

Study 1: Introduction to the final movement

Today there are new doctrines entering the church which are bringing **division** and leading to the formation of new movements. Among these doctrines are **feast keeping** and a different understanding of the **Godhead**.

I have some questions regarding these new movements before we look at the actual accuracy of the doctrines themselves. Will there be **another movement** after the movement in 1844? Will there be a breaking away within SDA churches? Will there be different camp meetings and church services apart from the main body? Is this God's will? Is there counsel in the Spirit of Prophecy that this will happen? Is this found in the book "The Great Controversy" as this book covers what doctrines will deceive people before Jesus returns? Do we find feast keeping and a different understanding of the Godhead **CLEARLY** explained in this book which covers the time span from 70AD to the Millennium and beyond?

If so, then those statements and Bible references must be as clear as the warnings in the Old Testament that Israel would be rejected and the Gentiles would be chosen if Israel were to reject the Messiah, as explained in Daniel chapter 9. Is there such a prophecy stating this vitally important fact? If not, then we can with certainty reject any new wind of doctrine which brings division into the church. If we study prophecy carefully and what Spirit of Prophecy says on this topic we find a warning that the church will look like it is about to fall but it won't!

Let's start with the prophecy in Daniel 8 where the beginning of the SDA movement is prophesied.

Daniel 8:14 And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the **sanctuary shall be cleansed**."

What is this cleansing? Daniel 7 give us more insight. After the Antichrist's rule for 1260 years the investigative judgment would begin:

Daniel 7:8-10 "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, **a little one**, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. I watched till **thrones were put in place**, And the **Ancient of Days was seated**; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. **The court** was seated, And the **books were opened**."

Daniel 7:21, 22 "I was watching; and **the same horn** was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a **judgment** was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom."

Daniel 7:25, 26 **He** shall **speak pompous words** against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. But the **court shall be seated**, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever."

In these verses we see a pattern. In all three passages the little horn appears, and then the court is seated and the investigative judgment begins. Daniel 7:13 says that the Son of Man came to the Ancient of Days, which, if you study Daniel 8 & 9 carefully, began in the year of 1844. Jesus as our High Priest entered the Most Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary just as the high priest entered the Most Holy Place once a year in the earthly sanctuary to make atonement for the people of Israel on the Day of Atonement.

The little horn ruled for 1260 years (Daniel 7:25), which spanned from 538AD – 1798. Therefore the Bible is accurate in saying that when the rule of the little horn comes to an end (1798), then the judgment would begin (1844).

Why is this important to understand in light of the final movement? The book of Revelation will give the answer in the next study.

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