

Removing the Record



Week Eight

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
Daniel 8

CLEANSING THE UNIVERSE

Some elements of culture glorify sin. It is portrayed in movies and media. The masses pay to consume the reenactment of sin. The fact is that culture doesn't view sin as sin. It is simply seen as human nature in its evolutionary progression. Even the Christian community thinks of sin in flippant, trivial terms, where grace is portrayed in a way that minimizes the gravity of what sin really is.

The Bible illustrates through the sanctuary that sin cost heaven everything. In order to remove it from the universe forever, it will require a painstaking process of transparency and transference. The cleansing of the universe forever from sin must involve the cleansing of the sanctuary from sin. This lesson will explore that cleansing as found in Daniel chapter 8.



inScribe

Write out Daniel 8 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Daniel 8:4–14. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, outline, or mind map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Daniel 8. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

Do you have sins that you would prefer never to see the light of day?

How does the total removal of even the record of your sins make you feel?

Handwriting practice area with a grid of dots.

Daniel 8 (sanctuary language)	Daniel 7
	Lion
Ram	→ Bear
Goat	→ Leopard
	Horrible Beast
	Ten Horns
Horn	→ Little Horn
Cleansing of the Sanctuary	→ Heavenly Judgment (equal entities)
Kingdom of God	→ Kingdom of God

A DEEPER LOOK INTO DANIEL 8

What good is it to study and understand biblical prophecy?

A careful study of the working out of God's purpose in the history of nations and in the revelation of things to come, will help us to estimate at their true value things seen and things unseen, and to learn what is the true aim of life. Thus, viewing the things of time in the light of eternity, we may, like Daniel and his fellows, live for that which is true and noble and enduring. And learning in this life the principles of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, that blessed kingdom which is to endure for ever and ever, we may be prepared at His coming to enter with Him into its possession. PK 548.2

(*Prophets and Kings* by Ellen White, p. 548)



inTerpret

After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How does God residing and ministering in the heavenly sanctuary affect your personal and spiritual life?



What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Exodus 29:38–46

Exodus 30:10

Leviticus 4:6, 7

Jeremiah 17:1

Leviticus 16

Hebrews 8:1–5; 9:1–28

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Daniel 8?

Review your memorized verse from Daniel 8.



Where is Jesus in the midst of the prophecies of Daniel 8?



What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

What are practical applications of believing in the heavenly sanctuary?



Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



What is society's attitude about sin? What is the Christian community's attitude about sin?

What does God keeping a record of forgiven sins indicate about the nature of sin?

What is the difference between the sanctuary understanding of the removal of sin and the popular understanding of how God removes sin?

How does one reconcile the assurance of salvation with the idea of the judgment?

What could be the benefits of the heavenly sanctuary to the inhabitants of the universe?

What does the way that God removes the record of sin reveal about the issues in the great controversy?