

The Work of Jesus as Our High Priest – HP

1HP – Daniel 8:14. Before we can understand what is meant by the cleansing of the sanctuary, which began in 1844, at the end of the 2300 days (years: Num.14:34), we must know what the sanctuary is which is spoken of in this prophecy.

2HP – Hebrews 9:1-5. Under the direction of God, Moses erected a tabernacle in the wilderness which is expressly called the sanctuary. Its services continued from the giving of the ceremonial law on Mt. Sinai to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This tabernacle of Moses was later merged into the beautiful temple at Jerusalem. When Christ died upon the cross, the veil in the temple in Jerusalem was rent (Matt. 27:50-51), showing that the service of God in this building had ended. This temple was destroyed in AD 70 by the Romans.

3HP – Hebrews 8:1-2. A heavenly sanctuary has taken the place of these earthly sanctuaries built by men. In this heavenly sanctuary, Christ ministers for us as our great High Priest. Since this heavenly sanctuary took the place of the earthly sanctuary at the death of Jesus on the cross, the sanctuary that was to be cleansed in 1844 must of necessity be the heavenly sanctuary where Jesus ministers for us now.

4HP – Hebrews 9:23. The earthly sanctuary that Moses built was a type, figure, pattern or shadow of the heavenly sanctuary. As the earthly sanctuary had its two apartments, so the heavenly has both a holy place and a most holy place.

5HP – Hebrews 8: 3-4. The service of the priests in the earthly sanctuary in the former dispensation was a type or figure of Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary during the Christian dispensation. Since the ceremonies of the sanctuary ceased at Christ's death on the cross, the earthly priesthood also ceased. A careful reading of the book of Leviticus will show that the ceremonies in the earthly sanctuary consisted of two parts, a daily ministrations in the first apartment (Heb. 9:6) and an annual ministrations in the second apartment (Heb 9:7).

6HP – Hebrews 7:27. On the cross, Jesus made a sacrifice offering ONCE FOR ALL – an offering that is sufficient for the sins of all men. But only those who accept Him receive the benefits of His great sacrifice.

7HP – Hebrews 9:24. After offering Himself as our true Lamb and Sacrifice, He ascended to the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary to plead the merits of His shed blood for those who accept Him as their Saviour.

8HP – Hebrews 7:25. Jesus is able to save to the uttermost - He intercedes for all who will come to Him (1 John. 2:1). Just as surely as we accept Him, and are true to Him to the end, He secures forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life for us. Jesus served as man's High Priest in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary until the end of the 2300 day/years in 1844. Then, according to Daniel 8:14, the time came for the cleansing of the sanctuary. In ancient times the high priest of the Levitical service cleansed the sanctuary once a year on the great Day of Atonement, also known as the Day of Judgment. On this day the high priest cleansed the yearly round of service by a special ceremony in the Most Holy Place. So in the antitype, Jesus must have passed into the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 to perform the closing ceremony of His priestly work.

9HP – Hebrews 9:28. When He finishes His work as Priest in the second apartment, Jesus will appear without sin to enter upon the divine program of actually making an end of sin.

10HP – Isaiah 43:25. Now is the time to make sure that all our sins are blotted out while Jesus is finishing His priestly work.