

The Sanctuary Message



Week Two

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Read This Week's Passage:
Hebrews 9:1–15



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THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY DISCOVERED!

Early Millerite Adventists adopted the popular view that the sanctuary is the earth. When Millerites applied this misinterpretation to Daniel 8:14 (and several other key verses), they wrongly concluded that the earth would be cleansed by fire at Christ's Second Coming in either 1843 or 1844. Unfortunately, many believers adopted false explanations when Christ didn't return. Some thought the date was wrong and therefore set new dates, but that idea eventually fizzled out. Others believed Jesus had already returned in a spiritual sense rather than physically or that the judgment had taken place in one day. Today, we believe it's an ongoing judgment that began in 1844 and will continue until shortly before Christ's return.

As the believers grappled with their bitter disappointment, a few could not shake the conviction that the problem lay in their interpretation of the sanctuary, not in their calculation of the date. On February 7th, 1846, 25-year-old O.R.L. Crosier published an article in *The Day-Star Extra* that described the connection between the end of the 2,300-day prophecy, the heavenly sanctuary, and Jesus' end-time ministry. He explained how the sanctuary in Daniel 8:14 was not on earth but in heaven and described how Jesus moved from one compartment of the heavenly sanctuary to another, beginning a new phase of ministry with the work of judgment. He also showed how the Day of Atonement would be fulfilled by Jesus' ministry in heaven. The article had a few doctrinal errors, but God was slowly leading His people to a fuller and broader understanding of His Word.

Handwriting practice grid consisting of 20 columns and 30 rows of dots.



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Write out Hebrews 9:1–15 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out a portion of the primary passage. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

How do both Hebrews 8 and 9 demonstrate that Jesus is ministering in a heavenly sanctuary?

What do we learn about God from seeing His mercy toward people who learn biblical teachings slowly?



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this lesson? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

Without having a physical structure on earth, how can we keep the vividness of this service, the seriousness of sin, and the need for cleansing fresh in our minds?



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What relationship do the following verses have with Hebrews 9:1–15?

- Revelation 11:19
- Hebrews 8:1–5
- Leviticus 16:16–19
- Hebrews 9:23–27
- Hebrews 6:19, 20
- Leviticus 16:30
- Jeremiah 17:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:10

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with the primary passage?

Review your memorized verse from Hebrews 9:1–15.



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Meditate on the primary passage again and look for where Jesus is.



What is He saying to you through the texts of the week?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

In what ways should the picture of the sanctuary shape the way we live our daily lives?

Prayer Response:



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this week's study of the chapter, what are some personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are some practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church life?



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



What can we learn from the early pioneers' experience of being bitterly disappointed after such careful study? Are there aspects of their studying process we should continue to do today?

Why didn't God give someone a vision to provide the correct view of this doctrine? Why allow the believers to struggle to figure it out?

In what ways does God allow us to struggle and grapple with the Bible today? How is this process good for us?

What does the sanctuary tell us about how God uses various learning styles to teach us? How should we adapt what we know when sharing with others?

We are told that the Sanctuary is the very center of Christ's work on behalf of man. How does better understanding the Sanctuary help us be more Christ centered?