

FAMILY TALK BACK QUESTIONS

1. Since God can be with his people everywhere all the time, why did He want them to build a sanctuary?
2. If you were to boil down the messages and the symbols of the sanctuary to one sentence, what would you say?
3. The first angel of Revelation 14 has the everlasting gospel for all people. What would you say the gospel is? What part do you play in getting that message to all people? What part does your church play in this?
4. What do the following parts of the first's angels message (Rev 14:6-7) mean to you? 1) Fear God 2) Give glory to Him 3) The hour of His judgment has come 4) Worship the creator.
5. The second angel gives a message that God's enemies (Babylon) will lose. Where does it seem that God's enemies are winning right now?
6. God, especially in the New Testament, seems so forgiving, patient, and gentle. How does this relate to the description of what happens to His enemies in Rev 14:9-11? Why do they get such serious punishment?
7. What does it mean to keep the commandments of God (Rev 14:12)? What does it mean to have the faith of Jesus? Why does this require patient endurance?



NEXT TIME: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER



Lesson 9.

The Sanctuary and the 3 Angels Messages

Name: _____

Mr Miller and the Sanctuary

“No, Lord Not Me. Send someone else. Let someone else go.” It was a prayer that this 49-year old farmer had been praying for 13 years now. But the impression came again. “I can’t do it, I can’t speak for you, surely you can find someone different?”

Finally he said, “I’ll tell you what God, if I get an invitation to preach, then I will do it.” Finally he felt at peace. After-all no one had ever asked him to preach before, ever!! But within half an hour of saying that prayer, there was a knock on the door and an invitation to go and preach. William Miller soon was preaching every where, telling people that Jesus was coming real soon.

To understand what this message was and why it spread like wild fire we first have to look at another topic in the Bible, the Sanctuary.

Why did God instruct Moses to build a sanctuary? **Exodus 25:8** (p63)



God just wants to be with his people. The sanctuary had a very special purpose. It was to point people to Jesus. The job of the high priest was to minister in the sanctuary. They served as a connection point between God and

his people. The priests work pointed forward to the coming of Jesus, who would be the one who connects us with God. The Bible says that we also have a high priest in heaven. What does the following text tell you about this priest and where he serves?

Hebrews 8:1,2,5. (p854) _____

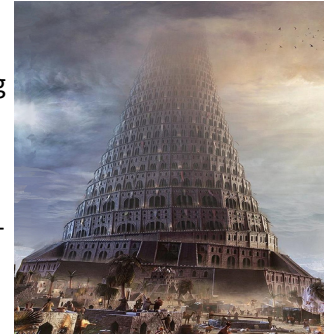
The sanctuary that was set up on earth was based on what is in heaven. We also see that Jesus ministers as our High Priest.



Second and Third Angel.

The next angels message is found in **Rev 14:8** (p 883). How would you write this text in your own words? _____

Babylon represents everything that goes against God. You may remember the story of the Tower of Babel. This happened as a result of not trusting God. It was brought about by trying to do things yourself and also outright rebellion against God. The symbolic meaning of adultery is a failure to be faithful to God. When God’s people follow other gods its referred to as Spiritual adultery. The message of this angel is clear. Those who are against God, in then end they loose.



The next angel gives the most dire warning yet. What jumped out at you most in the next message? **Rev 14:9-11** _____



This is one of the most harrowing passages in all of the Bible. It is the opposite of the first angels message. There comes a time when God’s patience and mercy give way to judgement and punishment. This message demands a decision. It tells us that the world will soon be divided into two camps, those who worship God, and those who are Gods enemies. God keeps providing opportunities for His enemies to choose His side, but according to this angel, he won’t do this forever. One day his wrath will be poured out in full fury. This is really bad news for God’s enemies, SO CHOOSE TO WORSHIP GOD!

What does this call for? **Rev 14:12** _____

Patience is required for God’s people who keep his commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. Jesus is going to come back to set things right, and when he does he wants us to be on Gods side.

That’s why he has give us this message to tell the world. It’s a serious commitment. Are you ready to be a part of the team that gets the word out?

YES NO

Three Angels Message.

What did the first angel have to proclaim to those who live on the earth?

Rev 14:6 (p883) _____

This is the good news about Jesus and the grace he has shown us. It is the everlasting good news.

Who was this message to go to?

Rev 14:6 _____

_____ Everyone, everywhere, in every corner of the globe, is to hear the good news about Jesus and what he has done for us.



In the context of the gospel what does the first angel say next?

Rev 14:7a _____.

Fear is used here not in the sense of being afraid of God, but in the sense of coming to him with reverence and awe. It means that it is time to take God seriously. How seriously are you taking God? Do you give in Glory in everything you do?

What does the angel say about judgement?

Rev 14:7b _____

This is what these who followed William Miller later discovered when they look at the sanctuary. This is why this message has such urgency, because the hour of his judgement **HAS** come.

Because of this what are we to do.

Rev 14:7 last part. _____

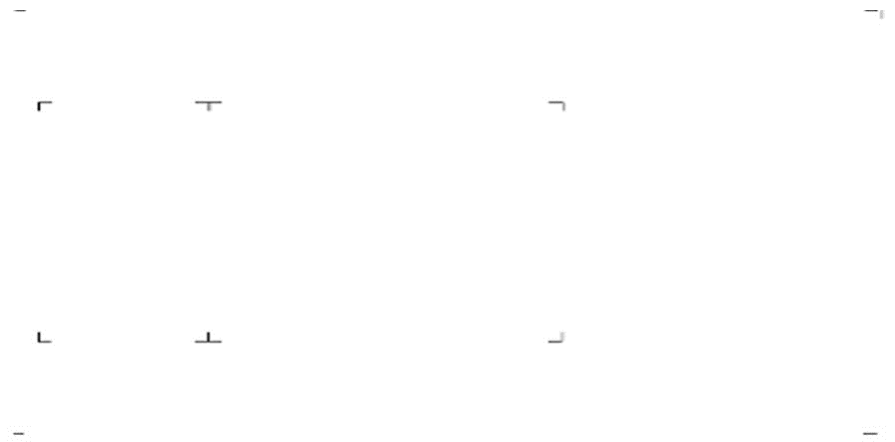
We are to worship God the creator. Note that the **Sabbath** command is implicit here as Ex 20:11 commands us to do the same thing!

As Seventh-day Adventist we feel compelled to communicate this message boldly. If someone wants to know what Christians are called to do, here it is in a nutshell.



The Sanctuary points to Jesus

The sanctuary was designed to point us to Jesus. In the space below draw an outline of the sanctuary and show where each bit of furniture was placed. Then write below what each item represents and how it points us to Jesus.



Altar of Burnt offering _____

Laver _____

Table of Showbread _____

Candlestick _____

Alter of incense _____

Ark of the covenant _____

As you can see, everything in the sanctuary points to Jesus. Once a year on a special day called the "Day of Atonement" the High Priest would go into the most Holy Place to "cleanse the sanctuary." What would happen to who anyone who did not 'deny himself' on that day?

Lev 23:28-29 (p93) _____

So we can see that on this day when the sanctuary was cleansed, the day of atonement, a judgement took place. People who were not right with God, could be "cut off" from their people.

DAN 8:14

With this background, we can now go back to William Miller. He had decided that he was going to read the Bible, but he would not move on any further until he totally understood what he was reading. He came to the verse in the book of Daniel.



Write in your own words what this verse says.

Daniel 8:14 (p623) _____

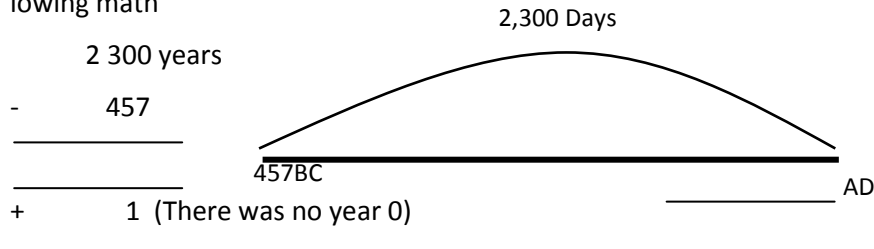
One of the key words here is “2,300 days.” This is obviously a part of Bible prophecy, and the Bible tells us the way to calculate this time period.

What does **Numbers 14:34** (p110), and **Ezekiel 4:6** (p 581) tells us that a day in Bible prophecy is equal to? _____.

Therefore in Daniel 8:14 we are talking about 2,300 _____.

Wow that’s a long time. Daniel 9 tells us when this event would start. What event was it. **Daniel 9:25** (p624)? _____.

Ezra Chapter 6 and 7 tells us that this decree went out in the year **457BC**. To work out the date when this prophecy would end we need to do the following math



Now all Miller had to do was work out what “Cleansing of the sanctuary meant.” He felt the sanctuary could represent the earth, and the cleansing would therefore mean . . . He couldn't believe it!! Was it possible that Jesus was really going to return in a few short years in 1844? He checked, and check again. Yes he was sure of it. Somebody needed to warn the world that Jesus is coming again soon. God choose Miller himself to preach this important message.

The message goes out.

The appointed day arrived, (October 22) 1844. The sun rose, went to the middle of the sky and then set again. But Jesus hadn't come!! This event became known as the great disappointment. Using the symbol of eating a scroll (like a book), what does the Bible say their experience would be like?

What would this scroll taste like? **Rev 10:9-10?**(p 881) _____

What could be sweeter than know that Jesus was come back? What would happen to it in their stomachs? **Rev10:9-10?** _____

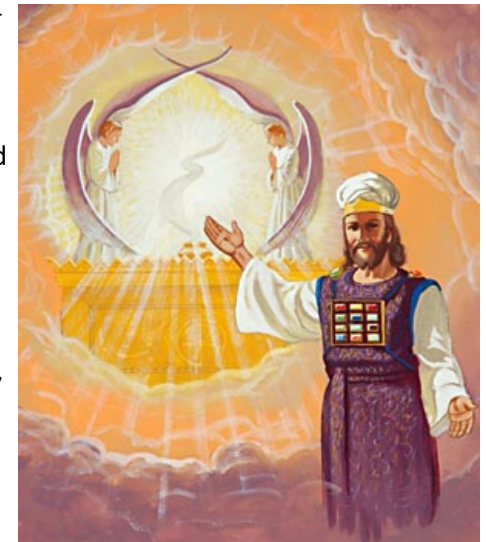
What could be more disappointing when He didn't return?

But look what the very next verse says, What were they told to do?

Rev 10:11 _____

What were they told to measure? **Rev 11:1** _____

It seemed the Bible itself was telling them that they needed to re-look at the sanctuary, and they still had a message that was to go the world. They quickly concluded that the sanctuary being cleansed was the one in heaven not in earth. That Jesus was now functioning as our high priest in heaven, just like the priest did on the day of atonement. In other words, God wanted to make us aware that there was a judgment going on. Satan has accused God of not being fair and has accused us of not being worthy of heaven. So



God sets everything out so that even created beings in other worlds can see for themselves that God is fair and that we are worthy of heaven because Jesus has forgiven our sins and died in our place.

This is something we have to tell others. A message of God's grace that prepares the world for soon return of Jesus. A message found in the three angels messages.