



SAVED TO SERVE

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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 7 THE FOUR BEASTS & LITTLE HORN, PART 2

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will be studying Daniel 7:9-10 and the judgment message.

“To the student of prophecy, the seventh chapter of Daniel is a most important record. By a continuous chain of events, the prophet gives the history from the days of Babylon to the great investigative judgment, which is the central theme of the chapter.” {1901 SNH, SDP 88.2}

2. After seeing the rise and fall of the various world kingdoms, what did Daniel behold? Daniel 7:9

3. What other event did Daniel see which takes place after the millennium? Daniel 7:11; Revelation 20:10

4. **Note:** As we study Daniel 7, we will discover that the vision Daniel was given covers the time period from the rise and fall of these major world kingdoms to the Second Coming of Jesus and after the millennium. We will go deeper on these points in the following lessons.

5. Read Daniel 7:9 again. Who is the Ancient of Days? Psalm 90:2; 41:13

6. Who are the thousands and ten thousands that stood before the Ancient of Days? Daniel 7:10; Revelation 5:11

7. What happened when the thousands stood before Him? Daniel 7:10

8. What books will be opened and examined by God in the judgment?

a) Revelation 20:12; 22:18, 19 _____

b) Malachi 3:16; Nehemiah 13:14 _____

c) Isaiah 65:6-7; Ecclesiastes 12:14 _____

“The book of life contains the names of all who have ever entered the service of God. Jesus bade His disciples: “Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” {GC 480.3}

“A book of remembrance” is written before God, in which are recorded the good deeds of “them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name.” **Malachi 3:16** {GC 481.1}

“There is a record also of the sins of men. “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:14; {GC 481.2}

9. Who will be examined by God in the judgment? 2 Corinthians 5:10; Psalm 96:13; 98:9

10. **Note:** While everyone will be judged by God, the Bible makes a distinction. When the judgment was set and the books opened, this time period is referring to the judgment of all those who have professed to know Jesus and have at one time confessed their sins to Him. From this group, God will accept some names as being saved and other names He will reject to be lost (Matthew 7:21-23). Those who have never acknowledged Christ as their redeemer will be judged separately, during the millennium. We will prove these points below and in the following lesson. It is important to note that just like in an earthly courtroom, there are three phases of judgment: the investigation phase, the verdict phase, and the execution of the verdict or sentence.

11. **Note:** To better understand the judgment, we must look at the sanctuary service. The day of atonement was a time of judgment for Israel, but it was more about reconciliation with God. Likewise, God's judgment of the world is more about saving repentant sinners rather than condemning them.

12. What were the people to do on the day of atonement? Leviticus 23:27, 28

13. What does it mean to afflict your soul?

a) Joel 2:12, 13 _____

b) Psalm 139:23-24 _____

c) James 4:7-10 _____

14. What happened to those who did not afflict their soul? Leviticus 23:29, 30

15. **Note:** To be cut off means to be "destroyed" or "taken away" (see number 3772 in the Strong's Hebrew Exhaustive Concordance). Since there were no physical record books in the sanctuary chronicling a person's deeds, we have to understand how a person's sins were transferred to the sanctuary which served as a "record" of their case in the eyes of God. See the following points below.

16. Day by day, what did the sinner have to do when he sinned? Leviticus 4:2-4

17. What did the priest do with the blood of the lamb? (This is referring to the priest's daily work).
Leviticus 4:5-6

18. **Note:** The vail, in this sense, served as the record that the sinner had confessed his sins and was forgiven. Then, on the day of atonement, the two compartments of the sanctuary were cleansed (Leviticus 16:1-19).

19. On the day of atonement, why did the priest have to cleanse the sanctuary? Leviticus 16:19, 29

20. **Note:** Notice that in the daily sanctuary ministrations, a person's sins, in the form of blood, were transferred to the vail of the sanctuary. Therefore, on the day of atonement, ONLY those who had ever confessed their sins and had them transferred to the sanctuary were investigated by God and given a verdict on the day of atonement (righteous or guilty). If a person had confessed their sins and was afflicting their soul on the day of atonement, their sins would be blotted out as a symbol that they were righteous in God's sight. However, if someone at one time had confessed their sins, then returned to their sins without confession, they would be cut off (Ezekiel 18:24, 26).

21. For us living today who have ever professed to believe in Jesus, when He finishes reviewing our cases in the judgment, how will we be declared? Revelation 22:11

"As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book." Exodus 32:33. And says the prophet Ezekiel: "When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, ... all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned." Ezekiel 18:24." {GC 483.1}

22. As we close, let us look at how we can practically be one or "at-one-ment" with Christ.

23. What is it that separates us from Jesus? Isaiah 59:1-2 _____

24. What does the word "atonement" mean? Romans 5:11; 2 Corinthians 5:19

25. What was Jesus' prayer for us? John 17:11, 22

26. How can we have our sins forgiven so that we can be one with Jesus? 1 John 1:9

27. After we confess our sins, what does Jesus expect of us? Who will help us? John 8:11; Philippians 4:13

28. Once we remain surrendered to God with our sins confessed, what will Christ do to our names? Revelation 3:5
