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**IS THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT**  
**A COVER-UP FOR OCTOBER 22, 1844?**

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will discover that the Bible teaches a pre-advent judgment, and the doctrine of the investigative judgment is not a cunningly devised fable.
2. Current Event from Spectrum Magazine: **Ryan Day Departs 3ABN, Launches 'Re-Think Adventism'**

**“A prominent evangelist and staple in conservative Adventist media, Day now says he can no longer support some of the denomination’s key doctrines, such as the investigative judgment or the church’s claims about the writings of Ellen G. White. Insisting his intent is not to attack Adventism, Day launched his YouTube channel to create space for what he called “honest, respectful, and prayerful investigation” into Adventist teachings. His decision, shaped by over nearly three years of private study and spiritual reflection, has sparked strong reactions within Adventist circles and has drawn concern from institutional leaders.”**

<https://spectrummagazine.org/news/ryan-day-departs-3abn-launches-re-think-adventism/>

3. What message is connected to the preaching of the gospel? Romans 2:16; 1 Peter 4:6
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4. Who will be examined by God in the judgment? 2 Corinthians 5:10; Psalm 96:13; Psalm 98:9
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5. Write down other scriptures that mention that there will be a judgment.
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6. Read 1 Corinthians 4:4. What is the meaning of the word “judgeth” in the Greek? **Answer:** “Judgeth” is number 350 in the Greek of the Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance means to *investigate, examine, judge, search*.

7. Read Revelation 2:23. What will God do before He rewards everyone according to their works? \_\_\_\_\_

a) The number for the word “searcheth” in the Greek of Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance is 2045. It means to *investigate*.

8. Revelation 11:18 is similar to Revelation 2:23. What will Jesus do before rewarding everyone according to their works?
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9. **Note:** Comparing, Revelation 2:23 and Revelation 11:18, we find that there will be an *investigative judgment* before He returns to earth the second time and gives rewards for our good or evil deeds. Then, Revelation 11:19 tells us specifically where in heaven this investigative judgment will take place: it will occur in the temple of God where the ark of His testament is. This clearly points us to the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary since the ark of the testament on earth was placed in Most Holy Place. We know this to be true because the earthly sanctuary was a pattern or copy of the true sanctuary in heaven. See Exodus 25:8-10; Exodus 26:33-34 for confirmation.

10. What was placed in the ark of the testament or ark of the covenant? What is the standard by which God will judge us as He investigates our cases? Deuteronomy 10:1-4; James 2:10-12
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11. Let us set the stage to prove that Jesus did not return to the earth on October 22, 1844 but moved to the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. Does the Bible teach us that there is a sanctuary in heaven? Exodus 25:8, 9; Hebrews 8:1-2; Hebrews 9:11
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12. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven (Acts 1:1-2, 9-10), where did He go and specifically to what compartment? Hebrews 8:1-4; Hebrews 9:11-12, 24
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13. In the earthly sanctuary, where did the high priest minister on the day of atonement? Leviticus 16:2-3, 15-17; Hebrews 9:3, 7-8
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14. **Note:** This means that just as the earthly sanctuary was a type or pattern of the sanctuary in heaven, there must be an antitypical Day of Atonement in heaven, when Jesus began the work of cleansing the sanctuary and the work of investigative judgment. How are we to know when the antitypical Day of Atonement began and when Jesus moved from the holy to the most holy place? The answer is found in Daniel 8:14.
15. What does Daniel 8:14 say?
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16. **Note:** This 2300 Days prophecy could not be talking about the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary. After Jesus' death on the cross, the earthly temple services lost significance in God's sight because they pointed to Jesus. Therefore, the veil separating the holy from the most holy place was torn (Matthew 27:50-51). Since Jesus is not on earth but in heaven, Daniel 8:14 is pointing us to Jesus' work in the heavenly sanctuary. Let us now pinpoint the exact date that Jesus moved into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to begin the work of investigative judgment.
17. What does a "day" represent in Bible prophecy? Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34
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18. If we find the starting date of the 2300 Days prophecy (2300 literal years), we can easily find the ending date, which is the date that the heavenly sanctuary began to be cleansed by Jesus. Read Daniel 8:14-16. We see that Daniel was confused at the vision. Now, scan the rest of Daniel 8. Does Gabriel explain to Daniel the meaning of the 2300 Days in Daniel 8? No. Gabriel comes again to give him wisdom and understanding in Daniel 9. What prophecy is brought to view in Daniel 9:21-24 which is a part of the 2300 Days prophecy?
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19. **Note:** 70 weeks x 7 days = 490 days. 490 days represent 490 years, because a day represents one year in Bible prophecy.
20. Read Daniel 9:24. It says 70 weeks or 490 literal years are "determined" on the Jews to finish sin. What does the word "determined" mean? **Answer:** In the Hebrews Strong's Concordance the number for the word "determined" is 2852, and it means "to cut off."
21. **Note:** The fact that the 70 weeks are "cut off" means that it is a part of something larger - the 2300 Days prophecy. So, if we find the starting date for the 70 weeks prophecy, we will have the starting date for the 2300 Days.
22. What does Daniel 9:25 tell us to look for to figure out the starting date of the 70 weeks prophecy?
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23. Which king gave the commandment or decree for the Jews to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem and in what year of his reign was it given? Ezra 7:7-13, 21-27
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24. **Note:** During what year of king Artaxerxes' reign was the decree given? According to history, king Artaxerxes began his reign in 464 B.C.  
"In (Nehemiah 2:1) we have another Artaxerxes. We may safely identify him with Artaxerxes Macrocheir or Longimanus, the son of Xerxes, who reigned 464-425 B.C." Smith's Bible Dictionary <http://biblehub.com/topical/a/artaxerxes.htm>  
**Count seven years in the future from 464 B.C. and you will arrive at the date 457 B.C., the year that Artaxerxes gave the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.**

25. **Note:** Using 457 B.C. as the starting date for the 2300 prophetic days and continuing 2300 years in the future, you will arrive at A.D. 1844. When you do the math, you will get 1843, however, it is VERY IMPORTANT to remember that when you cross over from B.C. to A.D., you must add one year because there is no "zero year." Look at the following example for clarity (2 B.C., 1 B.C., then 1 A.D., 2 A.D., etc).

In 1844, Jesus moved into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to begin the work of cleansing it - the work of investigative judgment on the antitypical Day of Atonement. Under the Jewish calendar, the Day of Atonement always occurred on the tenth day of the seventh Jewish month. In the year 1844, that date fell on October 22. Therefore with certainty, we can conclude that the date when Jesus officially began the work of cleansing the heavenly sanctuary was October 22, 1844. See the following quotation from the book *The Great Controversy* for confirmation.

"In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service. **Under the Mosaic system the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the great Day of Atonement, occurred on the tenth day of the seventh Jewish month (Leviticus 16:29-34), when the high priest, having made an atonement for all Israel, and thus removed their sins from the sanctuary, came forth and blessed the people.** So it was believed that Christ, our great High Priest, would appear to purify the earth by the destruction of sin and sinners, and to bless His waiting people with immortality. **The tenth day of the seventh month, the great Day of Atonement, the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary, which in the year 1844 fell upon the twenty-second of October, was regarded as the time of the Lord's coming. This was in harmony with the proofs already presented that the 2300 days would terminate in the autumn, and the conclusion seemed irresistible.**"  
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26. What did the apostle Paul say regarding the judgment when preaching to Felix? (P.S. this took place after Jesus' ascension to heaven) Acts 24:25
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a) What does Revelation 14:7 say regarding the judgment, which applies to the time in which we are currently living?

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27. **Note:** These two texts show us that in Paul's day, he was preaching about a judgment to come but now, our message to the world is that the judgment is come or has already begun since October 22, 1844. The investigative judgment is a part of the three angels' messages which must be preached to the world before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Revelation 14:6-20).

28. What is the primary purpose of God's judgment? Is it to destroy us? Ezekiel 18:30-32
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29. As we close, what should be our prayer to God as He is seeking to cleanse our sins from the heavenly sanctuary? Psalm 139:23-24
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