

# Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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## The Heavenly Sanctuary

The Old Testament contains plans for an earthly sanctuary, which was built to God's exact specifications. A heavenly sanctuary is mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments. What is their significance? Why was God so exacting in his specifications; why was it needed on earth; and does it really exist in heaven? Is the message still relevant today?

**Opening prayer:** Lord of All, thank You for Your clear word. As we delve into this topic, show us its significance; connect the message there to our lives and our eternal salvation. You do nothing that is trivial, that is not for our better good. Bring us understanding through this study so we see the bigger picture of Your plan and how you are striving to save us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

**Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does each verse tell us of God and his Gospel message?**

1. *Hebrews 12:24-25* "And to Jesus the mediator of the \_\_\_ covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh \_\_\_\_\_ things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh."
2. *Psalms 102:19* "For he hath looked down from the height of his \_\_\_\_\_; from \_\_\_\_\_ did the Lord behold the earth;"
3. *Hebrews 8:1-5* "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A \_\_\_\_\_ of the sanctuary, and of the \_\_\_ tabernacle, which the \_\_\_ pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the \_\_\_\_\_ and shadow of \_\_\_\_\_ things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better \_\_\_\_\_, which was established upon better \_\_\_\_\_."
4. *Hebrews 9:22-23* "And almost all things are by the law purged with \_\_\_\_\_; and without shedding of blood is no \_\_\_\_\_"
5. *Daniel 8:14* "And he said unto me, Unto \_\_\_ thousand and \_\_\_\_\_ hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be \_\_\_\_\_."
6. *Acts 3:19-21* "\_\_\_\_\_ ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be \_\_\_\_\_ out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

7. *Revelation 15:5-8* “And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the testimony in heaven was \_\_\_\_\_: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials \_\_\_\_\_ of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were \_\_\_\_\_.”

**To understand the process of the earthly sanctuary, read Leviticus, chapter 16. The service was a type or shadow of the plan of salvation prior to Jesus’ incarnation, death and resurrection. There is much more that could be said about the sanctuary service as it has deep meaning and deserves a lesson of its own.**

**Revelation 16 depicts the finishing work just prior to the advent of Christ. It requires deeper study to apply the symbols and acquire a deeper understanding. Reading it now would provide an overview, create a curiosity for God’s word and acknowledgement of the continuity of language throughout the Bible.**

**From God’s word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?**

**Terms to remember:** Type is the shadow of the antitype, which is the original. Therefore the sanctuary in heaven is the antitype (original). The earthly sanctuary is the type (shadow).

That the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new covenant is the tabernacle of God in \_\_\_\_\_, of which Paul speaks in Hebrews 8 and onward, and of which our Lord, as great high priest, is minister; that this sanctuary is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mosaic tabernacle, and that the \_\_\_\_\_ work of our Lord, connect therewith, is the antitype of the work of the Jewish priests of the former dispensation (Hebrews 8:1-5); that this, and not the \_\_\_\_\_, is the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the two thousand and three hundred days, what is termed its cleansing being in this case, as in the \_\_\_\_\_, simply the entrance of the high priest into the most holy place, to finish the round of service connected therewith, by making the atonement and \_\_\_\_\_ from the sanctuary the sins which had been transferred to it by means of the ministration in the first apartment (Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9:22-23); and that this work in the antitype, beginning in \_\_\_\_\_, consists in actually \_\_\_\_\_ out the sins of believers, and occupies a brief but indefinite space of time, at the conclusion of which the work of mercy for the world will be finished, and the \_\_\_\_\_ advent of Christ will take place. (Revelation 16)

*antitype | Sanctuary | 1844 | second | earth | priestly | heaven | type | removing | blotting*

**Closing prayer:** Our heavenly Father and His Son, our High Priest, we are in awe at the length and breadth of Your plan for our salvation. You have presented it through the sanctuary, through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, through the portrayal of final events. May it have a faith building and heart restoring affect in our lives. May it direct our path today and tomorrow, as we choose to follow and obey. We pray in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Saviour, High Priest and King, amen.

Answers: 1. new, better 2. sanctuary, heaven 3. minister, true, Lord, example, heavenly, covenant, promises 4. blood, remission 5. two, three, cleansed 6. Repent, blotted, send, restitution 7. tabernacle, opened, full, glory, fulfilled