

## Semester 3 – Week 7 - Class 13

### GOD'S APPOINTED HOUR

God's Way of Salvation – A general review of what we have studied so far.

Romans 3:23 **“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”** Without exception, every human being has sinned.

Romans 6:23 **“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** Two options only; follow Jesus, live eternally or reject Jesus and die the second eternal death.

John 3:16 **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** The same two options in this often quoted verse.

Psalms 77:13 **“Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?”** Jesus is the “way” and is illustrated in every part of the sanctuary as the plan of salvation is so clearly demonstrated.

The Sanctuary – The entrance to the Courtyard – Jesus is the door or gate on the east end; the altar of burnt offering where confession and forgiveness would begin and the sacrifices are made; remembering Jesus shed His precious atoning blood here in the courtyard of planet earth. Then the laver where the ceremonial washing of the priest's hands and feet was necessary before entering the sanctuary.

1 John 1:9 **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, (justification) and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** (sanctification) It is only by the grace of God that our justification and sanctification are possible.

We studied the Daily Ministry that was carried on throughout the year in the first apartment of the sanctuary, the Holy Place.

We also studied how the Old Testament sacrifices pointed forward to Jesus' sacrifice.

Then moving into the Sanctuary – Jesus is the door into the Holy Place where we find 3 articles of furniture. The Golden Lampstand on the south side representing Jesus who is the light of the world. Opposite it on the north side is the Table of Shewbread, representing Jesus who is the bread of life. In the west side of the Holy Place against the veil separating the Holy from the Most Holy, is the altar of incense. This is where incense was burned and blood was placed on the horns of the altar.

Hebrews 9:7 **“But into the second [went] the high priest alone once every year, not without blood which he offered for himself, and [for] the errors of the people:”**

So once a year, the high priest alone went into the second apartment of the sanctuary, the Most Holy Place where only one article of furniture was, the Ark of the Covenant.

Leviticus 16:33 **“And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.”**

**Question:** What was this Day of Atonement?

Leviticus 16:29 **“In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, ...”**

Leviticus 16:30 **“For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.”**

Leviticus 23:27-29 **“Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.”**

We explained how the Day of Atonement was a “Day of Judgment.” Israel was to find out if the sins of the camp, that have been building all year, would be forgiven and the sanctuary would be cleansed.

The only sin that was cleansed out of the sanctuary was the sin that was brought into the sanctuary by the priest because of the confession and repentance of the sinner. Those that did not repent and confess, did not have their sins forgiven. They were “cut off.”

Exodus 25:8, 9 **“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, ...”**

Hebrews 8:1, 2 **“Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: 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.”**

Hebrews 9:11, 12 **“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”**

Hebrews 9:23 **“It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; ...”**

Hebrews 9:24 **“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.”**

Jesus died in the courtyard of planet Earth as the True sacrifice for sin, being the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He was the very sacrifice that for 4,000 years all the animal sacrifices pointed to.

John the Revelator while in vision saw Jesus in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary in the midst of the 7 Golden Candlesticks, where He brought the blood of His sacrifice in 31 AD.

Revelation 1:12, 13 **“And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, ...”**

Hebrews 9:25, 26 **“... as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

Hebrews 9:28 **“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”**

So Jesus who was the sacrifice in the courtyard of Earth, has become the High Priest in the heavenly Sanctuary.

The Temple of God in Heaven was opened to John in vision as he wrote in Revelation 11:19 **“And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:”**

**Question:** What is Jesus doing in the Most Holy Place in heaven?

Revelation 11:18 **“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged...”**

Just as when the high priest went into the Most Holy Place meant it was judgment day, so it is when Jesus enters into the heavenly Most Holy Place. Judgment for mankind begins.

**Question:** When did Jesus enter into the Most Holy Place?

There was an Appointed Time to Judge the World. For that we must go to the Book of Daniel.

Daniel 8:14 **“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”**

**Question:** What did the cleansing of the sanctuary mean?

Simply put it was the Day of Judgment. The cleansing of the sanctuary represents the final judgment.

Daniel 8:14 **“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”**

Daniel 8:17 **“So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.”**

We need to understand the difference between the Time of the End vs. The End of Time. The earth was created approximately 6,000 years ago, however we have been living in the “Time of the End” since 1798. We will however one day reach the “End of Time” when time will be no longer.

Daniel 8:17-19 **“Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.”**

Acts 17:31 **“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained ...”**

Daniel 8:26, 27 **“And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.”**

Daniel fails to understand the vision. Later Gabriel descends to explain it.

Daniel 9:21, 22 **“Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.”**

Daniel 9:23 **“At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.”**

Daniel 9:24 **“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (the Jewish Nation) and upon thy holy city, (Jerusalem) to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy...”**

The word Determined – means cut off or separated from. This is a prophetic period of probationary time allotted to Daniel's people, the Jews. It had a secondary meaning in that this 70 weeks would be cut off from the 2300 day period in Daniel 8:14.

In Bible prophecy regarding prophetic time, a prophetic Day = a literal Year. Proof texts are found in Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34.

Ezekiel 4:6 **“... I have appointed thee each day for a year.”** Therefore the 2300 days in Daniel 8:14 = 2300 years.

The 70 weeks would have 490 prophetic days, which would be 490 literal years which would be cut off from the 2300 years as the first part of the prophecy pertaining to the Jews.

That would leave 1810 years to complete the second part of the prophecy.

With the completion of the 2300 years the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary would begin, which would be the anti-typical Day of Atonement or the time of the Judgment.

**Question:** What was the starting point for the 2300-day and 70-week time prophecies?

Daniel 9:25 **“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks...”** So the starting date would be when the decree to rebuild Jerusalem came forth.

Ezra 6:14 **“And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.”**

Ezra 7:13 **“I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.”**

Ezra 7:8 **“And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which [was] in the seventh year of the king.”** History shows that the fifth month of the seventh year of King Artaxerxes was the fall of 457 BC. Verse 7 verifies that it was King Artaxerxes.

The decree of King Artaxerxes was in 457 BC

The THREE MEDO-PERSIA DECREES CONCERNING JERUSALEM were: Cyrus – 536 BC (Ezra 1:2-4) Instituted the restoration decree; Darius – 519 BC (Ezra 6:6-12) Confirmed the restoration decree; Artaxerxes – 457 BC (Ezra 7:8-13, 20) Fulfilled the restoration Decree

The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given in 457 BC

The 2300 years and the 490 years now has a Starting Date of 457 BC.

There was no zero year as 1 BC was followed by 1 AD. Adding 490 years to 457 BC would take us to the fall of 34 AD.

According to the prophecies of Daniel, God’s covenant with the Jews would cease in 34 AD

What event occurred in the fall of 34 AD? The faithful deacon was taken by the mob to be executed.

Acts 7:59 **“And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”**

In 34 AD, Stephen became the first Christian martyr. The Jewish leaders rejected the Gospel, and it went to the Gentiles, completing the 70 weeks (490 years) of probation for “Daniel’s people”.

Acts 8:1-3 **“And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling (*dragging*) men and women committed them to prison.”**

Paul is then converted on his way to Damascus and is raised up as the apostle to the Gentiles.

Acts 13:45, 46 **“But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, 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.”**

So in 34 AD probation for the Jews ended, they were cut off as the “Chosen People” and the Gospel would go to the Gentiles.

**Question:** What warning had Jesus given to the Jews when He walked among them?

Matthew 21:43 **“Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.”**

**Question:** So who is the other “nation” spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 21:43, which would become His chosen people?

Galatians 3:6-9 **“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.”**

Romans 10:12 **“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.”**

Galatians 3:6, 7 **“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.”**

Galatians 3:29 **“And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**

Romans 8:14 **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”**

Romans 2:28, 29 **“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; ...”**

The 70 Weeks End: 1. Stephen, the first Christian martyr; 2. Jewish leaders reject the gospel; 3. The Gospel goes to the Gentiles.

Daniel 9:25 **“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks...”**

**Question:** The angel said that if you were to count 69 weeks from 457 BC, you would come to Messiah the Prince. Did that happen?

70 Weeks Prophecy: 69 weeks x 7 days = 483 Days

Ezekiel 4:6 **“... I have appointed thee each day for a year.”** 483 Days = 483 Literal Years

483 Years added to 457 BC (No zero year) = 27 AD. **“... unto the Messiah the Prince ...”**

The word “Messiah” means the “Anointed One.”

Luke 3:1-3 **“Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, ... Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.”**

Luke 3:21, 22 **“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”**

Acts 10:37, 38 **“That word, I say, ye know, ... after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: ...”**

**Question:** The word “Messiah” means the “Anointed One”. When was Jesus anointed or baptized?

The fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar was exactly 27 AD. Jesus was baptized on time! Jesus the Messiah was baptized as the anointed One in the Fall of 27 AD.

Mark 1:14, 15 **“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”**

In the 2300 year prophecy, the prophetic period began in 457BC; 483 years later Jesus was anointed (baptized) in 27AD, and Stephen was stoned in 34AD.

There is one prophetic week, or 7 literal years left in the prophecy.

Daniel 9:26 **“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...”**

**Question:** What does it mean to be “cut off”?

Isaiah 53:8 **“He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.”**

**“... for he was cut off out of the land of the living: ...”**

Daniel 9:27 **“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease ...”** The week spoken here is the remaining 7 years. The middle of 7 years is 3-1/2 years. Jesus was baptized in the fall of 27 AD and exactly 3-1/2 years later, the Spring of 31 AD, Jesus was crucified and the sacrificial system was to come to an end. Type met anti-type.

To mark that event, Jesus died at the time of the evening sacrifice in the sanctuary. Recorded in Mark 15:38 **“And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.”**

As the veil was ripping in two from top to bottom, the lamb to be slain was able to escape.

In the midst of the week Christ, the Messiah, would cause the sacrifice to cease.

Some people give the year 30 for when Jesus died. Others may say the year 32. We know Jesus was baptized in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar. If we take the Bible account as listed in the book of John, it lists 4 passovers which came in the Spring and on the 4th passover, Jesus was crucified. If you list those 4 passovers from the fall of 27 A.D., it brings you according to the Bible record to 31 A.D. —exactly in the middle or “midst” of the 70th or final week of the prophecy. Jesus is who He claimed to be. Jesus is the Messiah. He went willingly to Calvary to fulfill Bible prophecy word for word.

**Question:** What is half of seven? 3-1/2 years from the fall of 27 AD leads us to the spring of 31 AD.

The decree went forth in 457 BC. 483 years later Messiah was baptized (anointed) on time in 27 AD. 3-1/2 years later Jesus ended the sacrificial system at the cross in 31 AD. 3-1/2 years later with the stoning of Stephen the Jews were cut off as the chosen people and the Apostle Paul was raised up to bring the gospel to the Gentiles.

Christ was crucified exactly on time.

A Seven Year Tribulation period? There is a futurist doctrine believed by many in Christendom that says a future seven year period where anti-christ will appear and there are two 3-1/2 year periods. They say Christians not caught up in the rapture have a second chance.

Daniel 9:27 **“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week...”**

In Daniel 9: Verse 24 applies to Jesus Christ; Verse 25 applies to Jesus Christ; Verse 26 applies to Jesus Christ. It is only logical that Verse 27 will climax about Jesus Christ.

The choice is Antichrist or Christ. Only the deceived could believe the futurist doctrine.

Romans 15:8 **“Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers.”**

Matthew 26:28 **“For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”**

Hebrews 2:3 **“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.”**

With 490 years of the 2300 years completed there was still 1810 years remaining.

**Question:** According to the angel who spoke with Daniel, what would happen at the end of the 2300 years?

Daniel 8:14 **“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”**

**Question:** What is the cleansing of the sanctuary?

Leviticus 16:30 **“For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.”**

The cleansing of the sanctuary was a day of judgment for Israel, symbolizing the final judgment.

**Question:** When would this cleansing of the sanctuary or final judgment begin?

The fulfillment of the 2300 years would be the sum of 34 AD + the remaining 1810 years = 1844 AD.

In 1844, a Judgment period began and will continue until the final end of this world.

Since the year 1844 we have been living in what the Bible calls “God’s judgment hour.”

The first part of the prophecy was to prepare the world for the first coming of Jesus.

Most people in the time of Christ missed it! The second part of the prophecy is to prepare the world for the second coming of Jesus. Let’s not miss it!!

Daniel 12:4 **“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”**

Revelation 14:7 **“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”**

In review of what we have discussed: In the 2300 year prophecy, the prophetic period began in the fall of 457BC with the decree of King Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem. 483 years later Jesus was annointed (baptized) in the fall of 27AD and crucified 3-1/2 years later in the Spring of 31 AD. 3-1/2 years after that, Stephen was stoned in the fall of 34AD. The 490 year probation period of the Jews was concluded and they were cut off as the chosen people. The apostle Paul was raised up and the gospel went to the Gentiles. All peoples could become Spiritual Israelites. The remainder of the prophecy, 1810 years ended in the fall of 1844, when the judgment began. Jesus moved from the heavenly Sanctuary Holy Place, into the Most Holy place, beginning the anti-typical Day of Atonement. In the fall of 2012, it will mark 168 years the Judgment has been in session. When probation ends, the seven last plagues will be poured out and Jesus will come for His redeemed during the seventh plague.

Right now Jesus is our High Priest in the Most Holy Place.

Let us consider the facts: Baby Jesus – Born on Time; Jesus Teaching – On Time; Jesus Crucified – On Time; Jesus Ascension - On Time; Jesus in Holy Place – On Time

The temple of God was opened in heaven; Jesus in the Heavenly Most Holy Place – On Time

Jesus the Advocate is pleading the cases of the redeemed ones; Jesus' Second Coming will be – On Time.

Jesus can Stand in our behalf if we have gotten the victory over all sin. His blood will cover.

Three of the sweetest words that can be written in the Book of Life next to your name is “Pardoned in Full.”

Revelation 14:7 **“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come...”**

Psalms 77:13 **“Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?”**

The Invitation of Jesus is to whosoever will. Will you?

The plan of salvation is the most remarkable plan that God and Jesus made before the foundation of the world. It has been so beautifully demonstrated in the Sanctuary.

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