

# The Message of Daniel

## Lesson 17 - Daniel 8:13-27

Daniel 8:13, 14

Daniel listens to a couple of saints having a conversation, and they bring up the services of the Hebrew sanctuary.

What is the sanctuary?

When Daniel heard the angels talking about the sanctuary, his mind immediately went back to the beloved Hebrew sanctuary building at Jerusalem, which at that time was desolate. But for many years the true worship of God had been carried forward there in "types and shadows", something like children playing with toys to teach them about grown-up life. A High Priest, chosen from among men, led out in the services. He was a type or symbol of Jesus Christ, the true High Priest. All that he did in the sanctuary, through ceremonies and types, was to teach the people of Israel the meaning of God's great plan of salvation.

Hebrews 10:4

Let us remember that this earthly sanctuary with its offerings of the blood of animals was only a type or shadow of the heavenly sanctuary.

Hebrews 10:1

The Israelites were always to look by faith to Christ as their High Priest, and to the blood which He shed on the cross of Calvary for our forgiveness. The ceremonial process (law) put in place by Moses, came to an end at the cross of Christ.

Hebrews 8:5

The services directed by the High Priest and his assistant priests, were an example of heavenly things. What is a shadow?

Hebrews 4:14

There is not an earthly temple today. Today we have something much better.

Hebrews 4:15

When Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection, He would begin His work as High Priest in a better sanctuary than the old one on earth. We can easily understand that if Jesus our High Priest has gone into the heavens, then the real, eternal sanctuary is also in heaven.

Hebrews 8:1-2

So our minds are directed away from the old earthly sanctuary and to the true one in heaven, of which the earthly one was a mere pattern.

Hebrews 8:22-28

Since the vision given to Daniel was for the time of the end (Daniel 8:17, 19) the sanctuary to be cleansed is the heavenly one and not the earthly one. Gabriel explains that his long time period was connected with the first coming of the long expected Messiah.

Daniel 8:14 would catch the attention of a man named William Miller and others who studied the time prophecy and began to see its fulfillment coming in 1843/1844. The sanctuary was wrongly believed to represent the earth being cleansed by fire. The Millerite movement came to an end in a Great Disappointment. But out of the Great Disappointment another movement was born that would become to be known as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Revelation 10:1-2, 8-11

Daniel 8:15-19, Daniel 12:4

The phrase "time of the end" is found only in the book of Daniel. In the Bible we have two phrases that give us insight to the last day, Time of the end here in Daniel and "end" of time. (Matthew 24:6; 28:19-20)

Daniel 8:20-22

When we see the unbelievable accuracy of the fulfillment of these components of the prophecy, there can be no doubt that the remaining parts of prophecy that reach to our day will equally be fulfilled.

Daniel 8:23-27

This power follows the time of the four divided kingdoms of the goat empire. Moses provides an interesting prediction in Deuteronomy 28:49-51 whose tongue thou, the Jews, shall not understand. This could not be said of the Babylonian, Persian, or Greek languages. The Jews used them. However the Jews did not use Latin.

"He shall destroy wonderful". The Lord told the Jews by the prophet Ezekiel that He would deliver them to a power who were "skilled to destroy" (Ezekiel 21:21), and the slaughter of over one hundred thousand Jews at the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman army, was a terrible confirmation of the prophet's words. Rome in its second, or papal phase was responsible for the death of millions of martyrs. Rome stood up also against the Prince of princes, by giving sentence of death against Jesus Christ.

Daniel is overwhelmed.