelated and which are weighty beyond description. We will need to seek explanations outside of Revelation for this subject. We will look especially at the book of Daniel, which covers several of the same prophecies as does Revelation. The books of Daniel and Revelation explain each other. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our study!

THE SANCTUARY — SYMBOL OF SALVATION

1. In Moses' day God freed His people from slavery in Egypt, and led them into the desert where He explained His plan of salvation to them through visual aids. What was the most important visual aid called? Exodus 25:8 (127)

Ans: "And let them make me a SANCTUARY."

NOTE: The sanctuary was the portable temple where God met His people for worship and sacrificial offerings.

2. God revealed to Moses His wishes.

3. God wished to have a sanctuary (home) similar to His home (sanctuary) in Heaven.

4. God revealed His great love through symbols in His Sanctuary.

5. Think of it!
God the Father,
giving orders to a mighty angel
to go and tear the veil –
showing His relief that this aspect
of salvation was over.
The Lamb of God
had been slain.

God now focuses His attention
on the church
and her rescue from sin
through the blood of Jesus
and His Spirit-filled Word.

6. The candlesticks
were in the first apartment
of the Holy Place.
This is where the blood
of the “daily” sacrifices
was sprinkled as an offering to God.

NOTE: God's church for today MUST be teaching that the heavenly judgment is NOW in session. It began in 1844, and when it ends, the horrible problem of sin will be ended forever. Because of this grand fact all should give glory to God!

18. How many will join in praise to Jesus, the Lamb, at His throne? Revelation 5:11 (1806)

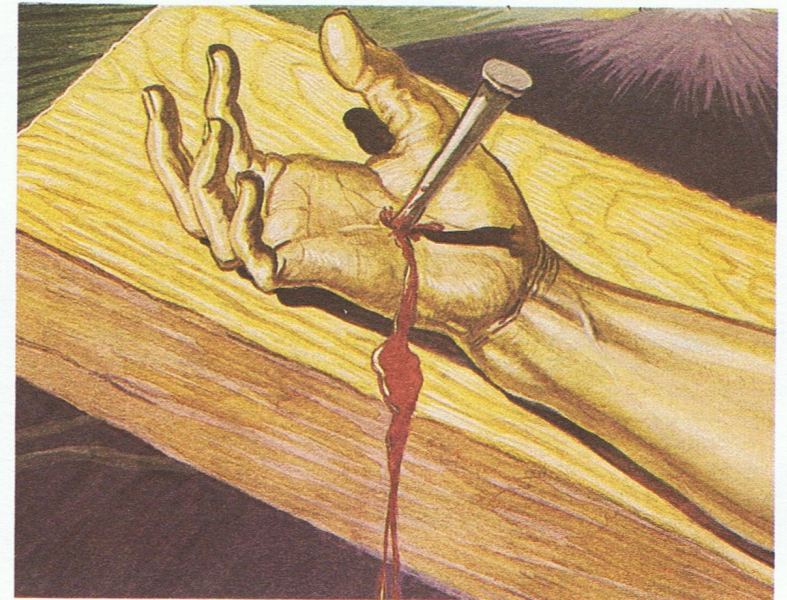
Ans: (vs. 11) “Ten thousand times ten thousand and
THOUSANDS of thousands”.

19. What touching words are found in Daniel 9:26 (1315) in connection with Jesus' sacrifice?

Ans: “Shall Messiah be cut off but **NOT FOR HIMSELF**”.

NOTE: Touching, indeed. When Jesus died it was not for Himself. He died for our sins because He loves us dearly and beyond our comprehension.

Jesus was crucified, “but not for Himself”.



20. All Jesus asks in return for giving His life for us is that we accept Him as our loving Father and Friend, and let Him recreate us into His image, so He can take us into His new kingdom. What a wonderful Lord and Saviour! He longs for you to say the word of acceptance now, so He can write your name in His book of life. Will you do it?

Ans: _____

Eternal decisions are made daily!
TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION –
Tomorrow never comes!

18. That is more than anyone can number.
Are you preparing to be there?
Listen!

Pause and lower your voice

Can you hear the Angels Praise Chorus?

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING IS THE RESULT
OF FAITH IN CHRIST.
PRAISE THE LORD!

19. Everything He has done,
He has done for us.
“He shall see the travail of His soul
and shall be satisfied” (Isa. 53:11).

Jesus looked beyond
the agony of the cross
to the redeemed in Heaven
shouting for joy.

With this in mind

He went through with the original plan
to save mankind.

He was satisfied.

CLASS APPEAL

Tell class that because of the magnitude of the subject studied, you are going to ask those who wish to respond to your question – TO PLEASE STAND IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION. Then read with feeling the appeal after #20 and ask them to stand.

PRAYER APPEAL

2. How would Moses know how to build this sanctuary? Exodus 25:40 (129)

Ans: God showed him a PATTERN

3. Where is the original sanctuary that God used for the pattern? Hebrews 9:23 (1766); cf 8:1-5 (1763)

Ans: The earthly sanctuary was a pattern of the sanctuary in HEAVEN

NOTE: The original sanctuary is located in heaven.

4. Why is it important to understand the sanctuary? Psalm 77:13 (913)

Ans: “Thy WAY, O God, is in the SANCTUARY”.

NOTE: God’s way or His plans for the salvation of man are revealed in the sanctuary.

DESCRIBE THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES (see Exhibit #1).

5. What happened in the earthly sanctuary or temple when Jesus died? Mark 15:37,38 (1484)

Ans: “The VEIL of the TEMPLE
was rent in TWAIN FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM”.

NOTE: The temple veil (as thick as the palm of your hand) was torn in two from top to bottom by unseen hands, and the Most Holy Place was thrown open to view. No one but the High Priest saw inside the Most Holy Place, and he saw it only annually, on the Day of Atonement. The earthly sanctuary services had come to an end with Jesus’ death. He is the true Passover, I Corinthians 5:7 (1674); Revelation 5:6-14 (1805) to which the sacrificial system pointed. The law of sacrifices was to last only until Jesus’ death, Galatians 3:16,19 (1709). From that moment the HEAVENLY sanctuary began to serve God’s people, and the EARTHLY sanctuary, and it’s services, were nullified by God, Hebrews 8:1-5 (1763); 9:24 (1766).

JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST

6. When Jesus began to serve as our priest in the heavenly sanctuary, after His ascension, in which apartment or section was He working? Revelation 1:12,13 (1801)

Ans: “I saw . . . in the midst of the seven CANDLESTICKS
one like unto the SON of man”.

7. A. Time and time again

God gave Israel time to repent –
490 additional years were given.

But this time period was final!
One way or the other.

B. God was doing His very best
to prepare His people (Israel)
to receive His Son.

JESUS BEGAN HIS MINISTRY BY
REFERING TO THIS TIME PROPHECY
IN DANIEL!

C. The Jews:

Did not change,
Did not accept Jesus as the Messiah,
Instigated and caused His death,
Took responsibility for His murder.

The High Priest said, "It is expedient that one
man should die for the people," (John 18:14).
The crowd cried, "His blood be on us,
and on our children," (Matthew 27:25).
They rejected God, the Messiah.

And just think!

God said it would happen
just as it did –
and just when it did –
REMARKABLE!

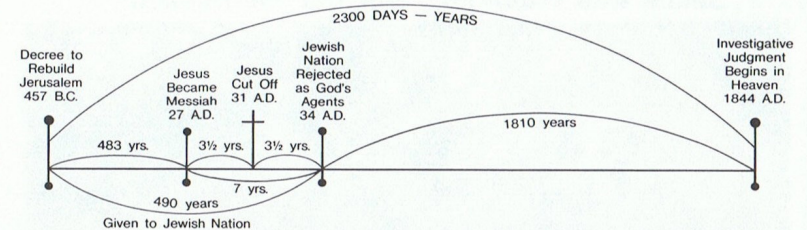
Ans: "Unto two THOUSAND and three HUNDRED
days; then shall the SANCTUARY
be CLEANSED".

NOTE: Daniel is here saying that 2300 days (2300 years, using the Bible rule) into the future the sanctuary in heaven would be cleansed. That is, the JUDGMENT or DAY OF ATONEMENT would begin.

Both Daniel 8 and 9 (1311) deal with the 2300 year prophecy. Daniel 9 explains the date for the beginning of the time prophecy of Daniel 8. The 490 years allotted to the Jews begins at the same time as the 2300 years. The chart below completes the 2300 year time prophecy diagram.

15. When did the judgment begin in heaven?

Ans: _____



NOTE: It is most sobering to realize that the judgment has been in session in heaven for well over 100 years.

16. When the judgment began in heaven, in which apartment of the sanctuary did the prophet John see Jesus? Revelation 11:15-19 (1812)

Ans: (vs. 19) "And there was SEEN in His temple the ARK".

NOTE: The prophet saw Jesus in the second apartment, the Most Holy place, where the ark is located in the sanctuary.

GOD'S PEOPLE PREACH JUDGMENT

17. What must God's last day church be preaching world-wide today as part of the gospel? Revelation 14:6,7 (1815)

Ans: "Fear GOD, and give GLORY to Him; for the
HOOR of His JUDGMENT is come".

15. In 1844 –

Many thought that Jesus
would return to the earth
because of the prophecies.

Some of these were:

Joseph Wolfe – Europe

Lacunza – South America

William Miller – U.S.

and hundreds of other clergymen.

It was the Great Awakening
of the 19th century.

Now we know that Jesus

didn't return to earth, but He:

finished His work in Holy Place and

began His work of cleansing (judgment)

in the Most Holy Place in heaven, (Dan. 8:14).

Then God caused the Great Awakening in the
19th Century to draw attention
to the beginning of the judgment,
(Revelation 14:6).

16. Jesus is now doing His
final work for us
before He returns, (Rev. 22:10-12).

17. There is a judgment going on
right now in Heaven.

That is why we need

a heavenly attorney, (High Priest).

Many believe judgment will be later.

This is Satan's deception

and many will be lost.

The message of Revelation is:

The judgment is going on NOW!

We need a heavenly attorney.

God wants our:

Worship

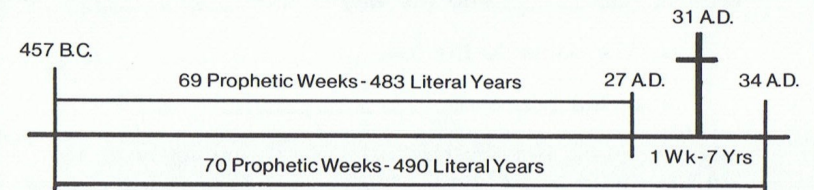
Loyalty

Love

Service.

NOTE: He began His ministry as our priest in the HOLY PLACE where the seven candlesticks are.

In Lesson #2, we studied the great prophecy of Daniel 9. Look at the chart below to refresh your memory.



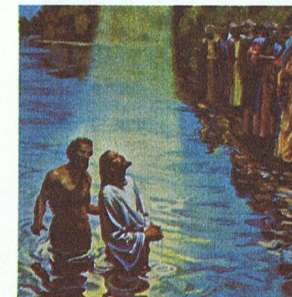
Let's review a few points:

a. Beginning with Artaxerxes' decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem in the autumn of 457 B.C., God gave His chosen people, the Jews, 490 additional years of probationary time which would end in the autumn of 34 A.D.

b. The first 483 years were to reach to the Messiah. It happened precisely as foretold. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost in the autumn of 27 A.D. and became the "Messiah" which means "anointed", Luke 3:1,21,22 (1493). He recognized the fulfillment of this prophecy when he began to preach by saying, "The time is fulfilled", Mark 1:14,15 (1452).

c. Jesus' crucifixion took place 3½ years after His anointing, in the spring of 31 A.D., at the time of the Passover.

d. Four hundred eighty-three (483) years passed from the decree of Artaxerxes until the Messiah in 27 A.D. After 27 A.D., one prophetic week, or seven years, yet remained of the 70 weeks, or 490 years allotted to the Jews. Jesus was "cut off" or crucified, Daniel 9:26 (1315), in the "midst of that week", Daniel 9:27 (1315), in the spring of 31 A.D. The crucifixion came right on prophetic schedule: 3½ years after the autumn of 27 A.D. It was mid-week, or the middle of the seven years, so 3½ years remained — which ended in the autumn of 34 A.D.



Jesus was
anointed as
the Messiah
in 27 A.D.

8. Wow! What a God –
even after they killed Christ
God still gave them 3½ years
to change their course, repent,
and continue to be His people.

9. The final 3½ years ended
with no apparent change.
First they 'killed God's prophets!
Then they killed God's Son!
Now they were killing Christians!

This was final proof that
they would never change.
So they were rejected by God
AS THE PEOPLE that were
to share with the world
HIS GREAT LOVE!

10. Literal Israel rejected God
(by finally killing Jesus and His followers).
God then took away from literal Israel
the privilege and responsibility of
communicating His love to the world.

The CHRISTIAN CHURCH is now SPIRITUAL ISRAEL!
The Christian Church has now been
chosen to do the job that
literal Israel failed to do.

NOTE: You will be shocked to discover that the teaching which moves the last seven years of the prophecy of Daniel 9 into the future came from men. History documents this. It is not hard to check. In the 1500's the reformers were teaching that the prophecies of both Daniel and Revelation indict the Papacy as the antichrist. This greatly discomfited the Papacy so they struck back by adopting other interpretations of the prophecies. One of those alternate interpretations is Futurism, a system developed by the Jesuit scholar, Francisco Ribera,* in the 16th century. In the mid-nineteenth century, Ribera's concept was further developed and has become the basic method of interpreting the books of Daniel and Revelation.

Modern Futurism applies all of Revelation but the first four chapters to the few final years at the end of the world. It makes antichrist a single, evil person who would be received by the Jews, would rebuild Jerusalem, abolish Christianity, deny Christ, persecute the church (the tribulation) and rule the world for 3½ years. Most groups would be startled to learn the origin of futurism.

Futurists set aside the prophetic rule that one prophetic day equals one literal year, Ezekiel 4:6 (1213). They count the 3½ years/42 months/1260 days of Daniel and Revelation as a literal 3½ years and project it into the future. But God's prophetic rule makes the 3½ years/42 months/1260 days a literal 1260 years which is the time of the Papal persecution of the past — 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. (More on this in later lessons).

There is no Bible justification whatever for moving the last seven years of Daniel 9 into the future. Those seven years are past. They ended in 34 A.D. Interestingly, many futurist scholars agree on the date of 31 A.D. for the crucifixion but still refuse to abandon their seven year theory.

The TRAGEDY is that "Futurism" confuses us as to whom the REAL Antichrist is by placing ANTICHRIST or the BEAST at some time in the future, when the Bible clearly indicates this power, in existence today, CAME OUT OF PAGAN ROME. Unless I correctly identify this beast, I risk receiving it's MARK and losing my place in God's Kingdom!

*George Eldon Ladd, **The Blessed Hope**, pp. 37-40, 1956,
Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

GOD GIVES JUDGMENT DATE

14. When did Daniel say the sanctuary in heaven would be cleansed?
Daniel 8:14 (1312)

Origin of Futurist Prophetic Interpretation

During the great Protestant Reformation, Catholic Church leaders turned prophetic "spot light" away from Pope as the antichrist of Daniel and Revelation.

It became counter reformation strategy to interpret all these prophecies as **ALREADY FULFILLED** in the past or **YET TO BE FULFILLED** in the future. Therefore they said, "The Pope can't be the antichrist".

Two Jesuit priests were responsible for developing these theories:

- a. Ribera – the Futurist system (everything from Rev. 4 onward yet to be fulfilled).
- b. Alcazar – the Preterist system (assigns most of Daniel and Revelation to the past).

Isn't it amazing that Protestants have endorsed these counter reformation theories?

However, Martin Luther and many reformers taught from the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation that the **POPE WAS THE ANTICHRIST**.

Now! **MODERN FUTURISM**, which began with Ribera is being **PROMOTED** by **PROTESTANTS**.

So, many churches have abandoned their clear Protestant teaching and have adopted modern futurism!

14. What a fantastic idea –
God knows what's going to happen in the future.
He predicts the exact date.

CHRIST'S GOSPEL TO THE GENTILES

8. When Jesus sent His disciples to preach, where did He tell them:
a. not to go, and b. to go? Matthew 10:5,6 (1411)

Ans: a. "Go NOT into the way of the GENTILES".
b. "Go rather to the lost SHEEP
of the house of ISRAEL".

NOTE: He told His disciples not to work among the Gentiles but to go only to the Jews or Israel. The reason is clear: the Jews' probationary time as God's people did not end till 34 A.D. They were to be given first opportunity.

9. Stephen was stoned and general persecution was launched against the church about 3½ years after the cross — in 34 A.D. What did the apostles later say which indicated probation had closed for the Jews as God's chosen people? Acts 13:46 (1616)

Ans: "It was NECESSARY that the WORD
of God should FIRST have been spoken
to YOU; but seeing ye put it FROM
you, and JUDGE yourselves UNWORTHY
of everlasting LIFE, lo, we TURN
to the GENTILES".

10. In Matthew 21:43 (1434) Jesus warned plainly that He was taking the kingdom from the Jews and giving it to another nation. To what nation did He refer? Galatians 3:7,29 (1708); Romans 2:28,29 (1650); 1 Peter 2:9 (1782)

Ans: "They which are of FAITH, the same are the
children of ABRAHAM" . . . "If ye be CHRISTS,
then are ye Abraham's SEED and HEIRS".

NOTE: The chosen nation referred to in Matthew 21:43 is **SPIRITUAL** Israel, Galatians 6:15,16 (1713). Every servant of Jesus from every race, world-wide, is part of God's "holy nation", 1 Peter 2:9 (1782), to which the promises made to Israel of old now apply in a **SPIRITUAL** sense. In Luke 21:24 (1536) Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled". The time of the Gentiles reaches to the coming of the Lord, Matthew 24:14

11. Jesus "confirmed" His covenant to the nation of Israel for 3½ years after His death through the ministry of His disciples in behalf of the Jews.

12. Numerous "private" interpretations of Scripture are becoming popular beliefs of many today.

BE CAREFUL –

The key is this:

Who is the true Israel of God today that is sharing His loving message?

Answer – The CHRISTIAN CHURCH (SPIRITUAL ISRAEL)

There is no Biblical justification for the teaching of the SECRET RAPTURE of the church away from earth or that Israel as a nation will be converted to Christ and preach the gospel to convert the world for seven years prior to Christ's return, BECAUSE THE JEWS NO LONGER ARE GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE – THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS!

13. Today, many PRIVATE INTERPRETATIONS have become traditional positions taught by the churches. This happens when the Bible is not studied properly.

(1439). Earthly Jerusalem will never again be accepted as God's chosen city. His chosen city is the new Jerusalem, Revelation 3:12 (1804). The prophecies of Revelation have very special meaning for the "nation" of spiritual Israel. This is why we are conducting this Revelation Seminar.

11. Since Jesus only lived 3½ years of the last seven given to the Jewish people how could he confirm His covenant for the entire "week" or seven years as promised in Daniel 9:27 (1315)? Hebrews 2:3 (1758)

Ans: "Salvation; which at the FIRST began to be SPOKEN by the Lord, and was CONFIRMED unto us by THEM that HEARD Him".

NOTE: The disciples confirmed it for the last 3½ years.

Virtually ALL Bible scholars agree that the first 69 weeks of Dan. 9 end with the baptism of Jesus (27 A.D.). But many take the last week of the 70 week prophecy and put it down to just before the Lord's return. No other Bible prophecy is divided thus.

12. Can you think of any SCRIPTURAL reason for doing this?

Ans: _____



"The stoning of Stephen —34 A.D."

SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION THEORY

13. The teaching that projects into the future the last seven years of Daniel 9:24-27 (1314) is not in the Bible. Where did it come from? Mark 7:13 (1465)

Ans: "Making the word of God of none effect by your TRADITION".