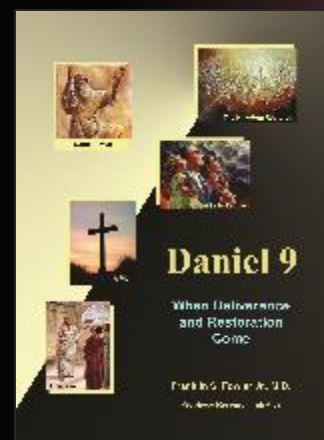


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Lesson Two – Daniel 9

**Amazing Promises
Soon to Explode
Into the Present!**



In the last lesson Gabriel presented three restoration conditions for God's people:

1. "To finish transgression" – ending all rebellion against **God** and His sacred Sabbath.
2. "To make an end of sins," abuse of our **free will** and terminating all wrongs against **others**.
3. "To make reconciliation for iniquity" – ceasing all wrongs against **one's self**. Avoiding all acts that sympathize with our evil propensities and moral perversions.



This counsel came in response to Daniel's passionate prayer for the return of divine favor to God's people!

God was so gracious in this counsel. These are conditions of holiness. Then in a missive filled with hope, He told what would happen IF those conditions were met! That is the basis of our study in this lesson. These promises are ours also!

*“to bring in everlasting righteousness,
and to seal up the vision and prophecy,
and to anoint the most Holy.”* (Dan. 9:24)



Notice: There are no assurances given for restoration of land or any physical assets. Why? These promises reflect eschatological blessings that will come to the saints – as we will see – at the very end of the world.

Daniel is assured that spiritual restoration will come. God's everlasting kingdom will be a reality! That is the theme being presented here.

There is a danger that we “over-read” what is in the text and context of Gabriel's heavenly message.



Though we know from Isaiah (44:28) that the temple and Jerusalem would be rebuilt by Cyrus, Gabriel's mission doesn't relate to that! Something unusual is being unfolded! The emphasis is spiritual – holiness!

It is sad to know that these wonderful promises would never become a reality to Daniel's people:

“Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you.” (Matt. 21:43)

“Behold your house is left unto you desolate.” (Matt. 23:38)

They forfeited the status of being God's people. God is still looking for a “holy people.” That opportunity has been extended to us!

Let's now look carefully at those promises:

“to bring in everlasting righteousness”

(Dan. 9:24)

“to bring in” is in the Hebrew *hiphil* tense, meaning it is “causative.” That suggests that when God’s people address the three sin issues, the outcome – the result – will bring in eternal righteousness!



The “70 periods of 7” also signify that this will happen by the end of that 490 years. That is when God will be bringing to a close the great plan of redemption!!! *Please understand this!*

At the end of the 490 years, “everlasting righteousness” will have come to God’s people and His Church.



What is this “everlasting righteousness?”

“Righteousness is holiness, likeness to God.... It is conformity to the law of God; for ‘all thy commandments are righteousness’ ... The righteousness of God is embodied in Christ. We receive righteousness by receiving Him.” (SD 304)

When God’s people will be filled with that righteousness, holiness will be vindicated!
(Dan. 8:14)

When did “everlasting righteousness” become a possibility?

“Christ has made reconciliation for sin, and has borne all its ignominy, reproach, and punishment; and yet while bearing sin, He has brought in **everlasting righteousness**, so that the believer is spotless before God.” (SD 227) At the Cross this became “legally possible.”



“Christ bore all this suffering in order to obtain the right to confer **eternal righteousness** upon as many as would believe on Him.” (TDG 216)

When will this finally be conferred on mankind?

“When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. Christ in the Revelation, looking forward to that time, declares: ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still ... and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Rev. 22:11, 12).’ (GC 490-491)

Holiness will then be completed.

Only when the kingdom of God is ushered in, shortly before Christ's return, will such a state of corporate righteousness become a reality.

This brings up a very important issue:



If the fulfillment or purpose of the 490 years has not yet been achieved with God's people, a timing gap is in evidence between the original anticipation of its completion, and, now, its final "holy end" with a "remnant." Any other conclusion removes this prophecy from its context and purpose!



Are there other urgent “holiness” issues this prophecy raises?

Daniel 8:14 and this Daniel 9 prophecy are classed as “*mareh*” visions. The rest of that “vision series” is completed in chapter 10, verses 1-9. The *mareh* messages represent a collective group of prophecies that assures that righteousness will come in and God’s people will experience deliverance from the effects of sin. They are a powerful unit of eschatological missives that link directly with the whole book of Revelation!

“Mareh” visions immediately suggest messages of **restoration promises** for God’s people.

They bring to mind
“everlasting righteousness!”



That is so special, God actually
calls them *“the mareh!”*
*When these prophecies are completed,
a “Holy God” and a “Holy People”
become eternally bonded!*

In Daniel 8:14 “holiness is adjudicated” on or after the end of 2300 “atonement years.” That’s where this gets fascinating:

“Adjudicated” is inappropriately called “cleansed” in the KJV and in many other translations. The Hebrew word is *nisdaq*. This is the only place in the Bible where that word is used.

This verse is given in a legal setting by Jesus. In perhaps one of the most wonderful promises in the whole Bible, we are told that then the case against sin will be closed!



“Holiness” will then come in! – There’s more!

“Holiness” will be “vindicated.” This legal declaration is actually in a very elevated setting! The court case where Satan has charged God as “the cause of all wrong,” will then be ended. But – that happens because God’s character will be “vindicated” on or after the 2300 years.

All arguments have been presented. Attorney Jesus will have submitted His “legal briefs” to the “court of the universe.” Attorney Satan will also have presented his case before all. The verdict will be in favor of God the Father!

Righteousness will forever reign supreme!

That word *nisdaq* has a special story to tell. It is a verb. BUT – it is in the passive tense! How could that be? How could the most important legal case of the whole universe be settled passively?!

Something has caused God's government to be vindicated SO WELL that all legal questions have been eternally settled! Something unusual is going on here!

A “happening,” an “act,” some “event” occurs to bring the court case to an end in God's favor!

That is why Daniel 9 is so vitally important!

Everlasting righteousness will occur at the end of the 490 years! That is part of the mareh vision prophecy!

“Righteousness” in Daniel 9:24 is called *sedeq* and directly relates to *nisdaq* in 8:14! **When** everlasting *sedeq* comes in, God’s holy character is vindicated – *nisdaq*!

But – how does that happen?



This is stunning! Since Daniel 8 and 9 are the same *mareh* visions, the message is beyond dispute: God's people, the final group to live on the earth loyal to Him, are the ones who vindicate the character of God!



Daniel 9 is all about elevating God's name and His form of government and who will represent His character and be His witnesses forever throughout the universe!

Amazing! Stunning! Wonder of wonders! God is looking for a people who will give up sin and eternally defend heaven! That is what Gabriel is telling Daniel – what he is telling us!

“Just before us is the closing struggle of the great controversy when, with ‘all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness,’ Satan is to work to misrepresent the character of God, that he may ‘seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.’ If there was ever a people in need of constantly increasing light from heaven, it is the people that, in this time of peril, God has called to be the depositaries of His holy law and to vindicate His character before the world. Those to whom has been committed a trust so sacred must be spiritualized, elevated, vitalized, by the truths they profess to believe.” (5T 745-746)

Do you crave to be part of that group of people?

God is going to reward that group so richly, He'll give them His heavenly “family name!” He's going to permit everyone to live in His home – right there with Him!

“Him that overcometh will I ... write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem.” (Rev. 3:12)

“God intends that His people shall be a peculiar people, separate from the world, and **be living examples of holiness**, that the world may be enlightened, convicted, or condemned, according as they treat the light given them. The truth that has been brought before the understanding, the light that has shone upon the soul, will judge and condemn if it be neglected or turned from.” (2T 689)

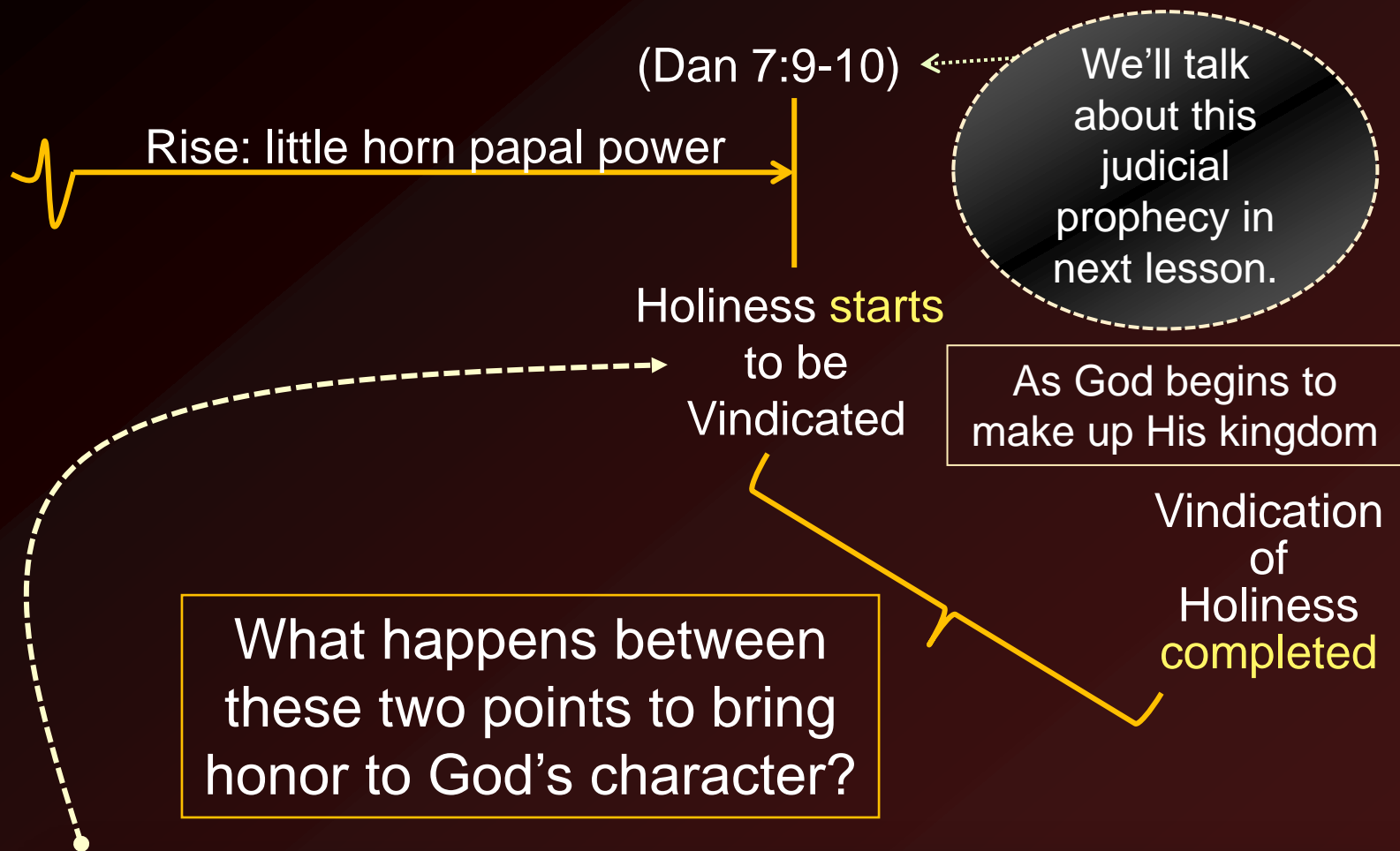
God will then need a “holy people” to give a “holy message” – the “everlasting gospel.” That **is** the “righteousness of Jesus.” It is the **mareh** message of “justification by faith.” We can be “right with God!”

Have you ever considered that:

When the saints' cases are closed, then God's character can be vindicated? His case can then be adjudicated! We become His witnesses in the "court room of heaven!"

Can you grasp, even a little, what role God has given to us? We are so honored by heaven! We are part of resolving the issue of sin forever throughout the universe!

That is when "everlasting righteousness" comes in. We are the "designated beings" to bring matchless glory to Him!

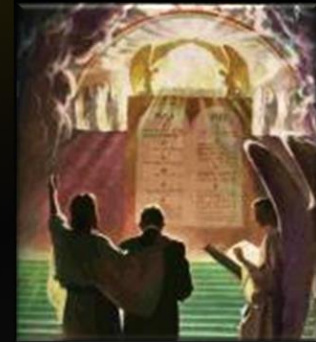


God begins to review the records to see who will defend Him! The Bible talks about that solemn review process!

*“The Ancient of days did sit [God the Father], whose garment was white as snow [His character is perfect], and the hair of his head like the pure wool [the ageless God]: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him [judicial language]: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**” (Dan. 7:9-10)*

This important verse reveals that “point in time” when a review process begins. That ties directly to when “holiness” is identified in God’s people! **Then comes a judicial proclamation:**

“And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels.”
(Mal. 3:17)



“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men every where to repent: Because he has appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom he has ordained; He has given assurance of this to all men, by raising him from the dead.”
(Acts 17:30-31)

They “show the work of the law written in their hearts ... *In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ.*” (Rom. 2:15-16)

“It is while men are still dwelling upon the earth that the work of investigative judgment takes place in the courts of heaven. The lives of all His professed followers pass in review before God. All are examined according to the record of the books of heaven, and according to his deeds the destiny of each is forever fixed.” (COL 310).



“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body [by one’s works], according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

(II Cor. 5:10)

“All who would have their names retained in the book of life should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin and true repentance.



There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away. Everyone must be tested and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.”
(Lift Him Up, 330)

That’s how to bring in “everlasting righteousness” – “everlasting holiness!”

“The names of all those who have once given themselves to God are written in the book of life, and their characters are now passing in review before him. Angels of God are weighing moral worth. They are watching the development of character in those now living, to see if their names can be retained in the book of life. A probation is granted us in which to wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Who is doing this work? Who is separating from himself sin and selfishness.” (Lift Him Up, 326)

When a corporate body of believers gives up sin, which is part of this prophetic message for the very end of time, everlasting righteousness comes in.

There are more Daniel 9 promises to that group when sin is given up!!!

“and to seal up the vision and prophecy”
(Dan. 9:24)

“To seal” is in the present tense. This occurs at an eschatological point in time when that corporate body acts against wrong. In this context, it means “to close up” or “bring to an end.”

That “**vision**” and its “**prophecy**” come to their end. What does that mean?

The word here for “vision” is *ha hazon*. Daniel was recently given (ch 8) a dramatic missive of a ram, a rough he-goat and a little horn, called the *ha hazon*.



That was an apocalyptic review – a prophecy – of the **final war between good and evil**. It opened up to his view the last war scenes that would occur between Christ and Satan. The devil’s last “representative,” the “little horn,” will be a terrible persecuting power – “he will be destroyed.” (Dan. 8:25 – NIV)

This promise? When God's people give up sin and everlasting righteousness comes in, Satan and his host will then come to their end! Incredible! They will no long harass God's people!!!



Jesus will be the victor. The rough he-goat (Satan) and the little horn (the papacy) will be powerless.

The war will be over. The time will have arrived for God's people to be delivered from all horror, heartache and sin. Satan will then be charged with all the guilt of the redeemed throughout history. **That serpent's work is done!** THEN:

“The sky opened and shut and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus’ coming and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. And at the end of every sentence the saints shouted, ‘Glory! Alleluia!’” (EW 34)

Daniel was told when this would happen!

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

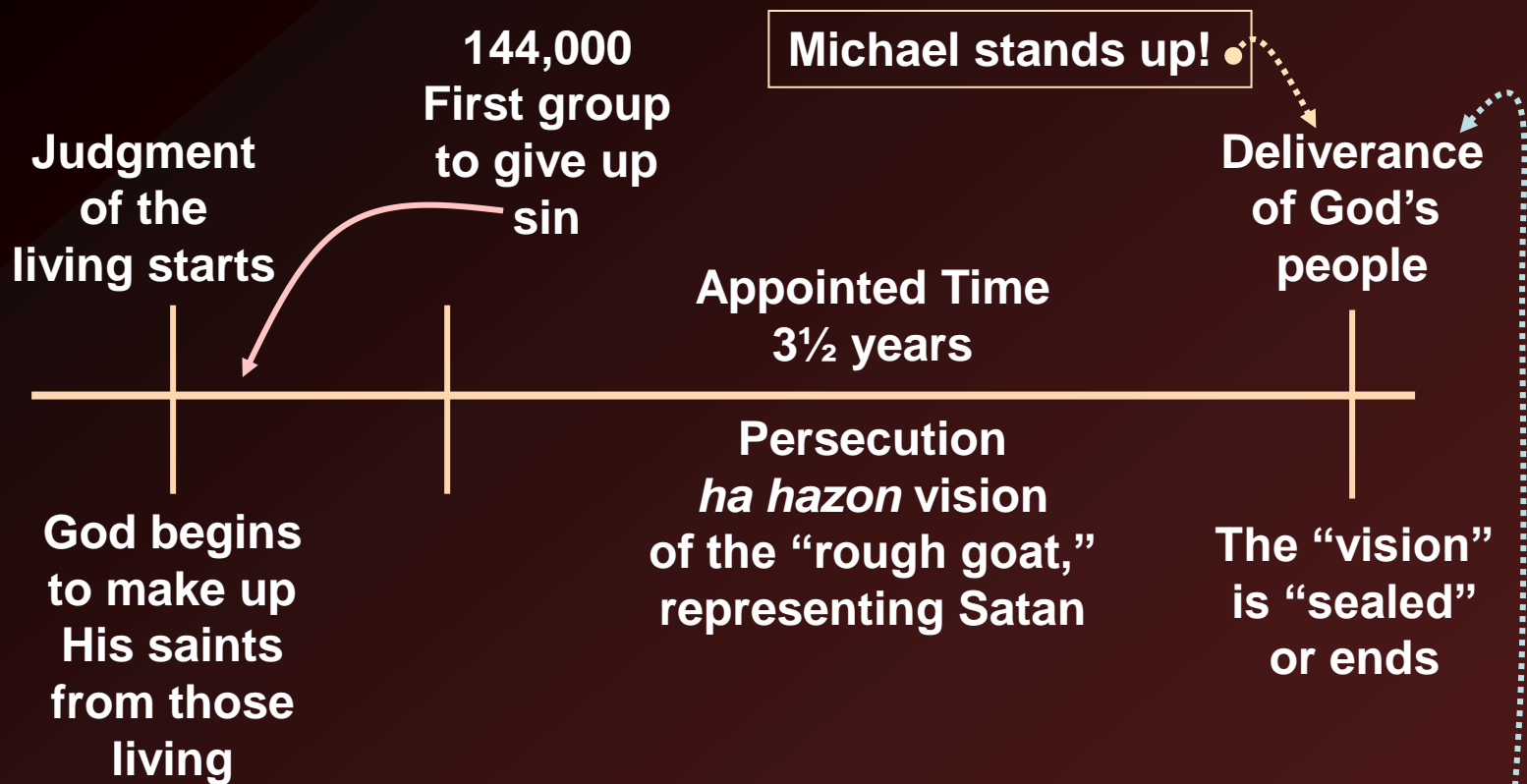
(Dan.12:1)

What is “at that time?” This is at the “time of the end” called the “appointed time.” (Dan. 8:19; 11:35, 40) Jesus gave much more detail:

“It shall be for a time, times, and an half [3½ years]; and when he [the ‘antichrist’ – ‘king of the north’ – ‘little horn’] shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people [persecution of God’s people], all these things shall be finished [at the end of the 3½ years].” (Dan. 12:7)

This is profound! God’s people will be delivered from all the aggression of Satan at the “time of the end,” at the end of the final 3½ years. Again, that is called the “appointed time” by Daniel.

The “vision” or *ha hazon* will come to its end in a final short period of time. Revelation mentions this period over and over.



"and to seal up the vision and prophecy"
(Dan. 9:24)

This is when this promise will be complete.

Now we look at the final
Daniel 9 promise to
God's people when they give up
transgression, sin and iniquity:

“and to anoint the most holy” (Dan. 9:24)

The Hebrew word for “anoint” is *mashah*. At the time of Daniel it was used to express a variety of “daily” activities such as:

1. “rubbing” a war shield with oil (Isa. 21:5)
2. “painting” a house (Jer. 22:14)
3. “smearing” oil on the body (like lotion)
(Amos 6:6)

But – its greater use in the Bible relates to religious rituals. That is where this phrase becomes exceedingly important!

Anointing an individual or an object had deep spiritual significance:



- It separated or “set apart” the *anointed* for God’s service.
- It drew attention to God as the *authorizing power* and agent.
- It opened the door for a *special endowment* of the **Holy Spirit**.

There were special rites or inductions when the anointing process was used, and God used the word “anoint” as a spiritual metaphor. Let’s look at how some of these are expressed.

Special applications:

Anointing of the tabernacle

Associated Metaphors:

Deliverance

Cleansing

All of these have a bearing on the term: “*anoint the Most Holy.*” Let’s look at these more deeply.

Anointing of the tabernacle (Ex. 30:22-33):

When the earthly tabernacle was completed, God instructed Moses to “anoint” that structure and all its implements. That was a literal illustration, related to the spiritual phrase we are looking at.

“Deliverance” metaphor:

This was first visited by Isaiah in 690 B.C. The ten tribes had been decimated for over 30 years. The northern kingdom was gone. BUT, God, through Isaiah, prophesied by name that a man called Cyrus would arise as “the Lord’s anointed.”



That wouldn’t occur for another 135 years – but God had spoken. He was singled out long before he was born to become THE deliverer of God’s people, who would restore the temple and the City. (Isa. 44:28)

Jesus was **anointed, also**, to become a **deliverer!**

*“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;
because the LORD hath anointed me to preach
good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to
bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives, and the opening of the prison to
them that are bound.”* (Isa. 61:1)



Jesus affirmed that it was He, whom
this Isaiah prophecy alluded to. (Luke 4:18)

Intriguingly, here in Daniel 9, “Messiah the Prince”
will make His debut in verse 25 as the **Deliverer!**
“**Messiah,**” **there**, is *mashiyach* – “the Anointed!”

“Cleansing” metaphor:

In many places in the Old Testament when a bath was taken, the final cleansing occurred with an anointing or “spreading around” of oil. This was especially important when preparing for a banquet. Then perfume was mixed with the oil as a “sweet savor.” (Ruth 3:3, II Sam. 12:20; later, Eze. 16:9; Eccl. 9:8; Psa. 23:5, 7:46)

To be “anointed” is to be “set aside” as a “sweet savor,” to be “holy,” to be “cleansed.” The sealing of the 144,000 noted in Revelation 7 has this wonderful connotation.

This brings us to a deeper part of this “anointing” phrase:

“to anoint the Most Holy”

“Most Holy” is *qodes qodasim* and always alludes to the Most Holy “place” in the tabernacle/sanctuary/temple/heart.

Daniel had prayed: “*Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and **cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary** that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.*” (Dan. 9:17) AND now Gabriel says that something good will happen to **that sanctuary!**



It was in 592 B.C. that the Shekinah glory, God's presence, left Solomon's temple. (Eze. 11:22-23)

Daniel was in Babylon by then. Six years later, 586 B.C., the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, destroyed Jerusalem and that temple.

No wonder Daniel's prayer and this chapter are of such amazing import!



The temple was gone, the people were in captivity, and God's presence had left the very center of Jewish worship! "Can you look with favor on the sanctuary?" – "God, can you come to us once again and anoint that Holy Place?"

Under a decree of Cyrus, that temple would be restored first by him, continue with Darius I and finished by Artaxerxes I. **AND** – that temple would later be embellished by Herod. Sadly, it would **never see** the Shekinah again.

That temple would become a symbol of God's final "apostate church" at the end of time! It would be alluded to by Paul in speaking of the antichrist:



*“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God **sitteth in the temple of God**, showing himself that he is God.” (II Thess. 2:4)*

The “anointing of the Most Holy place” suggests that there will be a final group of people – His Church, that is pure. Within its confines will be nothing that defiles. God’s presence will be at its center!



This is depicted by the “great sign” in the heavens of a woman clothed with the sun, a crown of victory on her head, and standing on the moon. (Rev. 12:1)

Standing on the moon represents “dominion over all earthly things.” The things of this world have lost all their influence.

In this “set-aside” imagery from Daniel’s prayer is a restoration plea to “*Restore in us your presence.*” Return, oh God, the glory, the Shekinah, that once was in your Church, and also to each one of your people. (Hag. 2:7-9)

The “temple” that is measured in Ezekiel is symbolic of that “pure church” – “God’s people” – at the very end of time. That “temple” is “anointed,” and the glory does return to its precincts. (Eze. 43:1-6)



Making it a “Most Holy” place once again!

Many of the prophecies in Ezekiel relate to the very end of time with “timing notes” that tie directly to the book of Revelation.

When the “glory of the Lord filled [at the end of time] the house of the Lord” (Eze. 44:4), it will be on a new moon, a Sabbath day, when the gate that “looketh east” (symbol of the “golden gate” called Shushan) “is opened.” This language confirms a time when the Feast of Trumpets occurs in the fall when the Judgment of the Living commences. Shushan and the direction of “east” both represent deliverance!

This is approximately four years before the time when the everlasting covenant is delivered to God's people. That will be the time when the sins of all the righteous are placed on Satan in a final Day of Atonement.

Then – the “sanctuary in heaven” is cleared of the records of sin. It too is cleansed, “anointed,” and once again becomes holy.

“As the priest, in removing the sins from the sanctuary, confessed them upon the head of the scapegoat, so Christ will place all these sins upon Satan, the originator and instigator of sin.” (FLB 213)

“When the work of atonement in the heavenly sanctuary has been completed, then in the presence of God and heavenly angels and the hosts of the redeemed the sins of God's people will be placed upon Satan; he will be declared guilty of all the evil which he has caused them to commit. And as the scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness.” (GC 658)

The ancient tabernacle with its Holy and Most Holy sections was a pattern after the one in heaven:

*“And look that thou make them **after their pattern**, which was showed thee in the mount.”* (Ex. 25:40)



*“We have such an high priest, who is set on 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 **pitched**, and not man.”* (Heb. 8:1-2)



In the book of Revelation, that heavenly sanctuary is seen many times. The particular imagery that ties directly to the “anointing of the Most Holy” is at the Seventh Trumpet.

Something dramatic and wonderful happens in the courts of heaven at that time:

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.... And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.”

(Rev. 11:15, 19)



When the sanctuary in heaven is fully open, all records of the sins of God's people will have been removed. The sanctuary will be **anointed/cleansed**.

When this occurs, the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 will have occurred! "Holiness" will have been "adjudicated." Everything will be pure and clean.

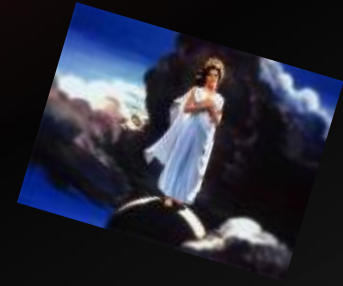
As the temple in heaven is then opened and all the mediatorial work completed, **God's people will be "holy."** He will finally have a "people," a "church," "one body," that is eternally loyal to Him. *"He that is holy, let him be holy still; he that is righteous, let him be righteous still."* (Rev. 22:11)

“In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah, and entering upon His work. **That temple**, erected for the **abode of the Divine Presence**, was designed to be an **object lesson** for Israel and for the world. **From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being**, from the bright and holy seraph to man, **should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator**. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. —→

“God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple. God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit.... In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin,— from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul.” (DA 161)

“The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver.”

(Mal. 3:1-3)



At the end of the 490 years, God's presence will once again fill the temple. That Church will be pure, His people transformed into His likeness. Our challenge today: "Will your 'soul temple' help make up that Church? Is His presence ready to eternally anoint your heart and mind?"

The End

Next Lesson:

**What Happens to Start
that 490-Year Clock?**



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