

The Seventh-day Adventists say that Daniel also foretold that this investigative judgment would begin in the Fall of 1844 A.D. They say that Daniel foretold this in Daniel 8:14 where we read, "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."³⁷ They arrived at this date in the following manner. They said that the 2,300 days in this verse represented 2,300 years, and that these 2,300 years began at the same time that Daniel's 70 weeks began which was in the Fall of 457 B.C. They said that the cleansing of the sanctuary of which this verse speaks "involves a work of investigation -- a work of judgment."³⁸ Therefore, they said that Daniel foretold that this investigative judgment which the cleansing of the sanctuary in this verse involves would begin in the Fall of 1844 A.D.

The Seventh-day Adventists also say that John foretold that after this investigative judgment had commenced, there would be a worldwide message which would be given by human messengers under God's direction to the nations on earth in which these nations would be warned that this investigative judgment was taking place. They say that John foretold this in Revelation 14:6,7 where we read:

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.³⁹

As to the length of this investigative judgment, the Seventh-day Adventists claim that it is to extend from 1844 A.D. to the second coming of

³⁷Dan. 8:14.

³⁸White, op. cit., p. 249.

³⁹Rev. 14:6,7.