



# The 2300 Days Prophecy and the Sanctuary

## Part 8 - Into The Sanctuary - The Courtyard.



### HIGHER LEVEL MINISTRIES

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

Philippians Chapter 2 verse 5

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There are many doctrines that the Christian world has come to understand. These doctrines have come from the various Christian denominations which existed long before the Seventh Day Adventist Church was formed. At its inception, These fundamental beliefs were adopted into our church and we are indebted to the reformers of all Christendom. But there is one unique doctrine that no other Christian church has brought to the forefront than the Seventh Day Adventist Church. This is the doctrine of the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary doctrine is based on Daniel 8:14, which is a time prophecy, and the book of Hebrews, which explains how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament sanctuary service. Adventists see the sanctuary service as a picture of Christ's ministry from His atonement at the cross to His ongoing work as High Priest in heaven. The Sanctuary teaching enables us to see the complete Gospel presented in the Old Testament. It shows God's plan of redemption for man and how God deals with the issue of sin and its final removal from the universe. The Sanctuary also points to the work of mediation and judgment that Jesus must complete before He returns to this world. This is the gospel for our time. It is the key to unlocking and seeing the beauty of God's final message for all of humanity.

**1.** What does the Bible say about the Sanctuary in relation to Gods' plan of redemption? **Psalms 77:13** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The sanctuary was a three-dimensional model given to show God's way of salvation. The sanctuary is mentioned throughout the Bible, and involves a wide variety of symbols and ceremonies. Moses followed God's "blueprint" to build the sanctuary. End every symbol and ceremony was significant. Our journey of salvation starts in the East and ends in the West in the presence of God. (**Psalm 103:12**) The sanctuary outlines the complete gospel story in detail. It presents a God of judgement and mercy, and demonstrates how God will ultimately and eternally solve the sin problem.

**Let's look at how each piece of furniture in the courtyard and the sanctuary represent Jesus... Entering The Outer Court...**

**2a.** What were the curtains of the outer court made of? **Exodus 27:9** – \_\_\_\_\_

**2b.** What did the linen curtains represent? **1 Peter 1:18-19, Leviticus 16:4, Isaiah 61:10, Revelation 7:13-14 & 19:7-9** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon entering the gate of the sanctuary, you would arrive at the outer court. It is here at the gate that our experience and journey begins...**

3. How are we to enter into the court yard? **Psalm 100:4 & Psalm 84:1-2** – \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** These Psalms have a dual application. They referred to the literal tabernacle where the sinner was to enter with confession, thanksgiving and praise. But they also point to a time when Christ has completed His priestly work and the redeemed of all ages will enter into the city of God!

4. There was only one way, or gate, into the outer court. How was this significant concerning Jesus? **John 10:9 and John 14:6** – \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** As we think of world views that state there are many ways to God, Jesus made the following statement in **John 10:1-2** – 1 *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.”*

**In The Outer Court:** Upon entering the gate of the tabernacle, one would come face to face with the Altar of Sacrifice and The Laver or Basin...

**The Altar of Sacrifice (Burnt Offering):** *Read Exodus 27:1-5* –

5. How did the Altar represent Jesus? **John 1:29** – \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** God’s people, like Noah and the Patriarchs, would build altars to God either for a sin offering or a thank offering; and through this they would renew their covenant relationship with God. The altar of sacrifice was the place where the patriarchs came to confess their sins and receive forgiveness. The thank offering was a daily reminder that God is our provider and sustainer...

6a. How does the blood poured out at the base of the altar, apply to Christ? **Leviticus 4:7** – \_\_\_\_\_

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6b. How was this fulfilled in Christ? **Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24 and Luke 22:20 and Hebrews 12:24** – \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Why was it necessary for blood to be applied? **Hebrews 9:22** – \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** The four horns on the Altar can be applied to the four people groups that we see in **Leviticus 4:3, 13-14, v22-23 and 27-28.**

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**Note:** The journey of the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land began with a sacrifice and the blood of the Passover lamb (**Exodus 12:3-11**). Likewise, our journey to heaven begins by accepting Jesus as the sacrificed Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (**1 Peter 1:18-19**).

### The Altar of Sacrifice = The Sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary

### The Laver (or Basin): Read Exodus 30:18 –

6. How did the Laver or Basin represent Jesus? **Titus 3:5** and **John 4:10** –

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**Note:** After the altar was the laver, where priests would wash their hands and feet. **Exodus 30:17-21**.

After departing Egypt, the Hebrews passed through the Red Sea. The apostle Paul said this was a symbol of baptism: **1 Corinthians 10:1-2**.

7. When did Jesus' ministry begin? **Matthew 3:13-15** –

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**Note:** The Laver is also a symbol of our baptism and a cleansing of our unrighteousness: We must be born of the water and the blood of Christ if we want to enter into Heaven. **1 John 5:6** and **John 3:4-5**.

### The Laver or Basin = Jesus As The Living Water

**Note:** The earthly sanctuary represented the sanctuary in heaven. (**Exodus 27:9** and **Hebrews 8:1-2**.) The blueprint of the sanctuary shows three phases that Christ must complete in His ministry: The Courtyard, The Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. The Bible shows that the courtyard phase representing the baptism and crucifixion of Jesus was completed, while on this earth. The courtyard enables us to understand the role that Jesus fulfilled, and helps us to see how each phase applies to us and our own Christian journey.

**In our next lesson we will look at the Holy Place...**



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