

HOW TO SURVIVE
THE
SEVEN
LAST PLAGUES

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THE AUTHOR'S FOREWORD
TO
HOW TO SURVIVE
THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

In the Scriptures the “*Seven Last Plagues*” are also known as the “*wrath of God.*”

“...seven angels having the *seven last plagues*; for in them is filled up the *wrath of God.*” Rev. 15:1,7; 16:1.

The seven last plagues, known as the “wrath of God,” are described in Revelation, chapter 16; but the warning regarding them is given in Revelation 14, in the **third angel’s message** as follows:

“And the **third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark [of authority] in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the *wrath of God [or the seven last plagues]*.” Rev. 14:9,10.

Not only does the third angel’s message give warning against receiving the seven last plagues, but it also describes those who survive these plagues, as follows:

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”
Rev. 14:12.

Since 1844, the people of God have had *inside information* as to *HOW* the last generation, who “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus,” can survive the wrath of God or seven last plagues.

This secret *inside information* has come to them from the Lord Himself through a prophetic messenger who wrote:

“The third angel closes his message thus: Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. As he repeated these words, **he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary.** The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to **the Most Holy Place** where Jesus stands before the ark, making his **final intercession.**”

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This secret *inside information* as to how to survive the seven last plagues is locked up in the message of the third angel and is a knowledge and understanding of what is involved in this “**final intercession**” which is now going on in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. That is the subject of this book.

No other information is so vital to those who will go through the final conflict; and no other subject so feared and hated by Satan for he knows that it will be the cause of his downfall and the triumph of the sealed 144,000!

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE ***in its positive and negative aspects***

“The third angel’s message embraces so much.”
8 *Testimonies* 181,182.

1. The Third Angel’s Message Has Both a *Positive* and a *Negative* aspect.

THE NEGATIVE WARNING **of the third angel**

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the *wrath of God*, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation, and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

Rev. 14:9-11.

THE POSITIVE PROMISE of the third angel

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” Rev. 14:12,13.

The third angel’s message was not understood nor proclaimed until after the Great Disappointment of 1844. Jesus did not come “in the clouds of heaven” to this earth as expected by the Advent believers. Those who were faithful went back to the Bible to find the reason for their mistake. Their cross-reference study led them to the Old Testament descriptions of the sanctuary built by Moses and to the book of Daniel.

In Daniel, chapter 7, they found that Christ had come, not to this earth as expected, but that “...the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, [the heavenly Father] and they brought him near before him... the judgment was set and the books were opened.” Dan. 7:13 and 10.

The sanctuary built by Moses was a type of the sanctuary which is in heaven. (See Heb. 8,9.) As the earthly sanctuary had two apartments, so the heavenly sanctuary had two apartments, and in 1844, Jesus did not come to this earth as expected but had passed from the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary to the second to begin a new work, which was called the “*final intercession*.”

Not until after 1844, and not until the third angel’s message was given was this “final intercession” brought to view.

The Positive: Jesus in the Most Holy Place

The third angel's message, in its negative warning, reveals the antichrist; but it also brought the promise that the true Christ, in the Most Holy Place, is now making that "final intercession" for His people.

"...the minds of all who embrace this message [of the third angel] are directed to the Most Holy Place where Jesus stands before the ark, making his *final intercession*."

Early Writings 254.

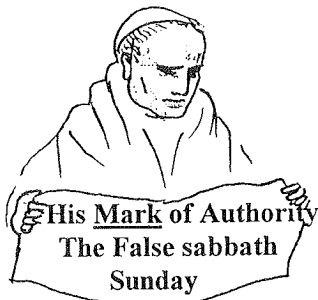
Jesus Making the "Final Atonement"

It is this "*final intercession*" which is the secret *inside information* that will enable the 144,000 of Rev. 7 and 14 to survive the seven last plagues, and live to see the Second Coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven.

The "*final intercession*" in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary is known by *ten different terms* which describe the different facets of the work that Jesus does for the salvation of His people. These terms are seen in the following picture. After the picture, these ten terms are defined and explained.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

NEGATIVE
(ANTICHRIST)

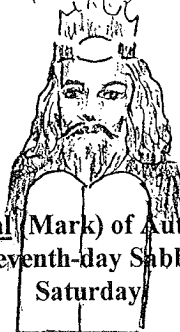


"If any man *worship* the beast and his image, and receive his mark...the same shall drink of *wrath of God*..."Rev. 14:9,10.

(which is)

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POSITIVE
(CHRIST)



His Seal (Mark) of Authority
The Seventh-day Sabbath
Saturday

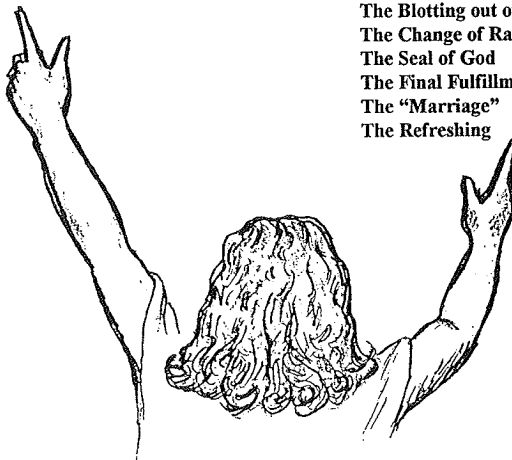
"...*worship* him that made the heaven and earth, and the sea, ...the hour of His *judgment* is come." Rev. 14:6-12.

(the only escape from)

THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

by

The Investigative Judgment and
The Final Intercession
The Final Atonemen (at-one-ment)
The Cleansing of the Sanctuary
The Blotting out of Sins and the
The Change of Raiment
The Seal of God
The Final Fulfillment of the Covenant
The "Marriage"
The Refreshing



THE THIRD ANGEL

FINAL INTERCESSION TERMINOLOGY

1. "Final Intercession"
2. "Final Atonement"
3. "Cleansing of the Sanctuary"
4. "Investigative Judgment"
5. "Blotting Out of Sin"
6. "Seal of the Living God"
7. "Change of Raiment"
8. "Complete Fulfillment of the New Covenant Promise"
9. "Marriage"
10. "Refreshing"

Although these terms are all old information which has been "in the books" for over a century, they have been lost. These concepts have not been presented to many newer members, and not generally understood, or forgotten by the "sleeping virgins." Therefore, it is necessary to review, define and explain each term that is listed above, before the "*final intercession*" is given full significance in the minds of God's people, and linked to the problem and solution of how to survive the seven last plagues.

**DEFINITIONS OF
“FINAL ATONEMENT”
TERMINOLOGY**

1. **“Final Intercession”**

- “final”** 1. end. boundary. a. not to be altered or undone.
B. relating to a concluding court action or proceeding.
C. 2. Coming at the end: being the last in a series, process, or progress. *Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary.*

“intercession” 2. prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another. *Ibid.*

Therefore, the “final intercession” of Jesus is that “concluding court action” in heaven, in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, in which Jesus makes His final petition. It is the concluding action of His ministry for His people.

2. **“Final Atonement”**

“atonement” “man’s oneness with God.” *Ibid.*

The word, “atonement” may also be understood as an “at-one-ment” with God. Sin has separated man from God. Man becomes one with God by four steps as follows:

THE FOUR PHASES OF AT-ONE-MENT

1. The **Incarnation** of Christ, when He took upon Himself *man's* human flesh. "they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**" Matt. 1:23.
2. The **Sacrificial Atonement** at the crucifixion, A.D. 31, when Jesus took upon Himself mans' death penalty. "thou shalt call his name Jesus – Jehovah's salavation, for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.
3. The **Final Atonement** scene is described in Dan. 7:10-14. There Jesus makes legal claim, before the universe, for each individual person to be a member of His kingdom.
4. The **Second Coming**, when Jesus will literally take His people "that where I am, there ye may be also."
John 14:3.

The "**Final Atonement**" is described in Lev. 16; Matt. 22:11-13, Daniel, chapters 7-9, Revelation, chapters 4 and 5; also chapter 20:12. It refers to the concluding work of Jesus, the High Priest in His work in the heavenly sanctuary to overcome sin in the lives of His people, and to bring them back into complete harmony with the laws and character of God.

3. "**The Cleansing of the Sanctuary**"

The sanctuary, built by Moses was a *type* of the heavenly sanctuary described in the book of Hebrews. The earthly sanctuary was a learning tool by which God instructed man as to how the sin-problem is handled in heaven. In Israel, all through the year, animal sacrifices **pointed forward to the death of Christ in 31 A.D.** The penalty for sin had been paid, but the records of sin still remained in the Holy Place.

The 10th day of the 7th month of the Hebrew calendar, the typical “Day of Atonement,” *pointed forward to another work of Christ* (not as a sacrifice, but as a priest,) which revealed a *final disposal of all the sinful records of God’s people.* In Israel, all through the year, as men sacrificed their lambs (which pointed in type to Jesus), the priests took the blood of those lambs into the holy place as a record of their confessed sins and requests for pardon. This action was a type of the recording angels who take the records of our lives, our confessions of sins, and requests to be forgiven, to heaven.

On the 10th day of the 7th month, which was called “The Day of Atonement” or “Day of Judgment” *yom kippur*, the high priest went into the holy place, *symbolically* picked up all the accumulated records of sins and took them into the Most Holy Place. There, in type, he placed the records of confessed sins upon the Mercy Seat. Then with the blood of “the Lord’s goat,” (which represented the blood of Jesus,) he “blotted out” all the records of sin. This is explained in detail in Leviticus, chapter 16.

The symbolic “Day of Atonement” rite was intended to teach all men that toward the end of earth’s history, in the heavenly sanctuary, there would be a time when the records of confessed sins would be *blotted out*. God has promised, “And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” Heb. 10:17.

The records of sin defiled or made the earthly sanctuary *unclean*. It was the blotting out of the sinful records which *“cleansed the sanctuary.”* The earthly sanctuary rite was a type of the heavenly sanctuary, which would finally have all the records of confessed sins of God’s people blotted out so that the heavenly sanctuary would also be cleansed. The time for the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary was given in the prophecy of Daniel 8:14. It says:

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

Dan. 8:14.

The angel instructed Daniel how to count out the 2300 day-years in chapter 9. He said to Daniel, “Know therefore, and understand, that [you begin to count out the 2300] *from* the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem” [which occurred in 457 B.C.]. Using the well-known Year-day Principle of Eze. 4:6 and Num. 14:34, in which a prophetic-symbolic day represents a literal year, it was simple to count out 2300 years from 457 B.C to reach to the date of A.D. 1844. Therefore, the “*final intercession*” or “*final atonement*” or “*cleansing of the sanctuary*” began in heaven toward the end of the history of the world, in A.D. 1844.

In A.D. 1844, which ended the 2300 day-years of Dan. 8:14, Jesus began his work of “final intercession” or “final atonement,” in which all the records of the sins or “uncleanness” of God’s people should begin to be “blotted out” or removed from the heavenly sanctuary.

4. “The Investigative Judgment”

The book of Daniel, gave the time of the “*cleansing of the sanctuary.*” By simple mathematical computation of the 2300 timeline, which began in 457 B.C., the year of A.D. 1844 was the time when the 2300 timeline ended; but the “cleansing of the sanctuary” judgment process was to *begin* at that time. Not only could the time be counted out, but also the event itself is described in Daniel, chapter 7. There, the “cleansing of the sanctuary” is described as a judgment scene.

“I beheld till the thrones were cast down, [arranged in place], and the Ancient of days [the heavenly Father] did sit, . . . thousand thousands [of recording angels] ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand [millions of angels] stood before him: the JUDGMENT was set. [the

court convened] and the books [of records] were opened.” behold, one like the Son of man [Jesus] came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him [legally as in court] dominion, and glory and a *kingdom.*” Dan. 7:9,10 and 13,14.

These “books,” spoken of in Dan. 7:10, that were opened refer to all the records of sins committed, the confessions of those sins, and requests for pardon. These “books” of records are reviewed as in a court judgment scene. The case of each individual is opened up and *investigated*. Jesus judges each person according to his true motives. Then before the universe, Jesus proclaims before the heavenly Father and the holy angels that He has accepted each specific person as a member of His heavenly kingdom. As in an earthly court, it is by a legal procedure that the title or “deed” is given to Jesus Christ to inherit His *kingdom*. By this procedure His kingdom is made up, adding name by name, the subjects who will be in that kingdom.

“... And there was given him [**legally**] dominion, and glory, and a *kingdom...*” Dan. 7:13,14.

The entire universe is assured that, if an individual is willing to live without sin in his life, Jesus Himself, has the power to prevent sin from arising a second time, and to keep that individual from sin throughout all eternity.

5. “The Blotting out of Sin”

On the “Day of Atonement,” the high priest went into the Most Holy place, to “cleanse the sanctuary” of all recorded confessed sins. The priest, as a type of Christ, picked up the records of all confessed sins in the Holy place, placing them upon himself, even as Jesus bears our sins in the Holy and Most Holy places of the heavenly sanctuary.

The priest then carried the records of sin symbolically, into the Most Holy place, and symbolically placed them on the Mercy Seat. Then he “sprinkled” the blood of the Lord’s goat (representing the blood of Jesus Christ) on the Mercy Seat to symbolically cover up or “blot out” all records of the sins of God’s people.

In Israel, if an individual had confessed his sins and was present at the Day of Atonement, his name was retained in the genealogical records of the nation of Israel. But if his sins were not blotted out (if he had never made confession for sin and did not attend that service that day) his name was blotted out of the genealogical records and he was forever cut off from the genealogies of Israel to whom the Savior was promised. This process was intended to teach that at the time of the final intercession of Christ, in the heavenly sanctuary, when there will be a “blotting out of sin” process, either the records of sins in the heavenly sanctuary will be blotted out for the individual, or his name will be blotted out of the Lamb’s book of life.

6. “The Seal of God”

In Israel, when the “Day of Atonement” came to its close and the people knew that the records of sin had been blotted out, they would greet each other with a handshake and exclaim, “I hope you have received a good seal.” What did that mean?

Let a Hebrew writer explain from their rituals the meaning of this sealing work, as follows:

“As the day [of atonement] draws to its close, the earnestness and intensity increases. It is generally believed that the close of this day is regarded in heaven as a “sealing time.” If the people have done sufficient repenting, they will receive a “good seal.” ...Hence in their closing prayers of the day... they say, “Our Father, our King, *seal* our name in the book of remembrance.” “Our Father, our King *seal* our name in the [Lamb’s] book of

life.” And when the service is ended, they greet each other with the salutation, “I hope you have received a good seal.” *Practical Lessons by F. G. Gilbert (1902)*

When a food container is “sealed,” the contents are to remain secure in the container. When a letter is sealed, its message remains unchanged until it reaches its destination. The people of Israel understood that they had been “sealed” into God’s kingdom and that they were secure to receive eternal life. This was a *type* of the Seal of the living God, spoken of in Revelation 7 and 14.

“The Seal of the living God,” as it is mentioned in the book of Revelation, applies to the 144,000 or last generation which shall live upon the earth. They are the living who pass through the investigative judgment and receive the final intercession of Christ in the Most Holy Place. They will be sealed in the process of the “blotting out of sin.” They will be secure to live through the seven last plagues and be alive to see the Second Coming of Jesus. They will be sealed and will reach “**destination**” **eternal life**.

7. “The Change of Raiment”

The Bible declares that our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. We cannot enter heaven clothed with such garments. We need a “**change of raiment**.” The expression, “change of raiment” comes from the text of Zechariah, chapter 3, often spoken of as “The Vision of Joshua and the Angel.” In that chapter, there is a confrontation between Jesus Christ, “the angel of the Lord,” and Satan. Satan is pointing to the “filthy garments” of Joshua, the high priest who represented the imperfections and sinfulness of God’s people. This will be the situation of those who are living when their cases come up in the investigative judgment. Jesus has sealed the dead into His kingdom, but what about the judgment of the living? In Zec. 3:5 Jesus commands: “I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with a change of raiment.”

God's people are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. The question is this: When does such a change occur for the living?

“Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel *applies with peculiar force* to the experience of God’s people *in the closing up of the great day of atonement.*” “...the spotless robe of Christ’s righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God. The despised *remnant* are clothed in glorious apparel, *nevermore to be defiled* by the corruptions of the world. Their names are retained in the Lamb’s book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. ...Now they are *eternally secure* from the tempter’s devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin [Satan]....

While Satan was urging his accusations and seeking to destroy this company, holy angels, unseen, were passing to and fro, placing upon them *the seal of the living God...the hundred forty and four thousand...*

5 Testimonies 472-476

8. *“The complete Fulfillment of the New Covenant”*

The New Covenant promises the entire universe that sin shall not rise a second time. The redeemed will become sinless and be brought back into harmony with all of God’s laws. This promise is stated as follows:

“This is the *[new] covenant* that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, *I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*”

Heb. 10:16, 17.

It is in the closing up of the Investigative Judgment, that those who are living upon the earth will have the laws of God written in their hearts and in their minds. This was explained as follows:

“Christ will clothe His faithful ones with His own righteousness, that He may present them to His Father ‘a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.’” Eph. 5:27. Their names are enrolled in the Lamb’s book of Life, ... Thus will be realized the complete fulfillment of the new-covenant promise: I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Heb. 8:10 and 10:16,17)... The work of the investigative judgment and the blotting out of sins is to be accomplished before the second advent of the Lord. Since the dead are to be judged out of the things written in the books, it is impossible that the sins of men should be blotted out until after the judgment at which their cases are to be investigated... But the apostle Peter distinctly states that the sins of believers will be “blotted out,” “when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord...” Acts 3:19. *The Great Controversy* 484, 485.

The “*final intercession*” or final work of Jesus for the last remnant generation who go through the judgment of the living will receive a gift !

Justification is a gift, not merited by works, but by faith alone. The “blotting out of sins” and the law of God written in the mind and in the heart will be a gift, not of works but by faith. The spotless robe of Christ’s righteousness will be a gift. The “blotting out of sin” in heaven’s records, and the “change of raiment” will be a gift. It will be given to those who have struggled against sin in the process of sanctification, but it is not perfection gained through the sanctification process! It is a gift to be received with loving gratitude like that of justification by faith alone in the precious name of Jesus.

9. “The Marriage”

The “blotting out of sins” and the writing of the law of God upon the heart and mind of God’s people is the wedding gift from the Bridegroom to His bride. In fact, it is her wedding gown—a robe of the righteousness of Christ.

“The proclamation, ‘Behold the Bridegroom cometh’ in the summer of 1844 led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord. At the appointed time the Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of days in heaven, to the marriage, the reception of His **kingdom**... They were not to be present in person at the **marriage**, for it is to take place in heaven, while they are upon the earth. The followers of Christ are to ‘wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding.’”

The Great Controversy 427.

The true bride will accept her wedding gown gift, the robe of Christ’s righteousness, with joyous delight. The wicked will despise, oppose, and reject it.

“It is those who by faith follow Jesus in the work of the atonement who receive the benefits of His mediation in their behalf, while those who reject the light which brings to view this work of ministration are not benefited thereby.”

The Great Controversy 430.

The terms, “Marriage” or “Wedding” express the mood of joyous celebration of perfect “at-one-ment” at last between God and man. It is spoken of in the Song of Solomon as “the day of the gladness of his heart.”

Song of Solomon 3:11.

This happy message of the “blotting out of sin” gift was to be proclaimed to all the world in the first angel’s message.

“Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his **judgment** [marriage] is come.”

Rev. 14:6.

The first angel's message will be repeated again by the harvesting angel of Rev. 14:15 in the Loud Cry, empowered by the "Latter Rain" of the Holy Spirit, and referred to as "The Refreshing."

10. "The Refreshing"

God has spoken to us through Peter, and through the modern prophet to connect the "refreshing" or "latter rain" outpouring of the Holy Spirit to the time of the Loud Cry Third Angel's warning message to the world. He said,

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19.

"Ask ye the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain... The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfectly reproduced in the character. We are *to be* [future] wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ."

Testimonies to Ministers 506.

What is "the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul"? It is the "blotting out of sin" and the complete fulfillment of the new covenant when the law of God is written in the hearts and in the minds of the 144,000.

The Lord has described this work by the prophet;

"...now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin." Heb. 9:26.

The "blotting out of sin" as it will occur for those who pass through the judgment of the living, and receive the Seal of the living God will be discussed further in the next section:

*The Definitions and Explanations of the
Ten Terms Connected with the
“Final Intercession” are now
Completed*

THE “BLOTTING OUT OF SIN” FOR THE LAST GENERATION

What is the connection between what goes on in heaven and what is happening down here on earth? Will God blot out the records of sin in heaven, while a person is still sinning? Not even a trustworthy human bookkeeper would do such a dishonest act! Or will the “blotting out of sin” in heaven’s records be simultaneous to a “blotting out of sin” down here in the minds of God’s people? The connection between heaven and earth is clearly and unequivocally stated by the prophet as follows:

“But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they will have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins will have been blotted out by the atoning blood of Christ, and they cannot bring them to remembrance.”

Patriarchs and Prophets 202.

“But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone before hand to Judgment and have been blotted out and they cannot bring them to remembrance.”

The Great Controversy 620.

“They cannot bring to mind any particular sins, but in their whole life they can see but little good. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment, and pardon had been written. Their sins had been borne away into the land of forgetfulness, and they could not bring them to remembrance.”

III Spiritual Gifts 135.

“As in the final atonement, the sins of the truly penitent are to be **blotted** from the records of heaven, *no more to be remembered or come into mind*, so in type they were borne away into the wilderness, forever separated from the congregation.” *Patriarchs and Prophets* 358.

Scientists who study the mind of man, cannot determine exactly where the memory is in the human brain. Any attempt to “explain” this act of the “blotting out of sins” in the minds of God’s people is futile. It is the work of the Creator and He alone can perform this spiritual “surgery” in the sealing of His people. If the great Creator could create Adam as an adult and put into his mind correct thought patterns and language; and if He, at the tower of Babel, placed many different language patterns in the minds of the people, He is well able to accomplish the “blotting out of sins” in the minds of His people to correspond with the “blotting out of sins” in His heavenly records.

This sealing work will be accomplished in faith in the power of God to do that which He has promised in His everlasting covenant so well stated in Dan. 9:24. By the time that the Investigative Judgment has been completed, the objectives of the entire vision of Dan. 8 and 9 will have been accomplished:

- to cleanse the sanctuary (Dan. 8:14)
- to finish the transgression (in the lives of His people)
- to make an end of sins (in his people)
- to make reconciliation for iniquity (final atonement)
- to bring in everlasting righteousness (in his people)
- to seal up the vision (to complete the work), and
- to anoint the most holy [people in Christ’s robe of righteousness, reflecting His image fully and to become kings and priest with Him on His throne].

THE RATIONALE OF THE “FINAL INTERCESSION”

God does not carry on the Investigative Judgment to find out who will be in His kingdom. He already knows that! He conducts that court procedure for the benefit of all the intelligent beings of the universe:--the angels and inhabitants of other worlds. These sinless beings have viewed the destructive, ugly nature of sin and its results and they want no part of it in the universe! Yet God proposes to bring beings who have sinned into heaven and give them eternal life. Satan resists by claiming that if those human beings who have once sinned can be given eternal life, he and his angels are also to be given the same. At the same time, he claims that “sin, once tasted, cannot be resisted.” Satan declares that “once a sinner, always a sinner.” The greatest proportion of mankind has offered “proof” that it is so. Many, like Moses, under stress, sin even at the end of their lifetime. What proof does God give that sin will not rise a second time?

It has been demonstrated that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, who paid the death penalty for sinners. They know that He is well able to resurrect them. But their great concern is whether these sinners will revert to sin sometime in eternity and whether they can be trusted.

What kind of guarantee does God give these sinless beings that sin will not rise a second time? It is in the Investigative Judgment, that this guarantee is made.

Three aspects of this guarantee should be brought to view:

1. “Final atonement” for the dead who died before 1844.
2. “Final atonement” for the dead who died after 1844.
3. “Final atonement” for the living, last generation.

“FINAL ATONEMENT” FOR THE DEAD UP TO 1844

During the Investigative Judgment while Jesus is in the Most Holy Place, what does He do for the dead?

The cases of all those who have professed to be the people of the Creator God are brought to view in the Investigative Judgment when the “books were opened.” Jesus measures the intent and purpose of the heart’s desire. All who have confessed Jesus Christ as their Savior are brought before the universe for inspection. Not only have they been justified by His blood sacrifice, and they have been sanctified in a daily struggle against their sinful nature, but the question arises, “Have they died in the faith of Jesus in His ability to prepare them to live in a sinless society for all eternity? What was their goal in life? In a sinless society there will be no self serving, no temper, nor rude accusations, no selfish manipulation, no prevarication, nothing that will spoil the perfect happiness of that blissful abode. Will they be happy there in such an atmosphere? Yet many died without having reached perfection of character—they were still struggling, but like Moses, after 120 years, under stress reverted to some old habit. Yet, like Moses, God judges the motive of the heart to be “safe to save.”

Jesus, standing before the ark of the covenant, in the Most Holy Place, considers each name. Concerning that individual, Jesus guarantees before the entire universe, that in the resurrection, that person will never sin again through all eternity because the laws of God have been written in his heart and mind.

Jesus pledges, as the second Person of the Godhead, who cannot lie, that by His own power, that person will reflect the image of Jesus fully through all eternity.

Name by name, the dead, from the first generations who lived upon the earth, and each successive generation are benefited by this “final intercessory atonement.” It is Jesus, that great Prince which standeth [making final intercession] for the children of thy people.” Dan. 12:1. That Investigative Judgment and “final atonement” for the dead began in 1844, with those who first lived upon the earth, and has been moving forward through each successive generation, until at last it will close with the living.

For many generations, this “final intercession” of Jesus was but dimly comprehended. They knew that they would be raised up in the resurrection in complete perfection, but they did not know by what process the change would come. David commented:

“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness.”

Psalm 17:15.

“FINAL ATONEMENT” FOR THE DEAD SINCE 1844

Since 1844, added light on the “final intercession” of Christ has been presented in the third angel’s message and the knowledge of the “blotting out of sins.” The pioneers of the Advent Movement thought that this work of final atonement would be short, that they would have their sins blotted out and live to see Jesus come.

Generation after generation, they died, but in the hope of the third angel’s message. They lived and died *in faith*. Those who have lived since 1844, with the *faith of Jesus* as their high priest making “final atonement” for them, will not be disappointed. They will be raised in a *special resurrection*, and they, together with the 144,000 will hear the “Voice of God” as it pronounces the blessing of the everlasting covenant. A clear statement follows:

“It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people.... There was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God.... There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and *those who had died in faith, under the third angel’s message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified to hear the covenant of peace.*” *Early Writings* 285.

God’s dear messenger was promised that she “together with the 144,000” would be specially blessed. But also, “all who had died in the faith, under the third angel’s message, keeping the Sabbath” will receive the “blessing” of Dan. 12:12 of hearing the “Voice of God” and seeing the fate of the wicked. They will see the “Fall of Babylon” under the seventh plague, and be alive to see the Second Coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven. A glimpse of other blessings follows:

“The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious.... I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said, You must go back, and if you are faithful, you with the 144,000 shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds, and viewing the handiwork of God.”

Early Writings 40.

“FINAL ATONEMENT” FOR THE LIVING

Not only does Jesus guarantee that sin will never rise again but He also provides a demonstration to the sinless beings of the universe that His re-creative power to write the Law of God upon the heart and mind will keep a whole generation sinless through the great stress of **the seven last plagues**.

If any sinless beings are feeling insecure, that sin may blight the future after the resurrection, God relieves their anxiety by a great demonstration during the seven last plagues, which proves the accusations of Satan groundless, and that God's Laws can not be kept. He has accused God of not being fair in taking fallen sinners (forgiven) to heaven for eternal life, leaving him and fallen angels to suffer death in the lake of fire. But the entire corporate body of the remnant will “keep the commandments of God,” and by the power and grace of Jesus, will demonstrate that they can be sinless and live all through that time without a Mediator or Intercessor for sin, because they have been sealed in His image.

Before Jesus returns to earth and before the resurrection, the great demonstration must take place to prove that God can keep His people from sin, even under the most adverse circumstances.

The last generation, who receive the Seal of the living God with the Father's name (His character or His Laws) written in their foreheads—in their minds, will have their sins blotted out so that there is a “final atonement” removing all barriers between them and their God. When probation closes, the books of heaven are closed. The sanctuary is cleansed of all defilement of the records of sin. Jesus will then remove His priestly robes, and put on garments of vengeance so that the seven last plagues will fall upon the wicked. God's people then live without a Mediator or Intercessor for sin until Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven.

THE RESULT OF THE REJECTION OF “THE BLOTTING OUT OF SIN”

Those who reject the “blotting out of sins” have ultimately rejected the very essence of sanctuary truths leaving a skeleton without heart or life. They have rejected the positive aspect of the third angel’s message. If they reject that positive element of the message of the third angel, they will also reject the negative warning against the “beast” and his “mark” of authority. They will have cut themselves off from the light of heaven, and will be unprepared to receive the Seal of the living God.

They will claim that 1844 was a “non-event.” They will consider the 2300 timeline a mere exercise in mathematics. A study of the sanctuary will be a matter of counting boards and sockets, enumerating furniture, and the great question will be whether there are two compartments or one and whether anything in heaven is literal or to be spiritualized away.

A defense theology of the historic positions on Dan. 8:14, without a personal application of the “blotting out of sin” to the present and the future, is as pointless as was the Pharaical theology of the Jews who preached of a Messiah, but could not recognize Him in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth. Such “adventism” becomes one more entity of ecumenical Babylon without purpose or destiny. “The hour of his judgment is come” is a meaningless celebration of an endless millennium of pseudo-Christianity in a self-destructing world.

THE RESULT OF AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE “BLOTTING OUT OF SIN”

Those who accept and love the light of the Word of God, regarding their spiritual conditions, also receive additional light in regard to the fulfillment of prophecy. This was promised as follows:

“...the remnant...have the testimony of Jesus Christ... the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Rev. 12:17 and 19:10.

The “spirit of prophecy” has three meanings, all of which refer primarily to the work of the Holy Spirit, as follows:

1. The Holy Spirit which gave the prophecies of Scripture.
2. The Holy Spirit as exhibited by Ellen G. White.
3. The Holy Spirit giving understanding and “Present Truth” to us, regarding prophecies now being fulfilled.

Those who accept the light on the “Final Atonement” and “Blotting out of Sin” will give the third angel’s message warning to the world. They will give the Loud Cry. They will receive the Seal of the Living God. They will be among the 144,000. They will survive and escape from death during the seven last plagues. They will hear the “Voice of God” and be delivered from the final death decree of Rev. 13:15 and see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.

PART II

“THE BLOTTING OUT OF SIN” AND THE “SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD” ON THE 144,000

The Sanctuary Truths: Light for All Ages of Time

A knowledge of the sanctuary built by Moses, and the services carried on therein, has always given light on the plan of salvation. The Old Testament sanctuary typology pointed forward to the coming Messiah. The New Testament revealed Him to be Jesus of Nazareth, “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Rev. 13:8. The study of the sanctuary and its rituals brings about conversion, reform, and dedication in every age.

Three Sanctuary Areas Were Three Types of Atonement Justification, Sanctification and “Final Atonement”

The earthly sanctuary was composed of three sections: a courtyard, a holy place, and a Most Holy Place. (1) The courtyard, with its brazen altar and sacrificial typology pointed to the death of Jesus of Nazareth in A.D. 31. The sacrificial lambs revealed the work of *justification by faith alone in the sacrificial atonement* of Christ on the cross. (2) The holy place typology revealed “the work of a lifetime” of *sanctification by faith* in Christ’s power to form a Christlike character in His people, even in the face of the fallen nature of man. (3) The Most Holy Place typology revealed a *final atonement* to be made by Jesus Christ toward the end of this earth’s history.

In this “final atonement” Jesus would stand before the Ancient of days (the heavenly Father), and the entire universe, as in a court session, to make legal claim to each individual as part of his kingdom. This final atonement is described in Dan. 7:9,10, 13, 14.

“I beheld till the thrones were cast down [set in place], and the Ancient of days did sit... thousand thousands [of angels or witnesses] ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the [investigative] judgment was set [the court convened] (See New KJV) and the books were opened. I saw in the night sessions, and, behold, one like the Son of man [Jesus Christ] came in the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him [legally] dominion, and glory, and a kingdom.” *Dan. 7:9,10,13,14.*”

The earthly sanctuary built by Moses pointed forward to this investigative judgment in what was called the, “**Day of Atonement**” or “**Day of Judgment**.” The earthly sanctuary typology pointed to the heavenly sanctuary and to the time when all the records of sin, and confessions of sin, would be reviewed before the universe. Through faith in the coming Messiah before the cross, and faith in the death and resurrection of the Messiah—Jesus of Nazareth, after the cross, pardon and forgiveness would be granted to the people of God. Their names, registered at conversion are retained in the Lamb’s book of life in the Investigative Judgment. In this way, each person is be included in a legal process, as a member of the kingdom.

The name of each individual who has lived on earth, who claimed to worship God is registered in heaven’s books. As these names pass before Jesus, each person’s life record is investigated. Did he sin? Did he confess his sin and ask for pardon? Did he repent? Are the seeds of rebellion still in his heart? Did he profess faith in the saving power of Christ?

Did he reveal true commitment? Did he truly want salvation from sin? Was he working to overcome sin in the heart? Will he be true to God's government throughout all eternity? Is he safe to save? Jesus reads the true motives of the heart and determines who shall be in His kingdom. Legally, as in a court scene, before the universe and all the angels, Jesus rejects or accepts each individual as a member of His kingdom.

“Final Atonement” Began in 1844

The timeline of 2300 day-years of Dan. 8:14 (when computed according to the instructions given by the angel to Daniel in Dan. 9:24-27), began in 457 B.C. and ended in A.D. 1844. Seventh-day Adventists stand uniquely alone in the Christian world, in this prophetic exposition of Dan. 7-9, to proclaim that the heavenly investigative judgment or antitypical “Day of Atonement” began in A.D. 1844. How important is that information?

“The intercession of Christ in man’s behalf in the sanctuary above *is as essential* to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death he began that which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. We are now living in the great day of atonement... The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above... soon it will pass to the cases of the living.”

The Great Controversy 489-490.

The last generation, will experience the close of probation, the seven last plagues, and live to see the Second Coming of Jesus. A knowledge of the atonement of Christ on Calvary, as revealed in the typology of the courtyard of the sanctuary, will not be sufficient for them, in that day, unless they understand the full significance of the sanctuary “Day of Atonement” ritual. In Israel, on the tenth day of the seventh month each year, on the “Day of Atonement” there occurred that important action which was called, “the blotting out of sins.”

It is this “blotting out of sins” as it relates to the “Seal of the living God” to be placed upon the 144,000 which is of vital significance to the last generation. Why is this so?

At the close of probation, all the names of those who will be in God’s kingdom will have been entered into the Lamb’s book of Life. Then Jesus will end His work in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, and leave that apartment. His work there as our Mediatorial High Priest will be completed and finished. When He leaves the Most Holy Place, He will take off His priestly robes, and put on “garments of vengeance” which He will wear during the year when the seven last plagues are being poured out. During these seven last plagues, the people of God will have no Mediator in the heavenly sanctuary! This is explained by the prophet through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as follows:

“Every case had been decided for life or death. While Jesus had been ministering in the sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living. Christ had received His kingdom, having made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The subjects of the kingdom were made up... As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon His garment; and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God.... It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God [seven last plagues].... In that fearful time, after the close of Jesus’ mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor.” *Early Writings* 280.

“Blotting Out of Sins” Defined by Typology

How can the last generation stand before God without a Mediator to forgive their sins? The answer to this question lies in an understanding of the work that was carried on in ancient Israel on the “Day of Atonement.” That work was called the “Blotting out of Sins.” On that “Day of Atonement,” in Israel, the high priest (a type of Jesus Christ, our high priest in heaven), went into the Most Holy Place, carrying upon himself, the records of the sins which had been committed all through that year. He also carried into the Most Holy Place the blood of the “Lord’s goat,” representing Christ’s blood shed on Calvary. First in type, he placed all the records of confessed and pardoned sins upon the mercy seat. He then sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat to cover up or blot out the records of sin.

The biblical account of this work may be found in Leviticus, chapter 16. Not only were the records of sin blotted out in the Most Holy Place of that earthly sanctuary, but the people themselves were to understand that they also were cleansed of their sinful condition on that day. The Bible says:

“And he [the high priest] 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. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year.”

Lev. 16:33,34.

This cleansing process, called the “cleansing of the sanctuary” on the “Day of Atonement” was a dual work. Not only was the sanctuary cleansed of the records of sin, but the *people themselves* were to understand that they also were cleansed of sin.

After the “Blotting out of Sins” had been completed, then the people would go around and shake hands with each other, saying, “May you have received a good seal.” The “seal” which they referred to on the yearly day of atonement, was a type of the “Seal of the living God” which will be placed upon the 144,000 just before the close of probation. If they did not take part in that “Day of Atonement” and “blotting out of sins” ceremony, they were “cut off” from the genealogical books of names which made up the nation of Israel. They could no longer be part of the lineage of those who expected the Messiah or receive the benefits of His ministry.

Either their sins were blotted out, or their names were blotted out of the genealogical records of that nation. There was no “middle ground.” These genealogies were a type of the Lamb’s book of life in which are all the names of the saved who will make up the kingdom of God.

All that was done in ancient Israel on the “Day of Atonement” and in the “blotting out of sins” was a type of that which must be done in the heavenly sanctuary and for God’s people *before* the close of probation. The investigative judgment which began in 1844 for the dead, will end just before the close of probation and will affect the last generation.

Everything that is *written down* in the books of heaven, is simply a true statement of that which is going on in the minds of God’s people down here on earth. What is *cleansed* in the records of heaven, will be cleansed *simultaneously* in the minds of God’s people down here on earth. What is *blotted out* in the records *up there* in heaven, will be blotted out in the minds of God’s people *down here* on earth. This truth is revealed in the typology of the earthly sanctuary system. On the Day of Atonement, at the same time that the sanctuary was being cleansed, so also in type, the people were being cleansed. God is an “honest bookkeeper.” He does not ignore or change or record anything in heaven’s records which is not exactly that which has happened down here on earth.

Not until the minds of God's people have been cleansed, and sealed in that condition, is that fact recorded in heaven. Atonement and cleansing was not merely for the sanctuary building, but for the people!

“And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.”
Lev. 26:33.

“Day of Atonement” for the Living

The records of sin will be blotted out for the last generation when the times of “refreshing” shall come, when the Holy Spirit will be poured out in the “latter rain.” (See Acts 3:19.) The Sunday Laws will bring about the “final test.” The wicked will select and choose to serve their master and therefore receive the “mark of the beast.” The righteous will select and choose to serve their Master, and therefore receive the “Seal of the living God.” “The blotting out of sins will occur under the “refreshing” or outpouring of the Holy spirit which will enable them, not only to receive the Seal of the living God, but also to give the “Loud Cry” of Rev. 18:1-4 saying,

“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. [they are not blotted out but remembered].” Rev. 18:2 and 4.

God will remember the iniquities of Babylon and deal with them in an extension of the Investigative Judgment of the wicked during the millennium. Executive judgment will occur both at the Second Coming of Jesus and after the millennium in the lake of fire, when they suffer the “second death.” (See Rev. 20.)

In contrast, God will “blot out” the sins of His people, both in record and in deed, for He has promised that He will “remember them no more.”

“This is the covenant [promise] that I will make with them, after those days, [in the endtime with the last generation] saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” Heb. 10:16,17.

When God blots out the records of the sins of His people in the Most Holy Place in heaven, He will also blot them out, simultaneously, from the minds of God’s people down here on earth. This action of the blotting out of sins in the minds of God’s people cannot be scientifically explained. Scientists do not know where the memory or “memory banks” are in the brain. Wherever those neuron patterns of sinful records and guilt may be in the brain, God has promised to write, in their place, the law of God “in the heart and in the mind.” The heart represents the emotional desires, and the mind is the logical source of all action. This process of the “blotting out of sins” and implantation of the laws of God is the action that happens when God’s people will receive the “Seal of the living God.” It will be a supernatural “surgery” and healing of the mind by the Great Physician.

The 144,000 Sealed in their Foreheads

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having the Father’s name written in their foreheads.”

Rev. 14:1.

The “forehead” represents the *mind*. The Father’s name represents His character. The Law of God or Ten Commandments is the “transcript of His character.” (A transcript is a legal copy). God’s laws will be written in the minds and hearts of God’s people when they receive the “Seal of the living God.”

“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God:... Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand.”

Rev. 7:2,3,4.

When the Law of God is perfectly written in the heart and in the mind it will become the exclusive influence and therefore God’s people will not sin, nor need a Mediator. They will be completely filled with the Holy Spirit. (The Holy Spirit will be withdrawn from the wicked, but the righteous will be completely filled, as holy vessels unto God.) *They will not need a Mediator* because they will not sin. They will have been sealed in the perfect righteousness of Christ. It is then, that they will be able to “reflect the image of Jesus fully.” They are, at that time, described as follows:

“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?”

The Song of Solomon 6:10.

The blotting out of sinful records and the implantation of God’s Law in the mind has nothing to do with “*holy flesh*.” Just as Jesus had a sinless mind, but was made in the “likeness of sinful flesh,” so the sealed “will reflect the image of Jesus fully” as He was when He lived here on earth.

We cannot say “I am sinless” until translation because the fleshly body has been genetically altered and deteriorated by sin over six millenniums! Whatever is not perfect is abhorrent to the perfect, sinless Creator and cannot be considered “sinless,” because it carries in it the effects of sin. Not until that degenerated body with its “sinful flesh” –revealing the effects of sin, is replaced by a new body at translation can we say, “I am sinless,” or “I am now perfect.” Only then, will the “sinful flesh” be translated to become a perfect immortal, incorruptible body.

There are many who confuse the “Seal of the living God” with the work of sanctification. Sanctuary typology reveals that the work of sanctification was illustrated in the holy place, but the blotting out of sin, the cleansing of the sanctuary, and the sealing work on the Day of Atonement was done in the Most Holy Place. They are two different kinds of work done for the sinner.

While it is true that those who are experiencing sanctification are improving their conduct and aiming toward perfection, sanctification is the work of a lifetime in which man struggles against his natural sinful tendencies and bent toward evil. Even Moses, after 120 years, still had not reached perfection when he struck the rock and disobeyed the explicit instructions of God. Sanctification is a process of education and visible demonstration of intent and purpose, but it is not the “Seal of the living God,” as it will be experienced by the 144,000.

The blotting out of sin and the sealing work will be a GIFT which comes “by faith alone.” Just as justification is a gift, which one cannot earn or work for, the “Seal of the living God” will be a gift to those who believe the Word of God, are willing to accept, yearning for, and requesting it.

If one lived a thousand years, no amount of sanctified living or continuing struggle against the sinful nature would blot out the records of sin and guilt in heaven or in the mind. Good habits may be formed, but under stress, like Moses, there is still the danger of relapse. While sanctification prepares the heart and mind to desire perfection, and develops a hatred of the “sin which doth so easily beset us,” that work of sanctification is not the same thing as the “Seal of the living God.” Blotting out of sin in heaven’s records is a work which only God can do, and the blotting out of sin in the human heart and mind, and the implanting of the Law of God in its place, is also a work that only God can do.

**The Imperative of Correct Timing for the Sealing
and
Correct Timing for the “Loud Cry” of the Third Angel**

The blotting out of sin in the Investigative Judgment was to occur at a specific timing, from 1844 to the close of probation. The blotting out of sin for the living last generation will also be done in a short period of specific timing. Not until there is a Sabbath-Sunday issue to bring about the “final test” will the living pass through the Investigative Judgment. It is *then*, by faith, they will receive the gift of the “latter rain” Seal of God. To expect it prematurely is error, or to put it off until too late, is fatal error. To understand this correct timing will be a part of the Loud Cry of the Third Angel of Rev. 14. That message will be strengthened by the power of the 4th angel of Revelation 18, whose glory fills the whole earth.

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The Lord our Righteousness

That warning against the “Mark of the Beast” versus “The Seal of the living God” by virtue of “Christ our Righteousness” will be the theme which will swallow up all others as it will become the message of survival.

Survival during the seven last plagues will not occur by storing foods, locating waters sources, finding a mountain hide-away, taking survival training, devising an elusive wilderness route, or any other plan. These may alleviate distress in the “little time of trouble” which precedes the plagues, but when they come, that will be the time when every earthly support will be withdrawn and the remnant must trust wholly in God.

THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD
IN
CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS
IS THE ONLY WAY TO
SURVIVE THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

Is this some new doctrine just introduced to Adventism? More than a century ago, Adventist literature expressed specifically these concepts, written as follows:

“But while they [God’s people] have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they will have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins will have been blotted out by the atoning blood of Christ. And they cannot bring them to remembrance.” *Patriarchs and Prophets* 207, and *The Great Controversy* 629.

“They cannot bring to mind any particular sins, but in their whole life they can see but little good. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment, and pardon has been written. Their sins have been borne away into the land of forgetfulness, and they could not bring them to remembrance.” III *Spiritual Gifts* 135.

“As in the final atonement the sins of the truly penitent are to be blotted out from the records of heaven, no more to be remembered or come into mind, so in type they were borne away into the wilderness, forever separated from the congregation.” *Patriarchs and Prophets* 358.

Christians are happy to learn that God will blot the records of sins from the books of heaven, but if they love themselves exactly as they are, or love the things they are now doing, they may be reluctant to hear that those sinful records will also be blotted from their minds. Such persons do not want to recognize a dual work to be done. They want to delay any such changes until the very day and hour of the Second Coming of Jesus. They do not realize that at the time of the Second Coming of Jesus, He will not deal with sin in the lives of His people:

“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 [without dealing with sin and to meet a people without sin] unto salvation.” Heb. 9:28.

Many doubters have denied that the “cleansing of the sanctuary” could refer to anything here on earth today. They see only a long-gone earthly sanctuary built by Moses, and a heavenly sanctuary to be cleansed. But God has pointed out the connection between the sanctuary-temple of heaven and the human temple down here on earth as follows:

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple [sanctuary] of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” I Cor. 6:19.

The sanctuary built by Moses was a teaching tool, pointing to the heavenly sanctuary. The heavenly sanctuary is where the records are kept of that which is going on down here on earth in the minds of God's people.

It is imperative that God's people understand that the blotting out of sins in heaven's sanctuary cannot occur unless and until that action has been completed down here on earth in the minds of God's people. God allows nothing to be recorded that is not true and factual.

God's people need to understand these truths to be able to cooperate with their Savior to obtain the blotting out of sin and the Seal of the living God.

“It is those who by faith follow Jesus in the great work of the atonement who receive the benefits of His mediation in their behalf, while those who reject the light which brings to view this work of ministration are not benefited thereby.”
The Great Controversy 430.

The true follower of Jesus will not fear the investigative judgment, nor deny it, but will look forward to it as a bride looks forward to her wedding day. God's people will seek to win the “Seal of the living God” as the only way of escape from the ravages of sin within themselves and the only means of survival from the horrors of the seven last plagues. They will greatly desire the Seal of the living God because it will make them “*eternally secure and nevermore to be defiled.*”

“Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement.... The remnant [last generation] are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of this world. Their names are retained in the Lamb's book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages.... they are eternally secure from the tempter's devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin [Satan]. While Satan was urging his accusations and seeking to destroy this company, holy angels, unseen, were passing to and fro, placing upon them the seal of the living God...the hundred and forty and four thousand.” 5 T 472-476.

After the six thousand year demonstration of Satan's degradation of the human race and the ruin of this planet, the 144,000 present to the universe a demonstration of the power and glory of God. They are described, wearing "crowns" of glory, given highest honors, and are spoken of as "men wondered at." This amazing demonstration reveals the excellent power of Jesus Christ to save His people from sin, and He is spoken of as the BRANCH or Deliverer.

"And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre [crown] upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house. AndI will give thee places to walk among those that stand by [the angels]. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee for they are men to be wondered at: for behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH [the Deliverer—Christ our Righteousness]

Zech. 3:4-8.

Those who receive the "Seal of the living God" become "men to be wondered at." These sealed 144,000 will be an amazement to angels and to the entire universe. Since the fall of man, the *corporate* church has never been able to "reflect the image of Jesus fully." But this demonstration of the 144,000 who will live without sinning, will reveal, and prove to all who look on them, that all the saved through all eternity will live without sin by the power and majesty of Jesus of *Nazar-eth*, the man whose name is the "BRANCH" (The "*nazar*"--The Great Deliverer from Sin.)

The New Song

Having been delivered from sin, the 144,000 sing a “new song” of deliverance, and Jesus, who has been released from His burden as sin-bearer for them, sings with them. This “duet” is described as follows:

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on mount Zion, and with him the 144,000 having the Father’s name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, [the *singing voice of Jesus*] and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a *new song* before the throne.....” Rev. 14:1-3.

As the children of Israel, sang the song of Deliverance from Egypt which represents sin, so the 144,000 sing this new song which no generation before them has been able to sing, because they are the “firstfruits” to be delivered from the power and guilt of sin. Rev. 14:1-4.

Satan’s Fear and Terror of the Burden of Sin

If there is one truth which Satan hates and fears more than any other, it is the sanctuary truth which brings to view the “Blotting out of Sin.” It is this action which will bring about the close of probation and give notice that the kingdom of God is complete. Satan knows that at the close of probation, the horror and burden of guilt and sin, which is now carried by Jesus, the Sin-bearer, will be shifted over to Satan himself.

“And the goat [Azazel, which represented Satan, originator of sin] shall bear upon him all the [responsibility, but not the penalty] for sin and iniquities.”
Lev. 16:22.

Satan knows that it was the black horror of sin and separation from God, the Father, which crushed out the life of the Son of God on Calvary's cross. It is because Jesus, second Person of the Godhead, has borne this load, in His mediatorial work in the heavens, that the Christian, when his sins are confessed and forsaken, goes about with a happy heart and freedom of conscience.

Satan knows that when probation closes, that immense burden of darkness and guilt for the sins of God's people, will be rolled back onto himself, the originator of sin. He will then carry that which Jesus Christ has carried so long. He looks forward to that day with terror.

Satan hates the doctrines which point to the final victory over sin in the "Seal of the living God." He has sought to obliterate them from the minds of God's people. But in each generation, since 1844, these concepts have been revived and cherished by the faithful children of God.

The "Blotting out of Sin" in the final intercession, or the final atonement by Jesus in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary in order to receive the Seal of the living God, is the *only hope* for the last generation to survive the Seven Last Plagues, to be translated without seeing death at the Second Coming of Jesus.

The Conclusion

The *destiny* of the remnant people from 1844 has never changed. God raised up a remnant people to prepare them for the "Blotting out of Sin." For centuries, ignorance reigned when nearly all Christians kept Sunday faithfully and God "winked at their ignorance." But only those who came into harmony with God's Ten Commandments could demonstrate, at last, a church without "spot or wrinkle."

The Great Demonstration of Good and Evil

Those whose sins have been confessed, forsaken, and blotted out will demonstrate before the universe the fact that Jesus has the power to keep His people from committing sin even under the worst of conditions, during the seven last plagues. They have not yet seen such a demonstration. Before the righteous dead of all ages are resurrected, the universe needs to see the *power* of Jesus to keep sin from rising up a second time.

The universe also needs to see the seven last plagues demonstration of Satan's malignity when the Holy Spirit's restraints have been removed from wicked men and evil spirits. They will see what Satan will do, even to his own followers and to the planet itself. They will see what he would have done to their planets had he not been restricted in his activities to this earth.

THE ORDER OF EVENTS

Sunday Laws bring all to a

“Final Test” that forces all to make a decision to

Worship the beast, or his image, and receive

The Mark of the Beast

Coming under the control of Satan

Reflecting the image of Satan

or

Worship the Creator God, and give glory

To Him by

Confessing and forsaking all sin

Coming under the complete control of the Holy Spirit, so that

Receiving the “final intercession-atonement”

Their Sins are “blotted out” in their minds

They cannot bring them to remembrance

The Law of God is written in heart and mind

They “reflect the image of Jesus fully”

They are as an “army with banners”

They demonstrate that the Law can be kept

They are “without spot or wrinkle”

The Records of Sin are “Blotted out”
in heaven”

The heavenly sanctuary is cleansed

Christ’s mediatorial work is done

There is no Mediator-Intercessor

Christ puts on garments of
vengeance

He leaves the Most Holy Place

He directs the 7 last Plagues.

APPENDIX A

Satan's War Against "Present Truth"

Satan's attempts to destroy the knowledge of the "Blotting out of Sin," as revealed in the sanctuary truths, are evident in many ways. Some are mentioned as follows:

Evangelical apostates accuse Sabbath-keepers of making Azazel, the scapegoat to be their Sin-bearer and Savior. They declare the death of Christ on the cross to be the one and only atonement, and deny a final atonement and investigative judgment.

There is a new theology which echoes similar ideas: that Jesus did it all on Calvary, that he entered the Most Holy Place in A.D. 31, and that 1844 was a "non-event"! They deny the two apartments of the heavenly sanctuary, declare the judgment to be "just before Jesus comes." They ignore the 2300 day-year timelines, as they do other timelines in the book of Daniel, and deny the use of the "Year-day Principle" in computation of prophetic time.

There are the liberals who are embarrassed with the doctrines of Adventism who would throw *The Great Controversy* book on the trash-heap, or edit out great portions of the book, and deny future predictions made in the book. They may declare the author to have been too fatigued from her travels to be accurate in her writings, and while giving lip service, deny the import of her words.

The liberal view assumes that God's people will live in sin right up to the Second Coming. They insist that the laws of God cannot be kept and that perfection of character is impossible this side of translation.

They deny the Biblical definitions of the “remnant” as unique, or that she is the “one and only” bride of Christ with a special destiny culminating in the sealing of the 144,000. The liberals exhibit a false modesty in which they disclaim Adventism as “triumphalistic” bragging, and have invented an identity crisis. They desire to become part of the ecumenical movement in Babylon. They introduce entertainment instead of truth to the people and publish a flood of reading material to crowd out the essentials for salvation. They despise endtime prophetic exposition which abides by valid hermeneutic principles in regard to the interpretation of symbolism and applications of prophecy to history and to current events which pinpoint where we are in the stream of time.

The liberals have desired to escape the plain, clear statement of the King James Version of Scripture and have espoused new versions in which thousands of omissions and changes have been made so that the doctrines of truth cannot be easily traced. They have also devised a false hermeneutic by which to read the Word of God, and make general opposition to many of the concepts that true Sabbatharians have endorsed for more than a century.

For more on this topic, the book, “Receiving the Word” by Samuel Koranteng-Pipim is recommended. It is published by: Adventists Affirm as one of the “Berean Books” to be ordered at P. O. Box 195, Berrien Springs, MI 49103-0195. \$15.00. Other books which contain elements of “The Blotting out of Sin” which have been rejected by liberal theologians can be obtained from The Prophetic Song of Songs, Inc., Albia, Iowa, 52531 and are as follows: *The Prophetic Song of Songs textbook, and Adult and Youth Lessons on the Song of Solomon* in a set. *Amram and the Sanctuary, and Getting It All Together in Daniel and Revelation*. The ignorant arguments, of liberal authors who are claiming that the seventh-day Sabbath was part of the Old Covenant which was “nailed to the cross,” are met with the book *“Final Deliverance in the Covenants.”*

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APPENDIX B

JACOB'S ANGUISH

Jesus gained a final victory over self in the Garden of Gethsemane. He did not want to die. He prayed:

“Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane,... then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death:... And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I wilt, but as thou wilt... and prayed the third time, saying the same words.” Matt. 25:36-44.

Man was created to enjoy life and to abhor death. Yet Paul declared, in his struggle against his sinful nature, “I die daily.” I Cor. 15:31. Sanctification is practice in putting God first, and setting self aside. It is a daily struggle and the work of a lifetime. However, the last generation, just before their sins will be blotted out, before they receive the “Seal of the living God” or “reflect the image of Jesus fully,” “having neither spot nor wrinkle,” will meet a “Gethsemane experience” similar to that which Jesus met to gain the victory over self and sin. That will be a “dying experience” and is described as “The Shaking” by prophetic insight as follows:

“I saw some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God. Their countenances were pale and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle. Firmness and great earnestness was expressed in their countenances; large drops of perspiration fell from their foreheads.

Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look would settle upon them.

Evil angels crowded around, pressing darkness upon them to shut out Jesus from their view, that their eyes might be drawn to the darkness that surrounded them, and thus they be led to distrust God and murmur against Him. Their only safety was in keeping their eyes directed upward. Angels of God had charge over His people, and as the poisonous atmosphere of evil angels was pressed around these anxious ones, the heavenly angels were continually wafting their wings over them to scatter the thick darkness.

As the praying ones continued their earnest cries at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, to encourage their hearts and light up their countenances. Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The angels of God left these and went to the assistance of all who were struggling with all their power to resist the evil angels and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But His angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them.

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to *exalt the standard* and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony.

They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people. I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded.

The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified.”

“Said the angel, ‘List ye!’ Soon I heard a voice like many musical instruments all sounding in perfect strains, sweet, and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard, seeming to be full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel, ‘Look ye!’ My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed in armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, now shone with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude and holy, sacred joy.

Evil angels still pressed around them, but could have no power over them. I heard those clothed with armor speak forth the truth with great power... I asked what has made this great change. An angel answered, “It is the latter rain, the refreshing, from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel.” *Early Writings* 270, 271.

“They had obtained the victory,” just as Jesus did by earnest prayer and submission to the Father’s will. “Not my will, but thine be done.” Then Jesus went to the cross and died. The Sunday Laws or “final test” will bring God’s people to a death issue. If they worship the “beast” and receive his “mark,” they will die twice.

They will suffer the seven last plagues and die at the Second Coming with the rest of the wicked, and experience the second death at the end of the millennium. If they worship God, they may be tortured and martyred, or if they are willing to die to self and sin *for all eternity*, they may receive the “Seal of the living God.”

“It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth when *celestial glory* and a repetition of the persecution of the past are blended. They will walk in the light proceeding from the throne of God. By means of the angels, there will be constant communication between heaven and earth.... Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. ...But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming, a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation,-- God’s chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host cannot destroy them, for angels that excel in strength will protect them.”

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