

Clear Distinction Ministries

Study Notes

Night #17: “**Our Prophetic Birthdate!**”

The Significance of the Vision!

- How important is it to have vision? A people without vision cannot move forward in safety. **The Bible says that without vision God’s people perish (Pr. 29:18).** If it is our desire, not to perish but to live for Christ, we must first understand the vision for His people in these last days. During our last study, we but briefly touched on that vision, the prophecy of ***Daniel 8:14* concerning the restoration of the sanctuary truth amongst God’s people.** In this study we will go further with that thought.

“The scripture which above all others had been both **the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith** was the declaration: “**Unto two thousand and three hundred days; *then* shall the sanctuary be cleansed.**” [Daniel 8:14](#). These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord's soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy repeated as **the watchword of their faith. All felt that upon the events therein foretold depended their brightest expectations and most cherished hopes.**”

(The Great Controversy pg. 409.1)

- The vision is presented to us in ***Daniel 8:14***. Immediately following the prophecy concerning the “little horn” (Papacy) which cast the sanctuary truth to the ground, Daniel is given the answer to the question “**HOW LONG**” shall these things be until the cleansing of the sanctuary? **The Bible prophesied a continuance of these things beginning from 457 BC with the decree of king Artaxerxes to restore and build Jerusalem until the end of 2300 days. In Prophecy 1 day is the equivalent to 1 literal year (*Eze. 4:6, Num. 14:34*). Thus, Daniel’s 2300 day prophecy is really a 2300 literal year prophecy beginning in 457 BC. What should we expect at the end of these 2300 years? “Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”**

What We’re Looking to Understand:

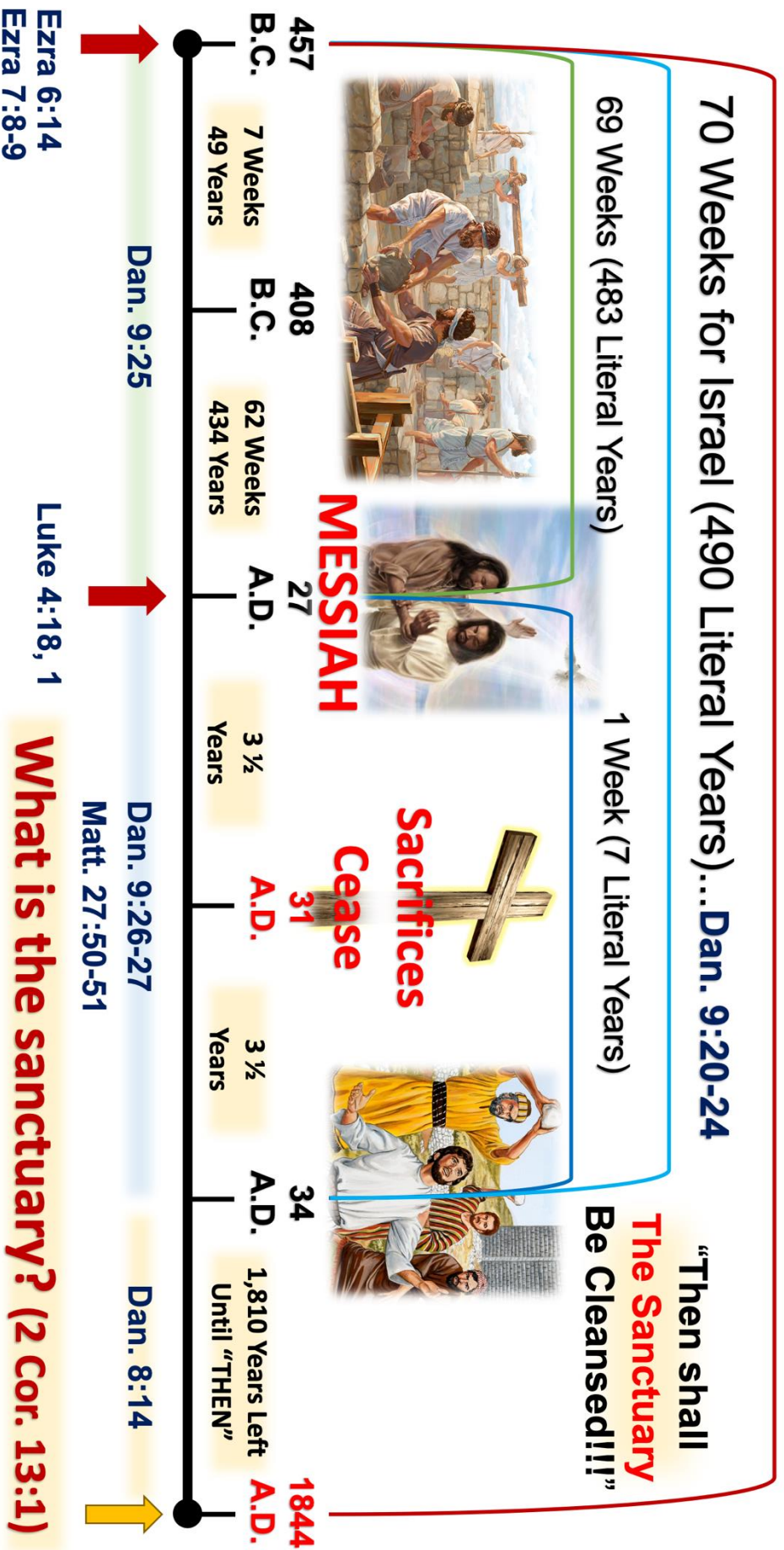
The Beginning & Ending of the 2300 Days (Literal Years)

“THEN” implies that at the end of this prophetic time period God’s faithful children should be EXPECTING something to take place.

THE SANCTUARY (What sanctuary is here referenced?)

SHALL BE CLEANSED (What is the significance of the cleansing of the sanctuary?)

2,300 Days (Literal Years)...Eze. 4:6, Num. 14:34



What is the Sanctuary?

- Is the sanctuary referenced here the Hebrew sanctuary of old? Is there a place on earth that we can today call that sanctuary to which Daniel referred? Not on earth beloved. There are many evidences in the Word of God that identify the sanctuary spoken of in Daniel 8:14. This sanctuary has no earthly priest, but **CHRIST IS OUR LIVING PRIEST THERE IN THE HEAVENS!** The Bible says that out of the mouth of two or three witnesses shall everything be established (**2 Cor. 13:1**).
- Witness #1: **Moses** states that the Hebrew sanctuary was built after **A PATTERN** shown to him by God. While the Hebrew sanctuary was a tracing, a replica, an example of that **PATTERN**, the fact that it was after a pattern testifies to the existence of **THE GREAT ORIGINAL SANCTUARY...Ex. 25:8-9**
- Witness #2: **The Apostle Paul** states that the Hebrew sanctuary was made after **A PATTERN of HEAVENLY THINGS** and that was, according to him, **THE SUMMARY OF ALL HE WROTE IN HEBREWS**. To miss the fact that we have a High Priest, Jesus **IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY**, is to miss the entire point of that book...**Heb. 8:1-2 & 5**
- Witness #3: **John** states in a few places that **HE SAW THE 7 BRANCH CANDLESTICKS (Holy Place) IN HEAVEN AND THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (Most Holy Place) (Rev. 1:10-13, 11:19)**. What was in that ark in the Hebrew Sanctuary? The ark of the covenant contained **THE LAW OF GOD**, the very law by which we are judged (**James 2:10-12**).

- Witness #4: **King David** stated for the generation to come (I believe we are that generation) that **GOD HAS A SANCTUARY IN HEAVEN...Ps. 102:18-19**
- What do these witnesses share in common? None of them were “Seventh-day Adventists” by name. **ALL** of them believed and taught the truth of **A HEAVENLY SANCTUARY WITH CHRIST AS PRIEST. The doctrine of the heavenly sanctuary therefore, and the commencement of its cleansing wasn’t made up by Seventh-day Adventists.** It is **BIBLE TRUTH** accepted and taught by Seventh-day Adventists today. Is it your desire to receive THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH AS IT IS IN CHRIST JESUS?

“Seeing then that **we have a Great High Priest, *that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God***, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched [meaning He *is* touched] with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us *therefore* come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:14-16 KJV)