

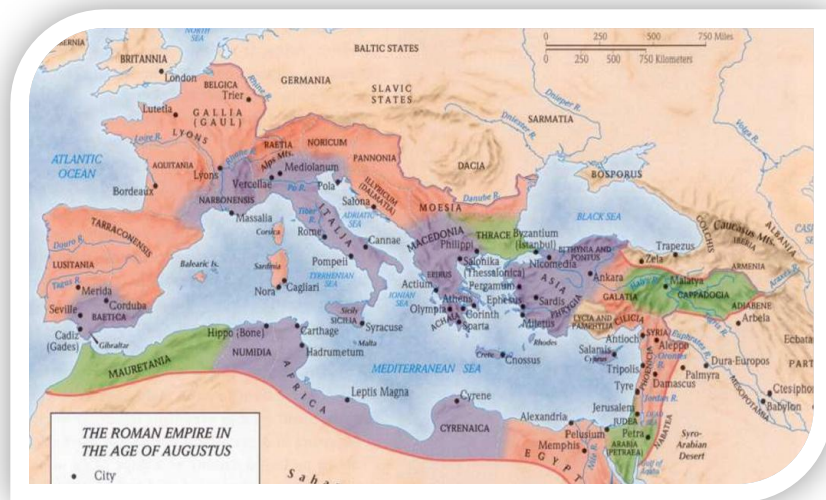
Daniel 8:14

does God have an end-time Church?

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a basic history: Jesus came around the year 0A.D., 2000 years ago. (We all know that). He made disciples and apostles which spread the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire at the time, and then throughout the world.



Later during the medieval (middle ages), the Bible was “resurrected” or brought back to life by the Protest Reformation in the 16th century. By 1500A.D.+/-, North America was being settled by English, Europeans, and explorers, and thus the great nation of the United States was officially established in 1776. Christianity found a home and thrived there, as this country has many churches as you may know.

By 1800A.D., there were Great Awakenings or religious revivals in Christianity, not limited to a particular denomination. Some were led, naturally or inspirationally, to “search the Scriptures”—to look more at the Bible and that included the Prophecies. The 2nd Advent (return of Jesus for the 2nd time, not the “First Coming” which He did 2000 years ago) was also of interest and preached and proclaimed, as the return of Christ technically is a prophecy—a future event. [This is historical although not super-popular or well-known because it happened among some of the Christianity and who was really interested in Christ’s First Coming? Three wise men (Matthew 2:1-2) and even the inn was closed to Him and rather than being born in a palace He was given a stable (Luke 2:7).]



(Matthew 24:42) Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. (44) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

In these studies and prophecies out of the revival and Great Awakening, they were led to or studied the prophetic book of Daniel in the Old Testament, as did famous scientist Isaac Newton, which (or parts of) was “shut up” until the end times:

(Daniel 12:4) "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

They came across a major verse, Daniel 8:14:

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

some similarities or parallels:

In a similar way at His First Coming, Christ preached, marking the termination of a prophecy:

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)

Similarly were the 2nd Advent preachers proclaiming His return. Just as there was a long time prophecy (Daniel 9's 70-weeks) announcing the arrival of Messiah, there was another long time prophecy (Daniel 8's 2300 days) announcing His Return or the time of the end. The Lord works in wonderful, marvelous ways:

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7)

How much more so for a major event like the Second Coming?

(2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

→ We search the Bible for the answers (Isaiah 28:9-10)

(John 5:39) You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. -Jesus

(Jesus said searching the Scriptures talks of or leads to Him; this was only the Old Testament, the Hebrew Tanakh, at the time of the Gospels.)

MAIN TEXT:

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

Real briefly: the (Protestant) Reformation was the reformation of **justification** (by faith).
1844 is the reformation of **sanctification** (by faith).

where are you on this path?

A more common rendering for *cleansed* (in Dan. 8:14) is "to be made righteous", according to Strong's Concordance (H6663). And as *sanctuary* is often rendered or translated "holy" (H6944) [or holy place or holy thing], perhaps an insightful interpretation for Dan. 8:14 is: **then shall the holy place be made righteous!**

There's 3 parts in Dan. 8:14:

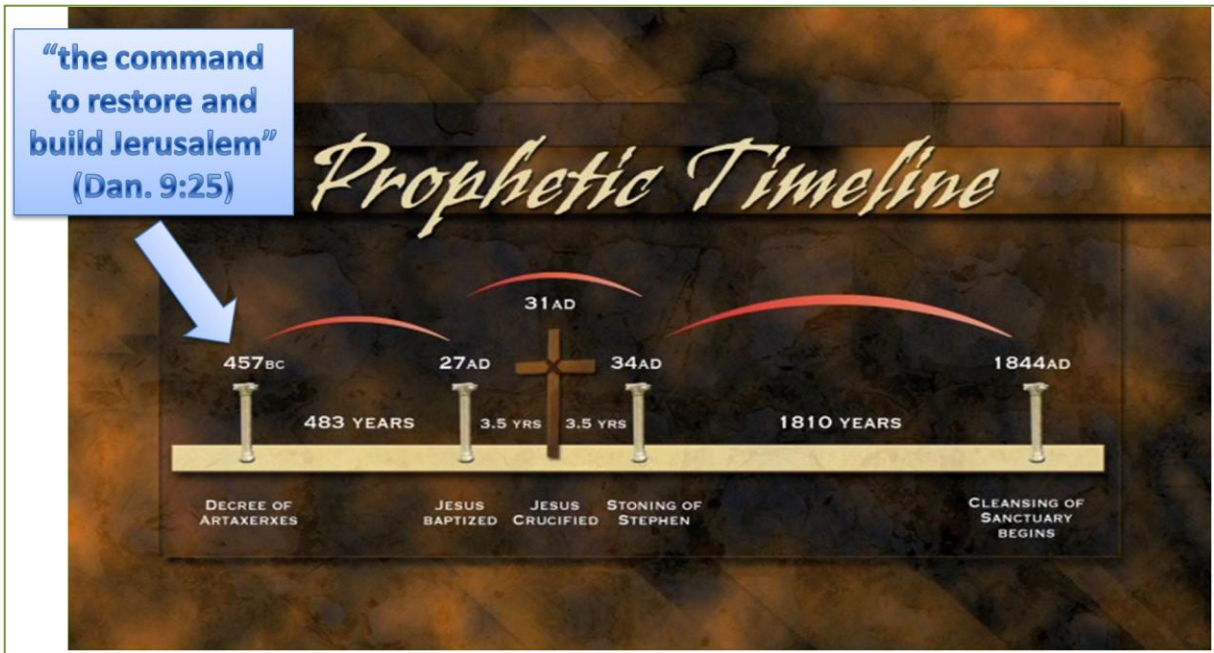
1. **2300 days**
2. **sanctuary**
3. **cleansed**

This is an *advanced study*; we'll look at all three parts.

1. **2300 DAYS**

A day in prophecy often represents a year (using the examples in Numbers 14:34 & Ezekiel 4:5-6). This is the **day-for-a-year principle** (the *historicist* method of interpretation used by many Protestants, <https://amazingdiscoveries.org/read/articles/the-day-for-a-year-principle>) which converts 1 day into 1 year in Bible. For a much more thorough study on the day-for-year principle, download *20 Reasons for day-year principle* (by Pastor Stephen Bohr, Mediafire.com download via <https://tinyurl.com/yfxmud9s>). This day-for-a-year technique **is proven when the next chapter of Daniel 9's 70-week prophecy lands exactly on Jesus Christ** (during His ministry). 😊

We can also study www.amazingfacts.org/study/bible-study-guides/right-on-time-prophetic-appointments-revealed (short link <https://tinyurl.com/5e8h3nae>) for this.



So we have the duration of the Dan. 8:14 prophecy of **2300 years**. When does it start?

Time prophecies have a start, a length or duration, then an end or termination {when the time 'runs out'}. (Notice how Jesus said "The time is fulfilled", above, Mark 1:15.) A time prophecy is kind of like a measuring stick but in time: it has a length, a start and end....:



When does the 2300 days or years start?

Daniel didn't understand the vision of chapter 8 and needed instruction (Dan. 8:16, 19, 26-27) and:

Daniel 9:21-23 yes, while I *was* speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. (22) And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. (23) At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell *you*, for you *are* greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

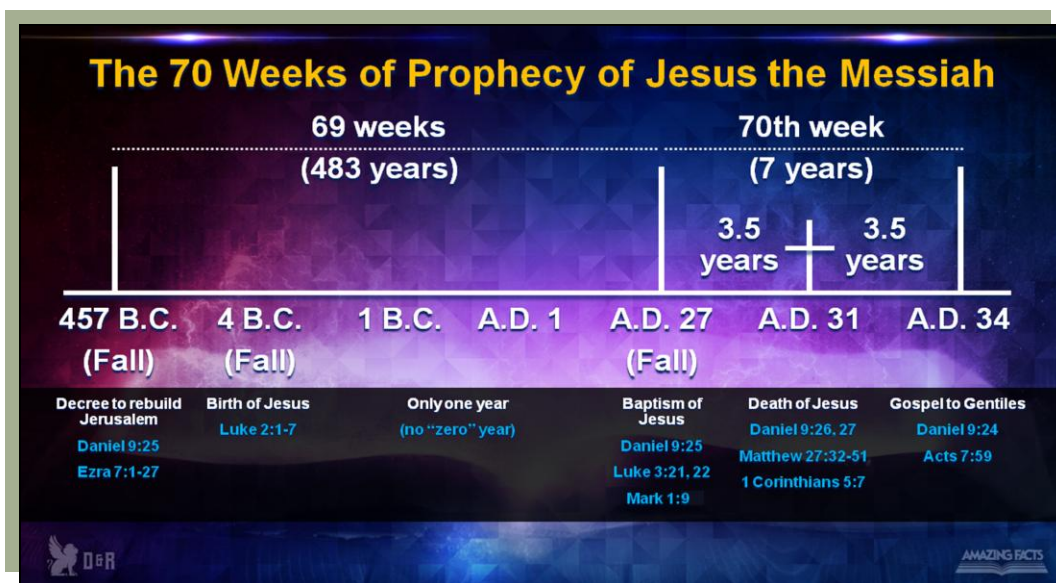
Gabriel, an angel (Luke 1:19 and “flies swiftly” Dan. 9:21) is sent to help him understand the vision (Dan. 8:16) and immediately after Daniel’s prayer in chapter 9 the angel goes into the **Seventy Weeks prophecy**:

Daniel 9:24-26 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city.... (25) "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.... (26) "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off....

70 weeks are “determined” or *cut off* or divided/determined (Strong’s Concordance, New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance, and Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew Definitions). This is implying or indicating that of the “2300 days”, [the first] 70 weeks are determined or “set aside” for the purposes of Daniel 9:24-27. So the first part of the 2300 days is the prophecy in Daniel 9 (the 70 weeks). In the 70-week prophecy:

(**Daniel 9:25**) "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 first 69 weeks (7 + 62) starts: “**from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem**” (Dan. 9:25). This is the start of the 70-week prophecy; thus it is also the start of the 2300 days (Dan. 8). So we need to look for the command To restore and build Jerusalem.



The two periods begin together (2300 days and 70 weeks)

{Recall that Jerusalem had been sacked by Nebuchadnezzar and God's people went to Babylon.}

The decree to rebuild Jerusalem (Dan. 9:25)

There's more than 3 decrees in the book of Ezra! (mentioned in Ezra 6:14). {There's even a ~decree or permission in Nehemiah and a letter out of chronological place (in Ezra chapter 4).} So we have to dig. ☺

Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)

3 decrees (by Persian kings)

1. **Cyrus** (in 1:1-3, 6:3, 5:13), "in the first year of King Cyrus" (1:1).
2. **Darius** "seconded" Cyrus' decree (in 6:7-12) or reinstated it due to the work halting-- Darius' approved restarting the work after examining Cyrus' documents (5:17-6:3)
3. **Artaxerxes** in 7:12-23, "in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes" (7:7).

A 4th is a non-chronological decree also from Artaxerxes (in 4:21), but it is not a decree to the Jews but to their enemies, and later a permission (letters) from a later Artaxerxes w/ Nehemiah (2:1,5-8), "in the 20th year of his reign" (2:1).

Ezra chapter:	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10
king in focus:	Cyrus			Artaxerxes	Darius	Darius	Artaxerxes			

**this is the chapter out of sequence, out of chronological order*

There's usually variation in the dates of history; sometimes just a few years (but could be more)—not all scholars or sources report the same date. ☹

Persian King	Dates of their reign (B.C.)
Cyrus II "the Great"*	559 – 530
Cambyses II	530 – 522
Darius I	522 – 486
Xerxes I (known as Ahasuerus in book of Ester)	485 – 465
Artaxerxes I	465 – 424

**559BC was when Cyrus took over Persia; 530 when he conquered Babylon*

For a detailed list of events in Ezra concerning the building toward the temple and the city, to see the flow and how these events develop, visit www.1844paper.org/ezra .

Concerning building the city:

The Jews had already started building (4:12), had interference and politics (4:13+), ceased (4:24), and Artaxerxes funded them (chapter 7). [Remember, chapter 4 is out of order.]

analysis:

Cyrus (**decree #1**) only authorized the *temple* to be built, not the city of Jerusalem (per Daniel 9:25). Darius (**decree #2**) really only ‘seconded’ and reinstated Cyrus’ decree. Artaxerxes (**decree #3**) provided funding for AFTER the temple was finished (Ezra 6:15)--so what was that money really going toward w/ Artaxerxes decree (in chapter 7)? By the time of Nehemiah, the wall of Jerusalem was broken (Nehemiah 1:3), showing that some of Jerusalem had already been rebuilt.

Ezra chapter 4, which is out-of-chronological order (as the letter is addressed to Artaxerxes but with the Bible flow we are in the middle of Darius’ reign in chap. 4), indicated there was building happening in the city, not just with the temple. But this can only come AFTER chapter 7, because chapter 4 is a letter to Artaxerxes, inserted into the Bible, and the first real decree in the Bible from Artaxerxes is in chapter 7. (Remember Dan. 9:25: “from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem”.) *[You may want to see the above link for event details.]*

the chapter 4 factor:

Looking at Artaxerxes’ efforts (chapters 4 & 7), chapter 4, according to enemy’s reports, the Jews were busy building. And chapter 7 accounts mostly for massive or generous funding being sent to Jerusalem via Ezra. Therefore, it is logical or reasonable that chapter 4 occurred *after* chapter 7, that is, the chapter 4 building occurred after the funding given in chapter 7 (after the 7th year of Artaxerxes, Ezra 7:7). If it was the other way around, that chapter 4’s efforts occurred before the funding of chapter 7, funding for the city and not just the temple is not found in book of Ezra.

Basically, authority is given in chapter 7; work is done in chapter 4. This all falls under the decree Artaxerxes provided in chapter 7, with chapter 4 being out of place in sequence, but occurring after chapter 7, thus after his decree. The wording in chapter 7 does not explicitly

state that Ezra could restore and rebuild Jerusalem, but the events mentioned in chapter 4 indicate that it was going on.

Conclusion:

Many people went back to Jerusalem and Judah during the the first (Cyrus') decree: thousands of people (Ezra 2). They dwelt in various cities (2:70), so not just personnel for the temple.

The first two decrees (Cyrus & Darius) involved building the temple (Ezra 1:1-4, 3:8, 4:1, 3, 5:2-3, 8-9, 11, 13, 15-16, 6:3, 7-8, ending in the time of Darius: 6:1,13), not the whole city. The temple was finished during Darius (6:15). With the temple built, now in chapter 7 comes Ezra & the third decree: Artaxerxes.

A major clue is in Ezra 6:14 (here using *Young's Literal Translation*)

(Ezra 6:14 YLT) and the elders of the Jews are building and prospering through the prophecy of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah son of Iddo, and they have built and finished by the decree of the God of Israel, and by the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

1. The “decree of God” can hint at God’s prophecy in the 70 weeks (Daniel 9:25)
2. The decrees required by all 3 kings mentioned here. Thus Cyrus’ alone didn’t do it, but through **Artaxerxes, which was in 457B.C. (decree #3).**

All 3 decrees mention or focus on rebuilding the temple (the house for God). But Artaxerxes’ 7:25-26 also talks about restoring the laws in Jerusalem—a government structure—so the city is being planned or developed by this time in chapter 7 (also v.14, 21):

Ezra 7:25-26 And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who *are in the region* beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know *them*. (26) Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether *it be* death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

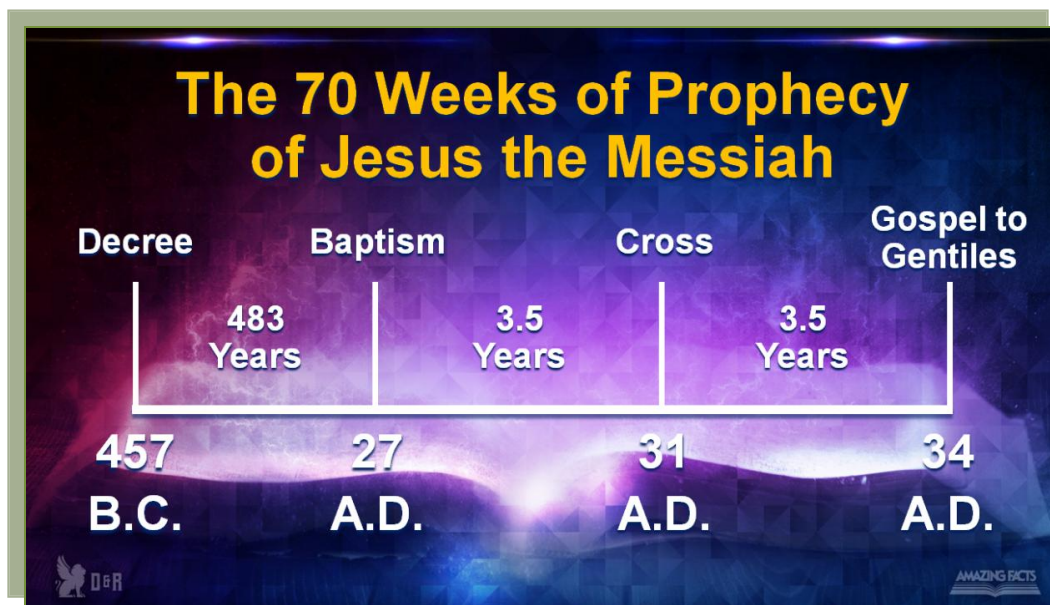
So why Artaxerxes (**decree #3**)?

1. the first 2 decrees (Cyrus & Darius) only dealt with the temple
2. Artaxerxes commands covered more but included the temple (Ezra 4 & 7)
3. Ezra was prepared to “give the Law”, therefore govern the land, indicating the city and not just the temple
4. building in the city was already happening by Nehemiah’s time (Neh. 1:3)
5. **So it took all 3 decrees (Ezra 6:14) for the command to rebuild Jerusalem (Dan. 9:25), specifically by the 3rd decree, “in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes” (7:7), which has been identified as 457B.C.**

As one writer expresses it: “These three kings, in originating, reaffirming, and completing the decree, brought it to the perfection required by the prophecy to mark the beginning of the 2300 years. [Artaxerxes] is the one who in 457 B.C. issued the third and final decree for the restoration of Jerusalem.”

- E.G. White, *The Great Controversy* (p. 326.3) and *Prophets & Kings* (p. 607.1)

Ultimately, using the **day-for-a-year principle** and Artaxerxes’ decree in 457A.D., **fits and aligns right on time with Jesus’ ministry** (like above and below graphics). The 70 weeks is a nice way to check that we measured right .



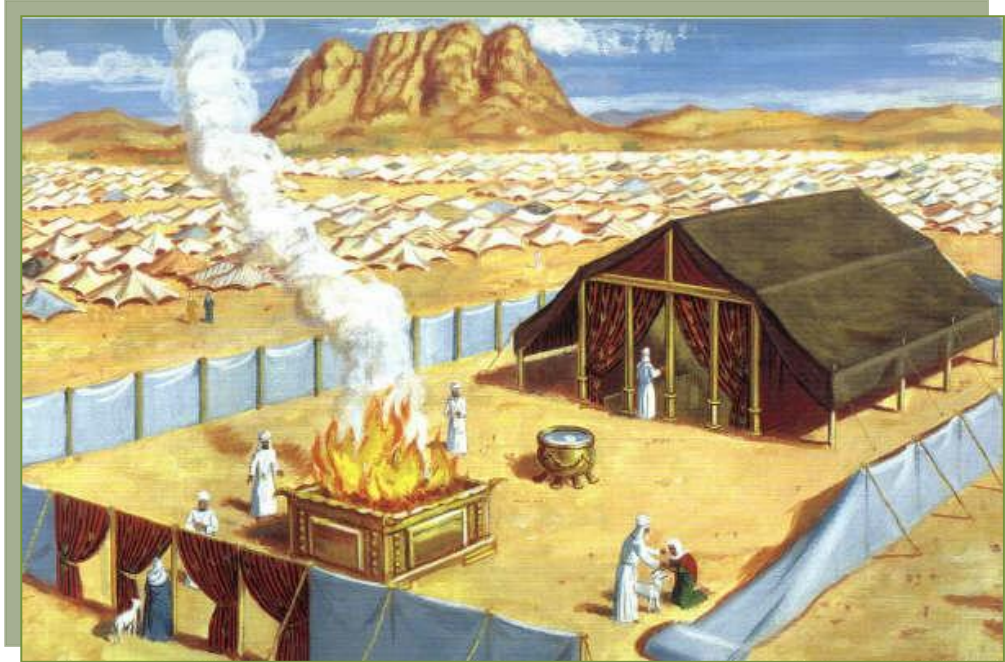
For some side notes on Ezra:

- why were pagan kings nice (sometimes)?
 - why does God punish? • 70 years in Babylon
- visit www.1844paper.org/ezra

2. SANCTUARY

What is the sanctuary? The “sanctuary” WAS the earthly tabernacle in the wilderness or temple of animal sacrifices:

But the animal sacrifices now and have been no effect since Christ is the sacrifice for us (1st Corinthians 5:7), we don’t sacrifice animals anymore because of Jesus, the “Lamb



of God" (John 1:36). With Daniel’s vision referring to “time of the end” (Daniel 8:17), this is way beyond the literal temple service of Old Testament times. In other words, 2300 days, or 2300 years, puts us way beyond the Jewish tabernacle for Daniel’s prophecy, so this literal sanctuary is not the one mentioned in the prophecy of Daniel 8:14.

However, there is a SANCTUARY IN HEAVEN! This is mentioned in the New Testament book of Hebrews, of which this earthly, old “Moses” one was a “shadow” or type:

Hebrews 8:1-2 NKJV 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, (2) a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Hebrews 8:3...5 NKJV For every high priest ... (5) who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, “

Hebrews 9:1 Then indeed, even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

So there is indeed and actually a sanctuary in heaven! Hard to believe, perhaps, but we get it from the Bible, we take it by faith (in the Scripture). In fact, John the Revelator (who wrote the last book in the Bible, Revelation, by inspiration), says he sees such things in his visions!:

(Revelation 11:19) Then the **temple** of God was opened in heaven, and the **ark** of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

It says there was the temple in heaven, and the ark of the covenant (which contained the 10 Commandments)...he sees all this in heaven, confirming these things exist. (Remember, we take it by faith in the teachings of the Bible.)



Also, in Revelation 14-16, angels keep coming out of the temple in heaven and:

(Revelation 15:5) After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

The future great city, New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10) says that the (heavenly) temple is no more—we won't need it in heaven:

(Revelation 21:22) But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

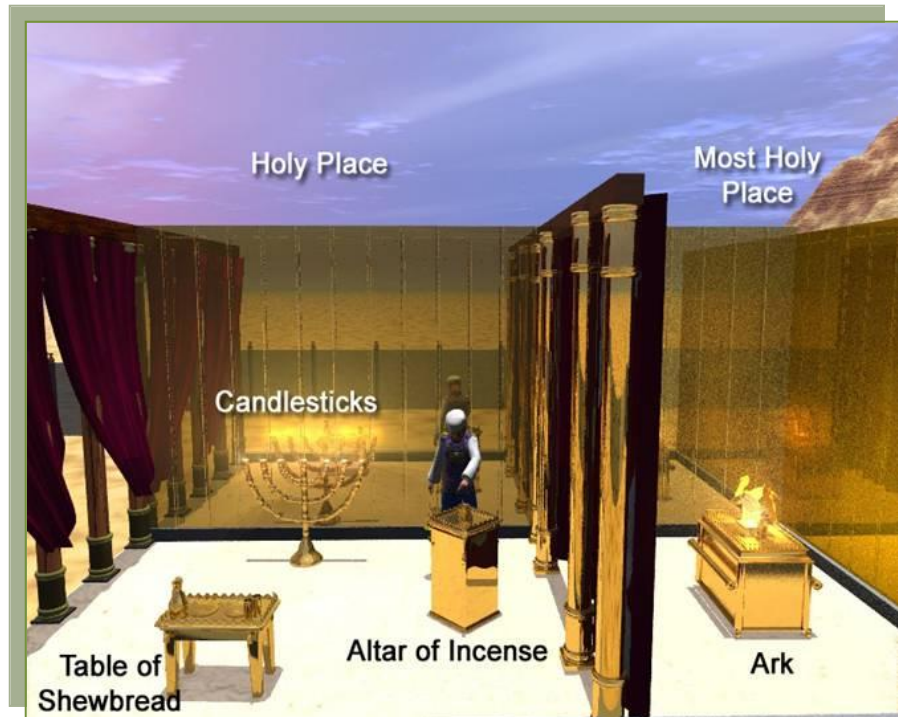
All of these texts toward the end of the Bible (Hebrews and Revelation) confirm there is an actual temple in heaven, of which the old "Moses" sanctuary was a 'type' or shadow, a replica or model from which we learn about the heavenly.

So the sanctuary in Dan. 8:14 is the heavenly temple.

3. **CLEANSSED**

What is the *cleansing* of the sanctuary, mentioned in Dan. 8:14? Again, because the Old Testament earthly sanctuary was a model or type; we learn about the heavenly service from the earthly. (We look at the *shadow* to try to comprehend the reality of the figure casting the shadow.) Inside the 'tent' or tabernacle, there were two places: the *holy* (left side) and *most holy* with the ark of 10 Commandments (right side):

In the *holy* (left side) the priest went in daily, but into the last compartment, the *most holy*, the high priest could only go in once a year for a special service, called the Day of Atonement (celebrated as Yom Kippur in Judaism). This annual service was a *cleansing* service for all the sins that were brought into the sanctuary (through the animal sacrifices, which were substitutes for the confessor's sins.) The literal service:



Leviticus 16:2-3 and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at *just* any time into the Holy *Place* inside the veil, before the mercy seat which *is* on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. (3) "Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy *Place*: with *the blood of* a young bull as a sin offering, and *of* a ram as a burnt offering.

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

Leviticus 16:4 He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his

body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These *are* holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. [These are symbols for Jesus, His righteousness and clean garments.]

(Leviticus 16:32) And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; [again, he is a symbol for Christ]

(Leviticus 16:6) "Aaron [who is the high priest, representing Christ] shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. [and v.11]

(Leviticus 16:16,19) So he shall make atonement for the Holy *Place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. (19) Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

By the way, the "sins" were ultimately placed on the scapegoat, and sent away from the congregation:

(Leviticus 16:10) But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, *and* to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness. [and v.20-22]

And the New Testament explains:

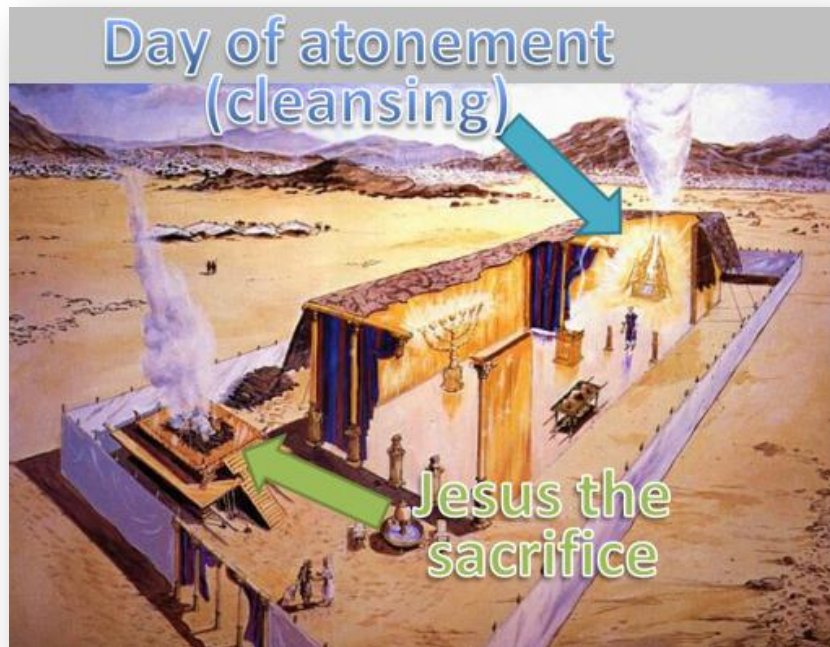
Hebrews 9:6-12 (minus v.10) Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing *the services*. (7) But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the people's sins *committed* in ignorance; (8) the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. (9) It 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 (11) 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. (12) Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

When did Christ enter the Most Holy Place?—not during the Jewish tabernacle; He wasn't there for any of it except during His ministry.... And v.8 corroborates with the prophecy (Daniel 8) as it was not revealed until the end-times.

Hebrews 9:23-24 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. (24) For 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;

There was a cleansing of sin. Christ is doing it in the **heavenly sanctuary**, using His own blood (His sacrifice). Again, we learn about the *heavenly* by studying the earthly tabernacle. The Day of Atonement service.



{ You may need to study the sanctuary service; recommended is chapter

23 "What is the Sanctuary?" in Ellen White's "The Great Controversy", free at:

www.ellenwhiteaudio.org/great-controversy

or www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6WB2sjA-ck (short link <https://tinyurl.com/3tcexrby>) }

or study here for the sanctuary, "God Drew The Plans" Bible study at
www.amazingfacts.org/study/bible-study-guides/god-drew-the-plans
(short link <https://tinyurl.com/ytyetjlx>)

FINALLY (PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER)



2300 days (of Daniel 8:14) brings us to 1844A.D., the start of the cleansing of the sanctuary. JESUS PUTTING AWAY OUR SINS! [This is really good news!](#)

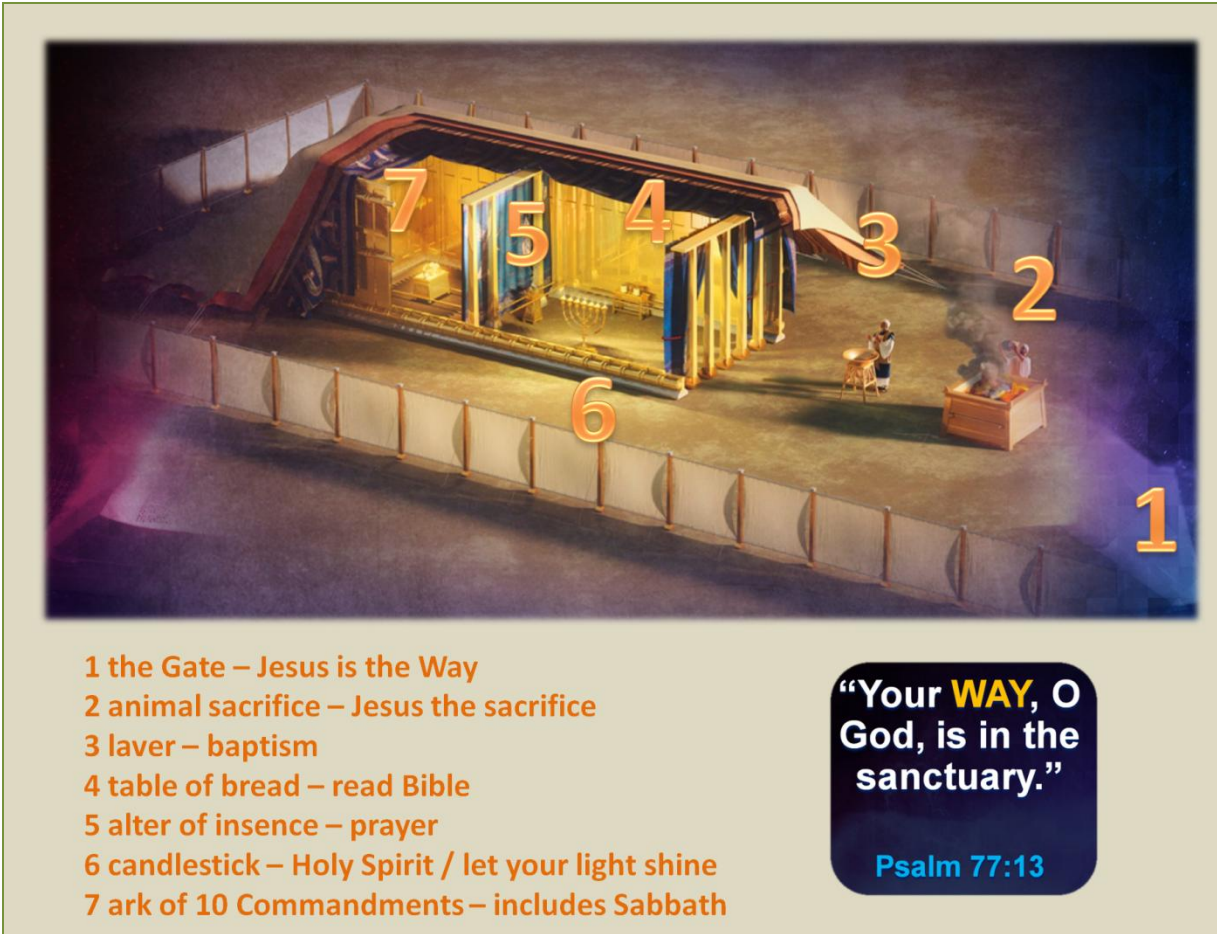


Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and the 'earthly sanctuary' shows us that it didn't all end with just the animal sacrifice; the high priest took the blood and did things with it, ultimately purging our sins from "our universe" and getting rid of them. As far as we're concerned, when we accept Jesus or His sacrifice for us, our sins are "gone"—from our perspective. We have a clear conscience. But the service shows that God still has a (larger) plan for sins, to "process them" as if in a factory or even one of those car wash tunnels, to get rid of them forever. Yes, indeed, praise God:

(Micah 7:19) He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Psalms 103:11-12 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *So* great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; (12) As far as the east is from the west, *So* far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Our sins are removed in concept like these verses indicate, praise to God and Jesus! God's Bible, through the sanctuary service, gives more details on how this actually happens. Praise to our Lord, THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT! He's our sacrifice and High priest (thus justification and sanctification).



BOTTOM LINE

Time is running out, with Jesus cleansing the (heavenly) sanctuary or temple of our sins. The Gospel is, and always has been, a **LIMITED TIME OFFER!** Act now!

Have you accepted Jesus as your savior? Have you confessed your sins to Him in prayer? 1844 is a sign that this world is coming to a close, so please do it! We won't be disappointed! 😊

(1 Corinthians 2:9) But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which god has prepared for those who love him."

Need the Gospel—not sure about salvation?

Study here Amazing Facts bible study "Saved from Certain Death" at
www.amazingfacts.org/study/bible-study-guides/saved-from-certain-death

(short link <https://tinyurl.com/55an7vyd>)

What about an end-time Church or where do I go?

Daniel's prophecy (8:14) is until the time of the end (Dan. 8:19, 26). The "cleansing of the sanctuary" is the final work of atonement—there's no other compartment or service symbolized in the earthy sanctuary. Jesus is putting away of sins for this 'final countdown offer' of the gospel. This involves a work of investigation, of judgment, on God's part.

"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 14:7)

So this is the final time of His judgment, the end-time. Where can you get ready for this?

Seventh-day Adventist church

- beliefs: www.adventist.org/beliefs
- church locator: www.adventistlocator.org
- note: it's Saturday mornings—ask 'em about it!



You are welcome, please check it out

"Of all the great religious movements since the days of the apostles, none have been more free from human imperfection and the wiles of Satan than was that of the autumn of 1844."

-Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p401.3. Amazing book, free at
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