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THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, 18C: AN AMERICAN REFORMER

1. What is the title of chapter 18 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
2. Who was the man specially chosen by God to proclaim the second advent of Jesus? _____

An Upright, honest-hearted farmer, who had been led to doubt the divine authority of the Scriptures, yet who sincerely desired to know the truth, was the man specially chosen of God to lead out in the proclamation of Christ's second coming. Like many other reformers, William Miller had in early life battled with poverty and had thus learned the great lessons of energy and self-denial. {GC 317.1}

3. What was Miller's principal message? What prophecy seemed most clearly to reveal the time of the second coming of Jesus?

The prophecy which seemed most clearly to reveal the time of the second advent was that of Daniel 8:14: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Following his rule of making Scripture its own interpreter, Miller learned that a day in symbolic prophecy represents a year (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6); he saw that the period of 2300 prophetic days, or literal years, would extend far beyond the close of the Jewish dispensation, hence it could not refer to the sanctuary of that dispensation. {GC 324.3}

- 4a. What did Josiah Litch, a Millerite, prophesy that came to pass in 1840 and that gave the Advent Movement a wonderful impetus?

In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."--Josiah Litch, in *Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy*, Aug. 1, 1840. {GC 334.4}

At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended. {GC 335.1}

- 4b. What was the realization once the prediction came to pass on August 11, 1840, the fall of the Ottoman Empire? _____

5. What did the opposers of the Advent Movement resort to, since they could not refute the messages of truth from the Millerites?

Yet he did not prosecute his work without bitter opposition. As with earlier Reformers, the truths which he presented were not received with favor by popular religious teachers. As these could not maintain their position by the Scriptures, they were driven to resort to the sayings and doctrines of men, to the traditions of the Fathers. But the word of God was the only testimony accepted by the preachers of the advent truth. "The Bible, and the Bible only," was their watchword. The lack of Scripture argument on the part of their opponents was supplied by ridicule and scoffing. Time, means, and talents were employed in maligning those whose only offense was that they looked with joy for the return of their Lord and were striving to live holy lives and to exhort others to prepare for His appearing. {GC 335.3}

Earnest were the efforts put forth to draw away the minds of the people from the subject of the second advent. It was made to appear a sin, something of which men should be ashamed, to study the prophecies which relate to the coming of Christ and the end of the world. Thus the popular ministry undermined faith in the word of God. Their teaching made men infidels, and many took license to walk after their own ungodly lusts. Then the authors of the evil charged it all upon Adventists. {GC 336.1}

As the arguments from the prophetic periods were found to be impregnable, opposers endeavored to discourage investigation of the subject by teaching that the prophecies were sealed. Thus Protestants followed in the steps of Romanists. While the papal church withholds the Bible from the people, Protestant churches claimed that an important part of the Sacred Word--and that the part which brings to view truths specially applicable to our time--could not be understood. {GC 340.2}

What did the enemies of the truth sought to do to Miller? _____

The instigator of all evil sought not only to counteract the effect of the advent message, but to destroy the messenger himself. Miller made a practical application of Scripture truth to the hearts of his hearers, reproving their sins and disturbing their self-satisfaction, and his plain and cutting words aroused their enmity. The opposition manifested by church members toward his message emboldened the baser classes to go to greater lengths; and enemies plotted to take his life as he should leave the place of meeting. But holy angels were in the throng, and one of these, in the form of a man, took the arm of this servant of the Lord and led him in safety from the angry mob. His work was not yet done, and Satan and his emissaries were disappointed in their purpose. {GC 336.4}

7. What happened to a number of the believers of the Advent Message? _____

Large accessions had been made to the various churches, but after a time the spirit of opposition was manifested even against these converts, and the churches began to take disciplinary steps with those who had embraced Miller's views. This action called forth a response from his pen, in an address to Christians of all denominations, urging that if his doctrines were false, he should be shown his error from the Scriptures. {GC 337.1}

"What have we believed," he said, "that we have not been commanded to believe by the word of God, which you yourselves allow is the rule, and only rule, of our faith and practice? What have we done that should call down such virulent denunciations against us from pulpit and press, and give you just cause to exclude us [Adventists] from your churches and fellowship?" "If we are wrong, pray show us wherein consists our wrong. Show us from the word of God that we are in error; we have had ridicule enough; that can never convince us that we are in the wrong; the word of God alone can change our views. Our conclusions have been formed deliberately and prayerfully, as we have seen the evidence in the Scriptures."--Ibid., pages 250, 252. {GC 337.2}

8. Let us consider the fifth and sixth trumpets and the first and second woes of Revelation 8:13 and Revelation 9:1-21.

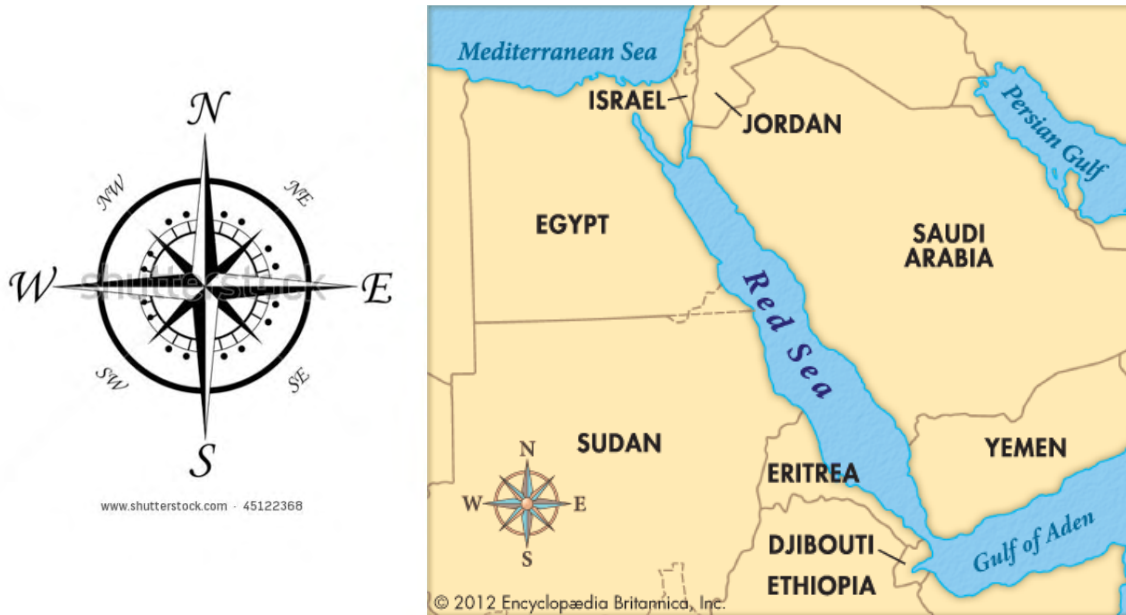
9. Let us read and analyze Revelation 9:3.

10. What was seen coming out of the smoke? Revelation 9:3 _____

11a. Who do these locusts represent? **Answer:** These locusts represent an army of men. See Revelation 9:7.

11b. In order to identify who these locusts represent, we must study the first place locusts are used in the Bible. We must study the geographical location of origin for the literal locusts and we will discover the geographical location of this army of men that brought woe and will continue to be blamed for the woes upon the land.

11c. Read Exodus 10:12-14,19 and discover the geographical location of origin of the literal locusts; also view the map the below.



12. Note: The only country that is east of Egypt is Arabia. The east wind brought the locusts to Egypt. The locusts came from Arabia. After the locusts brought woe and destruction upon the unrepentant Egyptians, they were removed. The west wind removed the locusts from Egypt into the Red Sea. The Red Sea runs between Egypt and Arabia. The locusts represent an army of men from the deserts of Arabia.

13a. Revelation 9:3 states that scorpions came out of the smoke. Notice that the point of emphasis is the tail of the scorpion (Revelation 9:5,10). What does a tail represent in the Bible? Isaiah 9:15 _____

13b. Note: The prophet of the religion of Islam is said to be Muhammad. Muhammad's birth place is Saudi Arabia. The teachings of Muhammad and of Islam are false doctrines that blind men to the truth and that lead to the bottomless pit, hell's fire, according to the Bible.

14. Under the fifth trumpet, the first woe, what darkened the sun and the air? Revelation 9:2 _____

15a. Who is the smoke likened unto? Psalm 68:2; Proverbs 10:26 _____

15b. Note: As literal smoke blinds the eyes from seeing the sun and the effects of the air, so these wicked messengers of Satan and of Islam proclaim messages that obscure the vision of people from seeing what the sun and the air represent in the Bible. The teachings of Islam demotes the divinity of Jesus Christ.

16. What does the sun represent in the Bible? Psalm 84:11; John 1:17; Malachi 4:2 _____

17. What is the air, the wind, likened unto that these wicked messengers of Satan attempt to obscure from the vision of the people? John 3:8 _____

18. Note: Bear in mind that the first four trumpets represent various barbaric tribes that attacked and gradually destroyed the Roman Empire. Under the fifth trumpet, the first woe, the attack and the gradual destruction of the Papacy begins. The Papacy assumed world dominance in 538 A.D. which lasted until 1798 A.D.

19. Which significant historical event marked the first attack upon the Roman Empire since the rise of the Papacy, by the followers of Muhammad? Who was the star that fell? What was the key that opened the bottomless pit? _____

"In the battle of Nineveh, which was fiercely fought from daybreak to the eleventh hour, twenty-eight standards, besides those which might be broken or torn, **were taken from the Persians**; the greatest part of their army was cut in pieces, and the victors, concealing their own loss, passed the night on the field. **The cities and palaces of Assyria were opened for the first time to the Romans.**" {UrS, DAR 495}
"The Roman emperor (Heraclius) was not strengthened by the conquests which he achieved; and a way was prepared at the same time, and by the same means, **for the multitudes of Saracens from Arabia**, like locusts from the same region, who, propagating in their course the dark and delusive Mohammedan creed, speedily overspread both **the Persian and the Roman empire.** {UrS, DAR 495}

"The bottomless pit needed but a key to open it, and that key was the fall of Chosroes (Ruler of Persia). He had contemptuously torn the letter of an obscure citizen of Mecca. But when from his 'blaze of glory' he sunk into the 'tower of darkness' which no eye could penetrate, the name of Chosroes was suddenly to pass into oblivion before that of Mohammed; and **the crescent** seemed but to wait its rising till the falling of the star. Chosroes, after his entire discomfiture and loss of empire (to Heraclius), was murdered in the year 628; **and the year 629 is marked by 'the conquest of Arabia,' and 'the first war of the Mohammedans against the Roman empire.'**" {UrS, DAR 496}

20. Note: The fifth trumpet, the first woe, reveals the rise of Islam as an entity of terror and woe upon the Papacy beginning in the year 629 A.D.
21. Let us read and analyze the historical fulfillment of Revelation 9:4.

"After the death of Mohammed, he was succeeded in the command by Abubekr, A.D. 632, who, as soon as he had fairly established his authority and government, dispatched a circular letter to the Arabian tribes, from which the following is an extract:-
'When you fight the battles of the Lord, acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs; **but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women and children. Destroy no palm-trees, nor burn any fields of corn. Cut down no fruit-trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat.** When you make any covenant or article, stand to it, and be as good as your word. And as you go, you will find some religious persons who live retired in monasteries, and propose to themselves to serve God that way; let them alone, and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries. **And you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns; be sure you cleave their skulls, and give them no quarter till they either turn Mohammedans or pay tribute.**" {UrS, DAR 498}

22. Let us read and analyze the historical fulfillment of Revelation 9:7-10. Notice that the descriptions given match perfectly the Muslims of Arabia.

"The Arabian horse takes the lead throughout the world; and skill in horsemanship is the art and science of Arabia. And the barbed Arabs, swift as locusts and armed like scorpions, ready to dart away in a moment, were ever prepared unto battle.
'And on their heads were as it were crowns like gold.' When Mohammed entered Medina (A.D. 622), and was first received as its prince, 'a turban was unfurled before him to supply the deficiency of a standard.' The turbans of the Saracens, like unto a coronet, were their ornament and their boast. The rich booty abundantly supplied and frequently renewed them. To assume the turbans is proverbially to turn Mussulman. And the Arabs were anciently distinguished by the miters which they wore.

'And their faces were as the faces of men.' 'The gravity and firmness of the mind of the Arab is conspicuous in his outward demeanor; his only gesture is that of stroking his beard, the venerable symbol of manhood.' 'The honor of their beards is most easily wounded.'

'VERSE 8. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.'

'Long hair' is esteemed an ornament by women. The Arabs, unlike other men, had their hair as the hair of women, or uncut, as their practice is recorded by Pliny and others. But there was nothing effeminate in their character; for, as denoting their ferocity and strength to devour, their teeth were as the teeth of the lions.

'VERSE 9. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.'

The Breastplate. - 'The cuirass (or breastplate) was in use among the Arabs in the days of Mohammed. In the battle of Ohud (the second which Mohammed fought) with the Koreish of Mecca (A.D. 624), 'seven hundred of them were armed with cuirasses.'" {UrS, DAR 500-501}

23a. During the fifth trumpet, the first woe, there is a significant time period that Islam was to hurt men. How long is that stated prophecy? Revelation 9:5,10,11

23b. One Biblical month has thirty days (compare Genesis 7:11,24 and Genesis 8:3,4.) Five Biblical months have 150 days. One day represents one year in the Bible. See Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. Therefore, five months represent 150 years.

24. Note: The five prophetic months or 150 literal years must begin when the followers of Muhammad were united under one general. See Revelation 9:10,11. After Muhammad's death in 632 A.D., his followers were never united until July 27, 1299 under General Othman from whom we derive the name the Ottoman Empire.

"They had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name is . . . Destroyer.' This character might in truth be imputed to the Arab caliphs, who directed the armies for so many years after the death of Mohammed; but it is especially applicable to Othman, the founder of the Ottoman Empire. This, the first attempted centralization of government was the outgrowth of the doctrines of Mohammed. 'Othman,' says the historian, 'possessed, and perhaps surpassed, the ordinary virtues of a soldier; and the circumstances of time and place were propitious to his independence and success.' The close of the thirteenth century was near. The Crusades had thrust Europe against the Turks in a most reckless manner. Constantinople had numerous emperors, but the Greek government grew weaker, and the time of its destruction was stealthily approaching. **'It was on July 27 a. d., 1299,'** says Edward Gibbon, 'that Othman first invaded the territory of Nicomedia; and the singular accuracy of the date seems to disclose some foresight of the rapid and destructive growth of the monster.' More than human foresight recorded this date with such definiteness. To the prophet on Patmos, it had been revealed that 'their power was to hurt men five months.' **...It closed July 27, 1449.**" {1905 SNH, SSP 171.2}

25. Note: The rise of Islam, as a dominating power, under the fifth trumpet, the first woe, began in 629 A.D. The significant time period that Islam would terrorize the nations began July 27, 1299 and lasted 150 years, which ended July 27, 1449.

26. Since July 27, 1449, has the entity of radical Islam terrorizing the world ceased? **Answer:** No. Radical Islam terrorizing the world is also seen under the sixth trumpet, the second woe. Revelation 9:12-21.

27. Let us read Revelation 9:12-14.

28. What does an angel represent in Bible prophecy? **Answer:** A person or a messenger. See Galatians 4:14, Acts 6:15.

29. Note: The four angels brought to view under the sixth trumpet, in one sense, represent four leaders of four armies of horsemen. See Revelation 9:14-16. Secondly, the loosing of the four angels represents the beginning of strife and wars in and from that particular geographical region. To confirm read Revelation 7:1-3.

30a. Which countries primarily surround the great river Euphrates? What religion do they profess? **Answer:** The countries that surround the great river Euphrates are Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran. These countries profess the religion of Islam.

30b. Note the following words of church historian Alonzo T. Jones, "The four angels here mentioned, that were bound in the great river Euphrates and that were at this time to be loosed, refer to **the four great sultanies -- Bagdad, Damascus, Iconium, and Aleppo** -- of which at that time the Mohammedan power was composed. The command to loose these signifies, in short, the letting loose of all the elements of Mohammedanism for the final sweeping away of the last element of the Empire of Rome. {1901 Alonzo T. Jones, *Great Nations Today*, 72.2}

30c. Note the following words of another church historian Uriah Smith, "When the sixth angel sounded, a voice was heard, saying, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. The river Euphrates must here be taken for a symbol of that kingdom of which it was the principal river, which was the Ottoman or Turkish Empire. The four angels are supposed to mean **the four chief Sultans of which that Empire was composed. These were Iconium, Aleppo, Damascus, and Bagdad.** They were loosed so that they should hereafter have not simply the power of tormenting, but of destroying." {1878 Uriah Smith, *The Biblical Institute*, 264.2}

"The Four Angels. - These were the four principal sultans of which the Ottoman empire was composed, located in the country watered by the great river Euphrates. **These sultans were situated at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad.** Previously they had been restrained; but God commanded, and they were loosed." {1897 Uriah Smith, *Daniel and the Revelation*, 508.1}



40. How long were these Muslim warriors to terrorize the world? Revelation 9:15-19

Note: 1 year = _____; Bear in mind that there are 30 days in one biblical month. (compare Genesis 7:11,24 and Genesis 8:3,4.)

There are 12 months in one biblical year. See Esther 3:7,13; Esther 8:12; Esther 9:1.

1 month = _____; 1 day = _____ 1 hour = (1/24 x 360/1) = _____)

What is the total? _____

41. When did the 391 years and 15 days begin and end? _____

42A. Note: "In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown 'in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;' and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: '**Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken.** And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.'--(GC 334.4)

42b. Note: Read also *Daniel and the Revelation*, pages 505-517, by Uriah Smith.

43. Note: On August 11, 1840, the Second Woe came to an end.

44a. Was August 11, 1840 the final terrorizing of the world by Muslim warriors? **Answer:** No.

44b. Note: Under the sixth trumpet, the second woe, the power of Muslim warriors was loosed to terrorize the nations. They will reemerge to terrorize the world under the seventh trumpet, the third woe. This is based on the fact that the Lord divided the seven trumpets into two groups. The first four trumpets are simply called trumpets; however, the last three trumpets are also called woes. See Revelation 8:7-13.

45. According to modern history and current events, what event has brought to view a revival of terrorism in the world and radical Muslims being blamed for these atrocities?

46a. Note: The following reports show that radical Muslims are still being blamed for massacres. All these things are leading to a one world government and a one world religion in order to combat "extremism" and bring about peace in the world. The Papacy will regain world dominance as a result.

46b. After Terror Attacks, Britain Moves to Police the Web <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/19/technology/britain-encryption-privacy-hate-speech.html>

46c. May and Macron plan joint crackdown on online terror ...May said the need to tackle to radicalisation online was a priority for both countries. "The counter-terrorism cooperation between British and French intelligence agencies is already strong, but President Macron and I agree that more should be done to tackle the terrorist threat online," she said. "In the UK we are already working with social media companies to halt the spread of extremist material and poisonous propaganda that is warping young minds. We are united in our total condemnation of terrorism and our commitment to stamp out this evil." <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/jun/12/may-macron-online-terror-radicalisation>

46d. 'European army is inevitable' – German defense commissioner ...Germany's parliamentary defense commissioner, Hans-Peter Bartels, has renewed calls for a joint EU army amid concerns about the reliability of the NATO alliance and disorganization and fragmentation of national defense structures. ..."We are currently disorganized, technically fragmented and duplicate structures unnecessarily," Bartels said, as quoted by the Telegraph. "We do not want to go down the solitary national path anymore. Not in Germany, not in the Netherlands, not in the Czech Republic and not in Italy." "In the end, there will be a European army," he stated. Since around 2013, Germany has been overseeing efforts towards closer EU defense integration through the Framework Nations Concept, through which it plans to share troops and capabilities with other European countries. <https://www.rt.com/news/393152-european-army-inevitable-germany/>

46e. Bear in mind that the Papacy rose to world dominance by the leaders of Europe giving the Pope the control of their military personnel to combat the barbarians and even the three horns that were plucked up by their roots. See Daniel 7:7,8.

46f. Angela Merkel and Pope Francis agree to push multilateralism <http://www.romereports.com/2017/06/19/angela-merkel-and-pope-francis-agree-to-push-multilateralism>

46g. Shameless Jean-Claude Juncker uses London terror attack to call for EU army...The European Commission president said the bloc must "take its defence and security into its own hands" following the ISIS rampage. The pair called for a 'European Defence Union' to help protect the bloc from the growing threat of Islamist extremism. They wrote: "For too long, Europe has been guilty of relying on the military might of others. That isn't sustainable. "The scale and complexity of Europe's security challenges is such that no one country can successfully address them on its own." The proposals could affect the UK if an EU army is ratified before the country officially cuts ties with the bloc. Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has repeatedly suggested Britain will not veto the move. Speaking late last year, he said: "We are not there to block or to impede further steps towards EU integration." <http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/813576/Jean-Claude-Juncker-Brexit-European-Union-EU-army-Brexit-London-terror-attack-Brussels>

46h. Terrorist suspects should be locked up in internment camps, says ex-police chief...Thousands of suspected terrorists should be placed in internment camps, as the threat of terrorism in the UK has reached an unprecedented level, a Muslim ex-police chief has said. He called for at least 3,000 people to be sent to internment camps, which have been historically used to lock up suspects without trial or evidence of wrongdoing. "These would be community-based centers where the extremists would be risk-assessed. "Then the extremists would be made to go through a deradicalization program, using the expertise of imams, charity workers and counter-terrorism officers," he said. Ghaffur said the idea of interning terrorist suspects should not be shunned because of "political correctness." <https://www.rt.com/uk/390207-terrorist-internment-camps-police/>

47. While terrorism is prevalent and radical Muslims are being blamed for these attacks, and the end is hastening on, our attention must primarily be on the position and work of Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary.

48. Let us read Revelation 9:13.

49a. Who is seen ministering the incense at the golden altar? Revelation 8:3 _____

49b. Who is this angel or messenger that intercedes for humanity in the Heavenly Sanctuary? Acts 7:30-32; Isaiah 63:9 _____

49c. Whose voice came from the golden altar that was before God? Revelation 8:3 _____

50. Note: The golden altar or the altar of incense is in the Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary. The earthly sanctuary was a type of the Heavenly Sanctuary. Compare Exodus 30:1,3,6 with Exodus 26:33.

51. Note: During the time period of the sixth trumpet, second woe, Jesus was indeed officiating in the Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary. Since October 22, 1844, Jesus moved into the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary to begin the work of cleansing the Sanctuary. See Daniel 8:14.

52a. Under the seventh trumpet and third woe, where must our focus be, in which apartment of the Heavenly Sanctuary?

Revelation 11:14,15,18,19 _____

The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament." Revelation 11:19. The ark of God's testament is in the holy of holies, the second apartment of the sanctuary. In the ministration of the earthly tabernacle, which served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things," this apartment was opened only upon the great Day of Atonement for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in heaven and the ark of His testament was seen points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement. Those who by faith followed their great High Priest as He entered upon His ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of His testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary they had come to understand the Saviour's change of ministration, and they saw that He was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading His blood in behalf of sinners. {GC 433.1}

52b. Meditate upon Exodus 19:5-11,13-17.