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The truth concerning the heavenly sanctuary was unlocked to the pioneers of the Advent movement who diligently searched the Bible to understand their position at that time. Great truths were unfolded before them as they saw that the earthly tabernacle was an accurate picture of the heavenly sanctuary.



Just as a picture renders a true image of the original object, so the model sanctuary which God gave to Israel was an accurate reproduction of the great original in heaven.



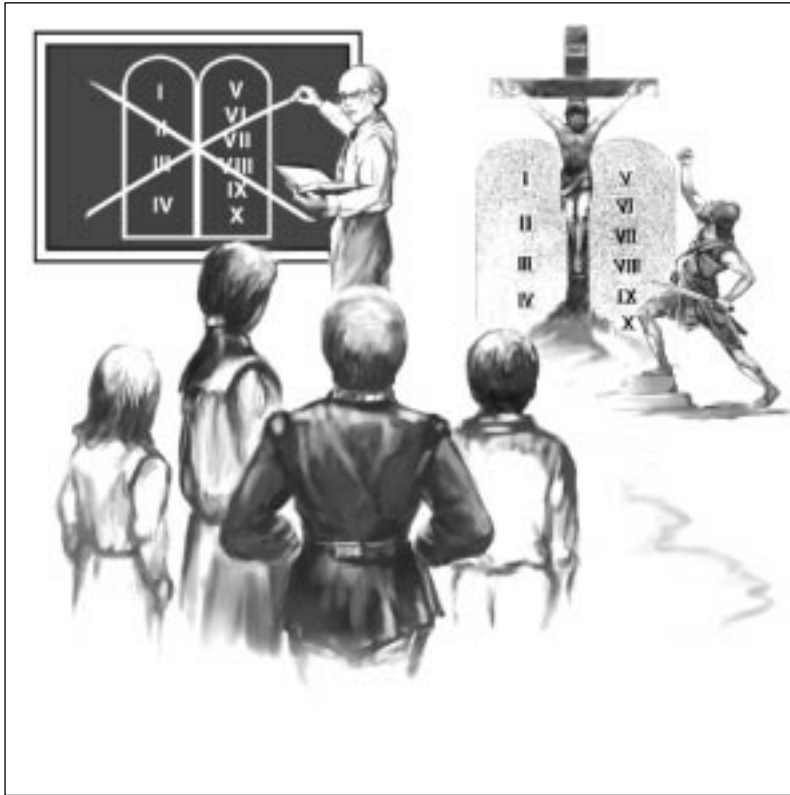
It is God's will for every man to turn to the light and receive the divine nature so that He may "... dwell in them."



The Holy Spirit first breaks up the soil of the heart, just as the gardener first tills the soil, to prepare it for the implantation of the seed of Christ.



The glory of God's presence was veiled in the sin-cursed materials that made up the sanctuary. Thus the eternal dwelt in the temporal.
In the same way, Divinity dwells in our mortal, human nature .



Satan argues that the law cannot be kept. But by His life and death, Christ has proved that man, in his fallen nature, can keep the law.



The interior of the Old Testament Sanctuary was magnificent with the beauty of exquisite gold work, beautiful curtains, the soft light from the candlesticks, and the splendor of God's presence. Outwardly, it was very plain and unattractive. God desired His people to understand by this that the Christian in this world is to concentrate on the inner adorning in the sure knowledge that the beauty which shines forth from within is much more attractive than that which is put on outwardly. The former is real, the latter artificial—a cover up designed to hide the deformity of the soul. All should realize that any effort to adorn the outer appearance of the individual is an admission that the inner beauty is lacking. It would be well for such to turn to God's solution for their unattractiveness than to man's.



The furniture of the Holy place in the earthly sanctuary is full of valuable lessons that will occupy the minds of God's people throughout eternity.



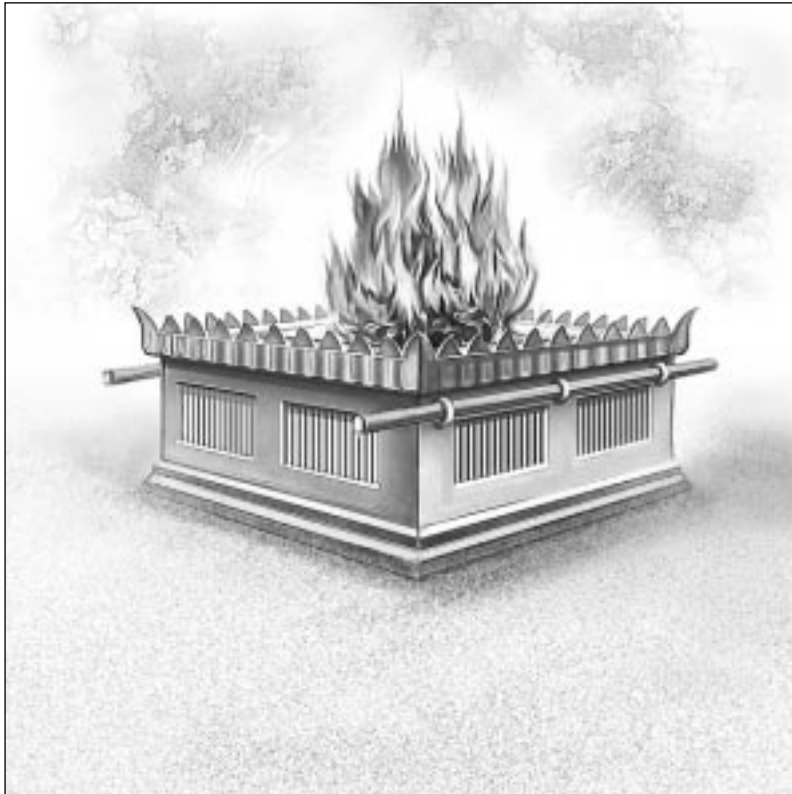
Like the Holy apartment, the Most Holy contains lessons of infinite value for God's people.



The atonements at the heart of the sanctuary service reveal that the work of redemption is progressive, with each individual step being vital to the final, successful outcome of the great controversy. Jesus Christ is revealed as the great center of those services, all of which pointed to His power to cleanse from sin.



Few people realize that it is only through the sacrifice of Christ that man has been given a second probation. His death protects us from the full consequences of sin so that we can choose to obey and live, or disobey and perish.



The burnt offering represents the surrender of life itself to whatever sacrifice may be called for.



By the faithful witness of God's word man is led to see his real condition as he looks into the mirror of truth.



It is highly probable that no one has ever preached the gospel in this heathen village. If the truth has been presented here, it would only be during the past century or so. Even so, the ingrained teaching of centuries and the minds weakened by generations of unhealthful living would make this to be a most unfruitful field of labor. These factors seemingly place these deprived people at a greater disadvantage to their more fortunate neighbors in the enlightened lands where the Bible is freely accessible to all. But this does not mean that salvation for them is an impossibility. God's name is written large in the book of nature by which they are surrounded, and the Holy Spirit is there to open their hearts to read it. Those who respond to this light and follow where it leads will certainly be saved.



The sacrifice of the red heifer without the camp was a most significant and important offering, the lessons of which need to be clearly understood and diligently studied by all of God's children today. There are so many in the religious world who, at the present time, regard the services of the Old Testament as having no bearing on their lives, but this is a mistake. While it is true that the wilderness sanctuary and the temples which followed it, together with their comprehensive rituals, have passed away, the lessons contained in them have not. These messages are just as vital to the experience of God's children now as they ever were in the past. It is important that time be spent in becoming thoroughly conversant with these lessons and in making a close, practical application of them to the individual's personal experience.



In the sanctuary service Aaron and his sons received the benefits of the final atonement before the Levites and the Israelites. This provision foreshadowed the experience of those saints who have been taken to heaven in advance of the rest of the church of God.



The sanctuary service clearly teaches that sin is first transferred to the sanctuary. It is only when the cases of all those who have professed to follow Christ have been decided that they are removed from the sanctuary and placed on the author of all sin. The same principle can be seen in daily life. The household refuse is first gathered in containers before it is finally disposed of.



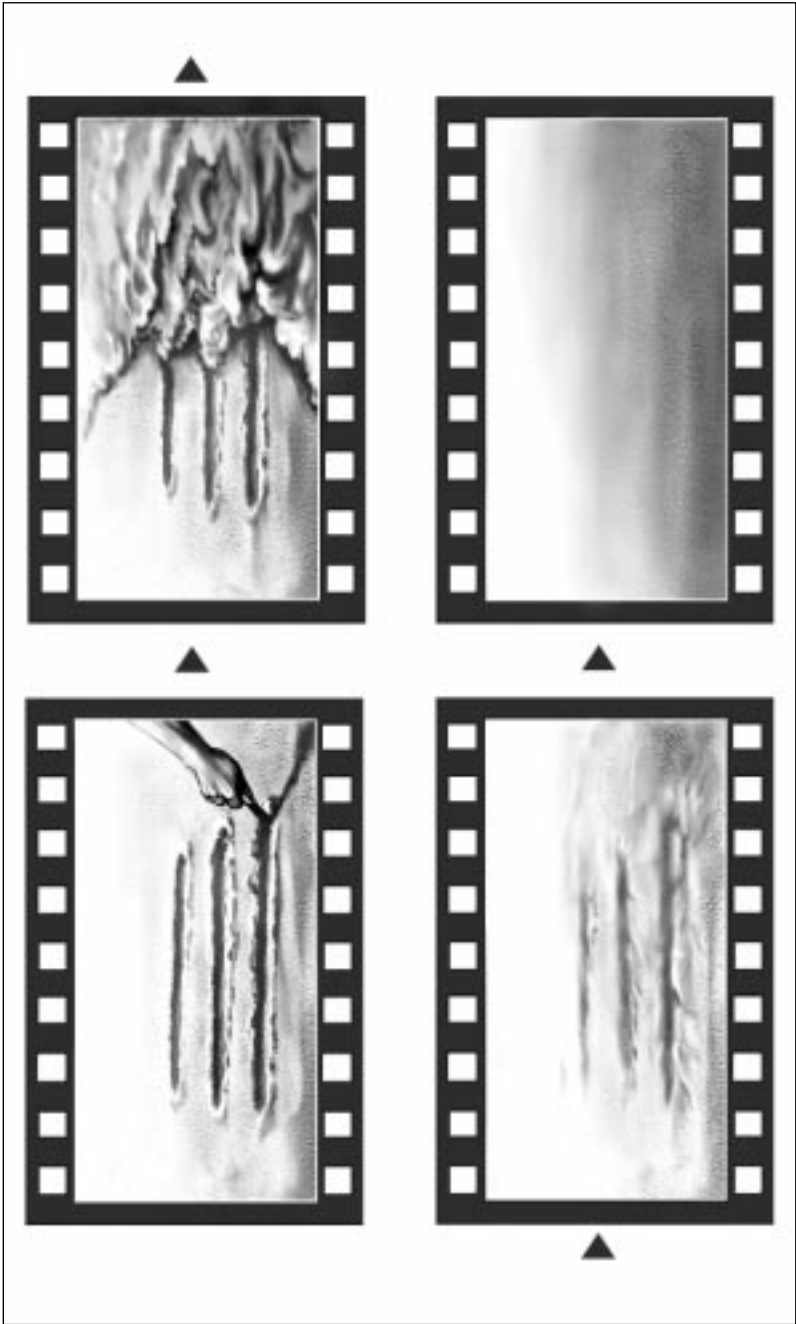
“So He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.” Matthew 22:12.



Most of us regard mountains like this as being unscaleable so far as we are concerned. Likewise, the average person looks upon God's ideal of character as being far too difficult to achieve. But righteousness is not a mountain that the Lord requires us to climb, it is a glorious ideal to which He will elevate us. All He needs is our intelligent cooperation and living faith. The question is, do we see the mountain as God's demand, or His promise?



The hour of judgment is drawing relentlessly nearer. When it comes, the divine statutes will be the standard by which every man shall be judged. All therefore need to ensure that they maintain a state of readiness every day so that the judgment will not catch them unprepared.



As the sea washes away the markings in the sand and leaves no trace of them,
so the Lord removes sin from us so that we shall know it no more.



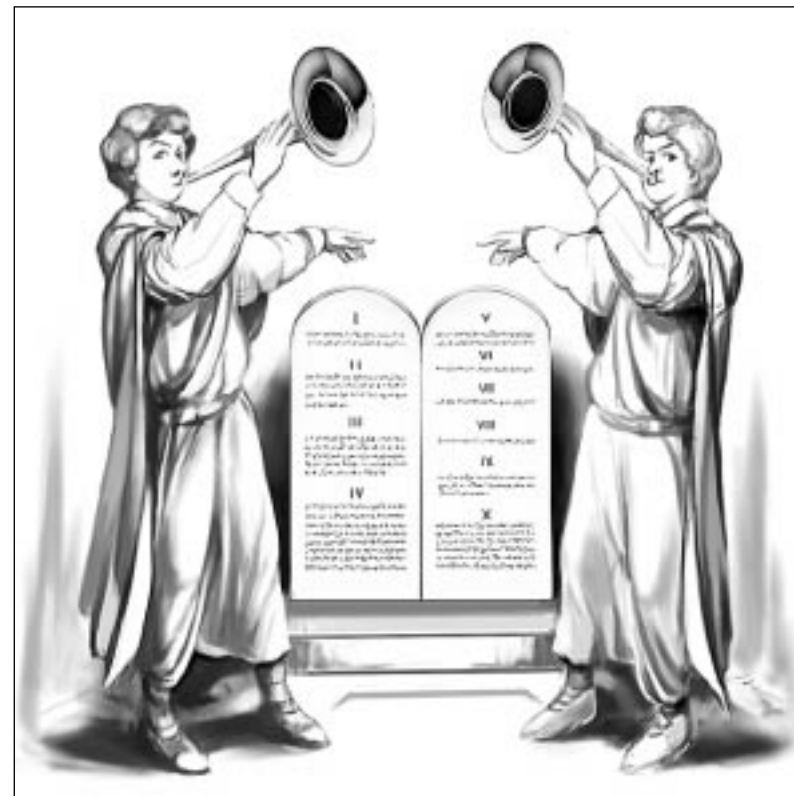
“It is true that he may once have received forgiveness; but his unmerciful spirit shows that he now rejects God’s pardoning love. He has separated himself from God, and is in the same condition as before he was forgiven. He has denied his repentance, and his sins are upon him as if he had not repented.” Christ’s Object Lessons, 251.



“Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God’s people in the closing up of the great day of atonement.” Testimonies 5:472.



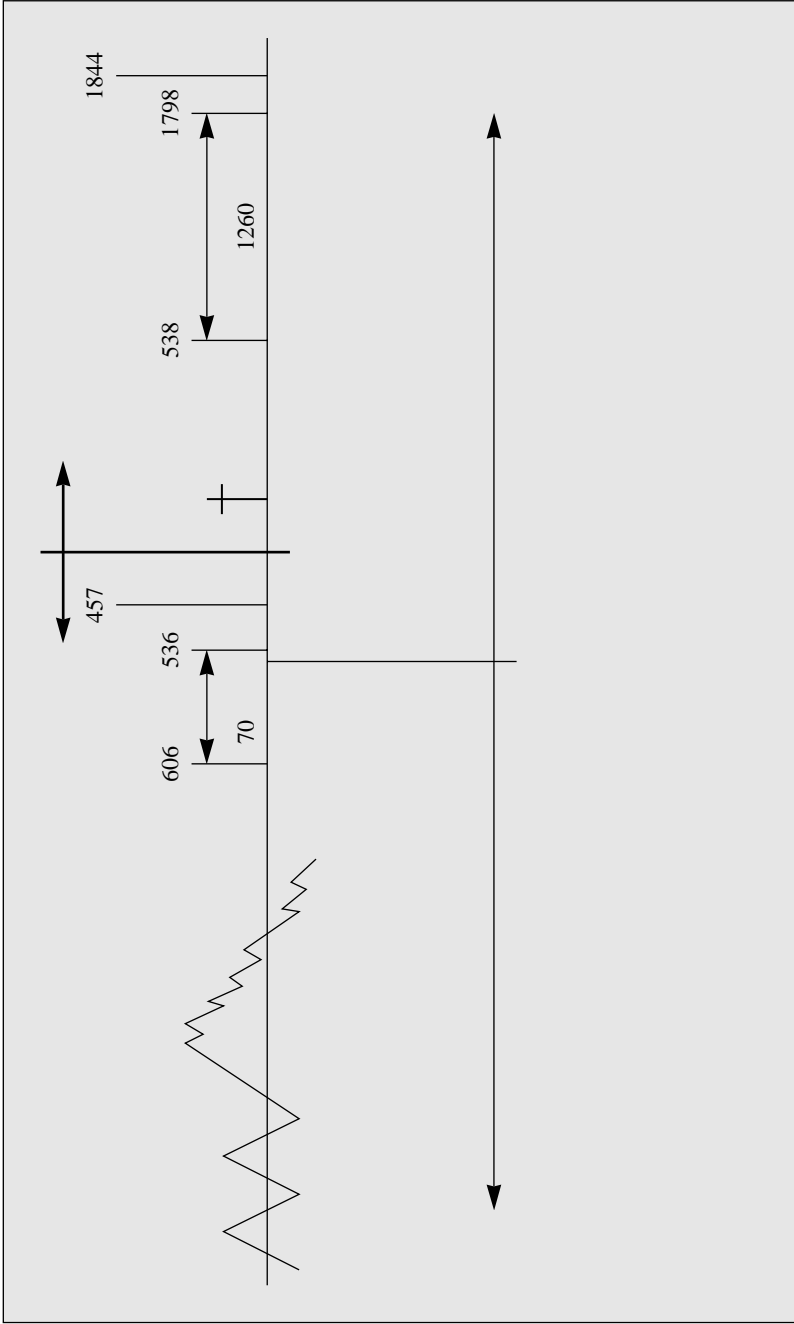
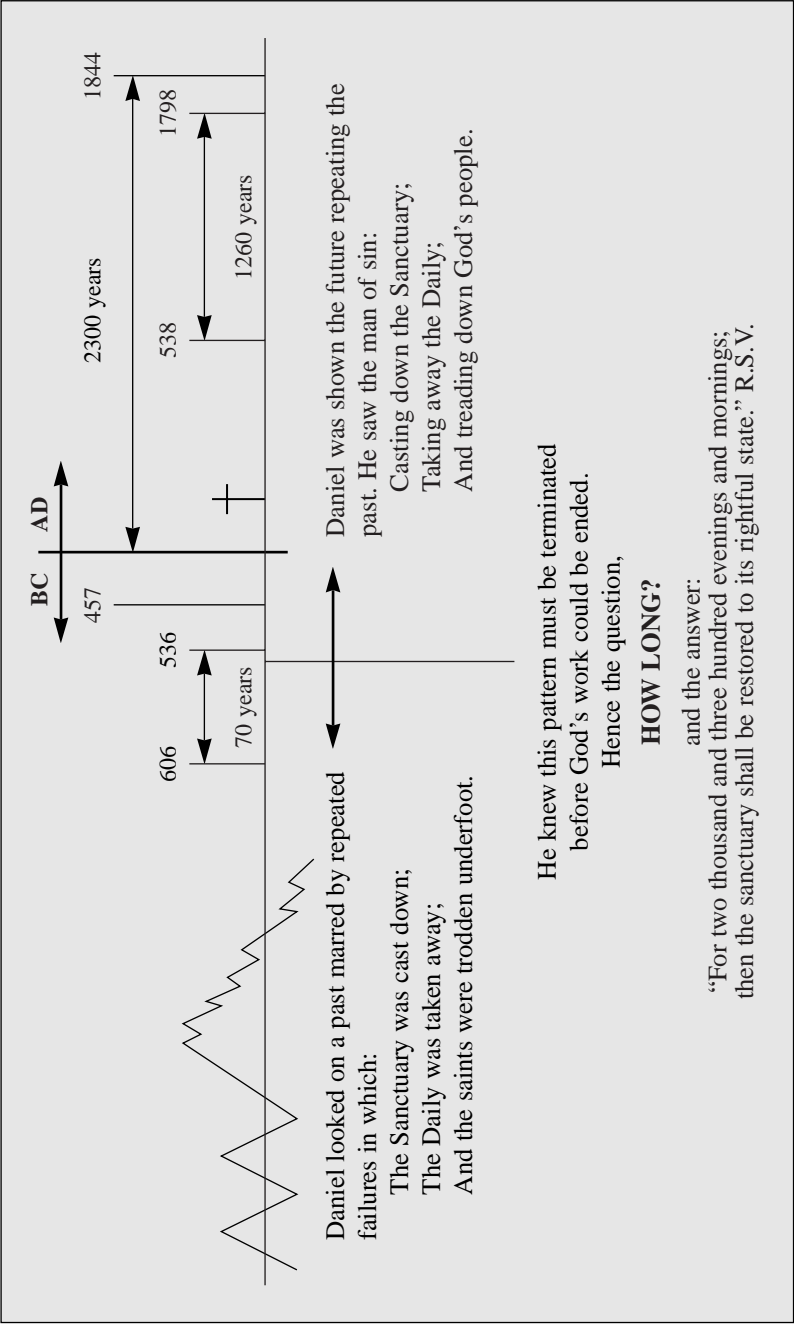
Towards the close of the day of atonement, a very fit man dragged a resisting scapegoat away into the desert from which there would be no return. So Christ, the Fit Man, will lead the devil away and chain him up to a desolate earth once the final atonement is complete and He has returned to this earth. Satan will then know that he will never return to the camp of the saints or recover his former glory and position.

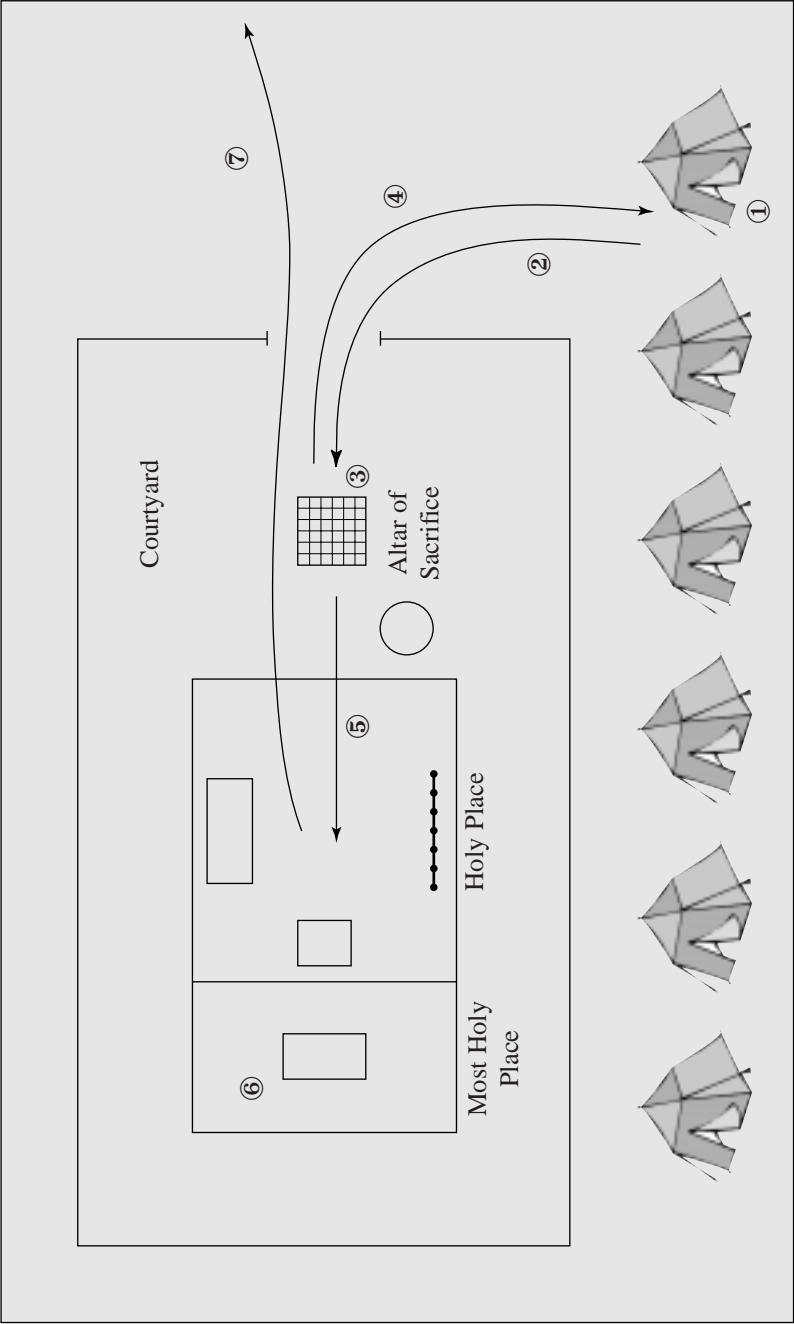


The feast of trumpets was designed to prepare the Israelites for the coming day of Atonement. In fulfillment of this type the warning of the coming judgment was sounded throughout the world by the Second Advent Movement.

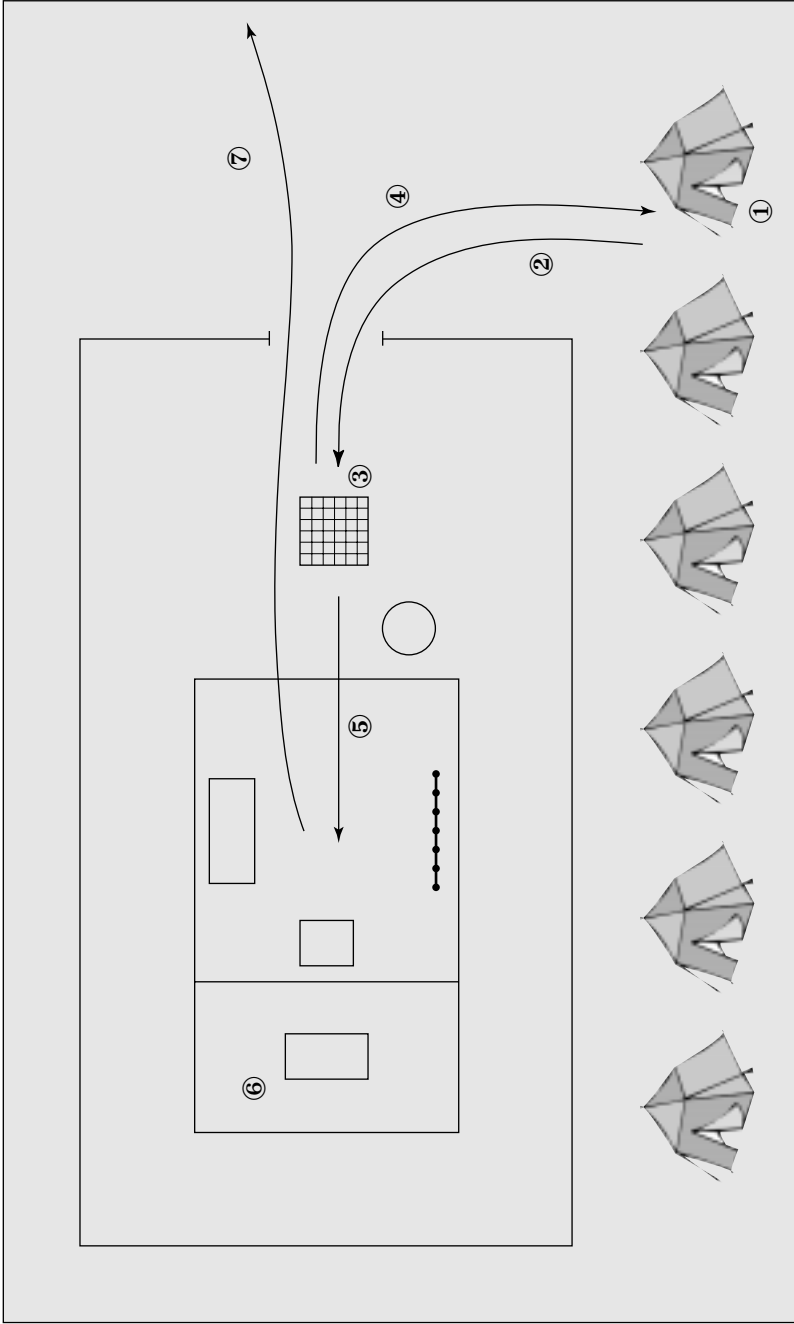


Today terrorists seek to disguise their true identity with counterfeit papers so as to gain entry into other countries and wreak destruction. In the same way Satan seeks to misinterpret the clear word of prophecy and cause the downfall of souls to their eternal ruin.





The sanctuary and its lessons concerning acceptable confession



1. Through the study of the word of God and the testing of temptation, there comes the revelation and the conviction of the hitherto unknown sin. The intelligent believer knows that the real problem is not the act of sin, but the spirit of evil within, which is the source of the Problem. He knows that until that is cleansed away, he cannot cease committing the sin, but will still do it.
2. He knows that his need of forgiveness and cleansing will be fully supplied at the door of the sanctuary in response to the making of an acceptable confession. So he comes to the sanctuary with strong faith that the Lord will do just what He has promised He will do.
3. Very specifically he confesses that his real Problem is the evil spirit within him. He gives it to the Lord who takes it and fills the vacuum with the sweet graces of His Holy Spirit.
4. Thus he returns to his house a very different man from the one who left it. In the area where he has

been cleansed, he now has the power to choose as to whether he will sin or not.

5. That which defiled him—his now forfeited life—is in the sanctuary causing its defilement so that it in turn needs to be cleansed. Thus the cleansing of the individual is the defiling of the sanctuary.
6. A record of all these transactions is kept in heaven and this record is used to determine the final disposition of the sin in the great judgment day. Either the sins return on the sinner or they are placed upon the scapegoat
7. Only if no known sins remain in the individual, will those in the sanctuary be placed upon the scapegoat. Therefore it is most essential that all sin be in the sanctuary before the judgment. This must be the sin itself, not just the guilt of it or the record of it. Remember that no sin passes directly from the sinner to the scapegoat. It must all pass through the sanctuary first.

