

The Final Demonstration



SANCTUARY

ONE YEAR OF THE SANCTUARY SERVICES REPRESENTS THE WHOLE PLAN OF SALVATION

WEST

EAST

Ev. pg 222-223; Eyes fixed on the Sanctuary
we should not rest until we become intelligent
in regard to the subject of the sanctuary

PSALMS 77:13

Thy way o God, is in the Sanctuary

GC 488:3 **THE SANCTUARY** IN HEAVEN IS THE VERY
CENTRE OF CHRIST'S WORK ON BEHALF OF MEN.
IT CONCERNS EVERY SOUL LIVING UPON THE
EARTH. IT OPENS TO VIEW **THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION**

OUTER COURT

MOST HOLY PLACE

HOLY PLACE

ALTAR OF
INCENSE
EXODUS 30:1-10

GOLDEN
LAMP STAND
EXODUS 25:31-40

GOLDEN
TABLE OF
SHEW BREAD
EXODUS 25:23-30

ARK OF THE
COVENANT BOX
EXODUS 25:10-22

BRASEN LAVER PORCH
EXODUS 30:18-21

BRASEN ALTAR
OF
BURNT OFFERING
EXODUS 27:1-8

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TARBBERNACLE

ATONEMENT

TRUMPETS

PENTECOST

FIRST FRUITS

UNLEAVEN BREAD

PASSOVER

15TH Day of the
7TH Month

10TH Day of the
7TH Month.

1ST Day of the
7TH Month

50 Days after
first fruits

16TH day of
1ST month

15TH day of
1ST month

14TH day of
1ST month

A Quick Pointer

1. 6,000 years ago—The Father and the Son understood Satan's plans and arguments, and rejected them.
2. 2,000 years ago—Angels and unfallen worlds understood Satan's plans and arguments, and rejected them.
3. Near future (hopefully)—The 144,000 will understand Satan's plans and arguments, and will reject them.
4. 1,000 years later—The wicked will understand Satan's plans and arguments, and will reject them.

Some Basic Points

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

—Matthew 24:14

Holding Pattern

“After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying,

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Everything from the sealing on ...

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- Time of Jacob's trouble
- Second coming
- Reward of the righteous
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To justify His government's rulings on the reward of the righteous and the destruction of the wicked, God needs to do three things:

- Show that there is a good reason some are lost and some are saved
- Show that the people He wants to take to heaven are safe to have there
- Show that there is nothing more that even God could do to help the wicked



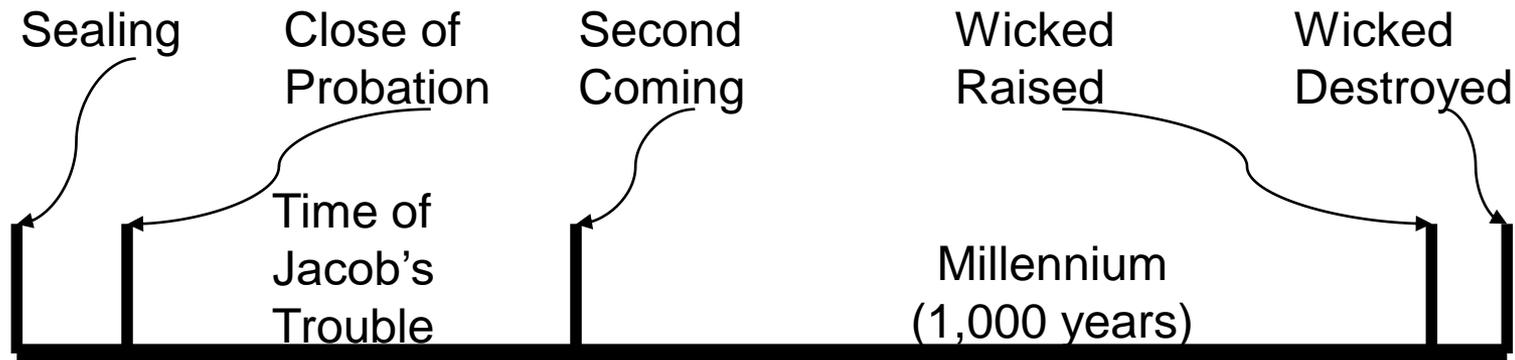
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Basic Information

- The seal of God (Rev. 7 and 9) is contrasted with the mark of the beast (Rev. 13)
- A seal—an official sign of authority—gives the essential information (usually the name, title, and jurisdiction) of the individual, organization, or government it represents
- This information is found in the Sabbath commandment: Name—LORD; Title—Creator; Jurisdiction—Heaven and earth
- The mark of the beast is readily identified as the claim to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday

Basic Information

- The seal of God is placed in the foreheads of the 144,000 *before* the close of probation.
- The close of probation marks the end of Christ's work as High Priest in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.



How did “Jacob” get into this?

“For thus says the LORD: ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.’”

—Jeremiah 30:5–7

How did “Jacob” get into this?

“Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, ‘Let Me go, for the day breaks.’ But he said, ‘I will not let You go unless You bless me!’ ... And He said, ‘Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.’”

—Genesis 32:24–30

Job

“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”

—Job 13:15

Jesus

“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?’ which is translated, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’”

—Mark 15:34

What makes this test special?

- Millions have faced death for their faith—what's the difference here?
- This is not the normal test of martyrdom, because at this time—with no High Priest to intercede in the heavenly sanctuary—the 144,000 feel no sense of God's abiding presence.
- Every sensory input tells them that God is their enemy, that He wants to kill them.

What makes this test special?

“Those who live in the last days must pass through an experience similar to that of Jacob. Foes will be all around them, ready to condemn and destroy. Alarm and despair will seize them, for it appears to them as to Jacob in his distress, that God himself has become an avenging enemy.”

—*Signs of the Times*, November 27, 1879

What makes this test special?

“Dangers thicken on every side, and it is difficult to fix the eye of faith upon the promises amidst the certain evidences of immediate destruction. But in the midst of revelry and violence, there falls upon the ear peal upon peal of the loudest thunder. The heavens have gathered blackness and are only illuminated with the blazing light and terrible glory from Heaven. God utters His voice from His holy habitation. The captivity of His people is turned. With sweet and subdued voices they say to one another, ‘God is our friend.’”

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What the Test Shows

- By placing His seal on the 144,000 *before* this most difficult of all tests, God provides convincing evidence that He can correctly identify those who are safe to let into heaven.

The Final Demonstration

Would “this same Jesus,”

- the One who is “the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8);
- the One who said “[whoever] comes to Me I will by no means cast out” (John 6:37);
- the One who has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked” (Ezekiel 33:11)—

would Jesus let a repentant and trusting sinner in?

The Choice Is Ours

“Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. He shall say, ‘Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength.’ To Him men shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him.”

—Isaiah 45:22–24