

That instead of our high priest coming out of the most holy of the heavenly sanctuary to come to this earth on the tenth day of the seventh month at the end of the twenty-three hundred days, He for the first time entered on that day the second apartment of that sanctuary, and that He had a work to perform in the most holy before coming to this earth.²⁰

After he received that conviction, Mr. Edson together with others studied the Bible, especially the Book of Hebrews, for further light. As a result of that Bible study, they said that the Bible taught that the Jewish services in the earthly sanctuary were typical of the services in the heavenly sanctuary. They said that in the Jewish services the priests ministered daily in the Holy Place during the year, and then on the Day of Atonement the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies to cleanse the sanctuary. Therefore, they said that when Jesus returned to Heaven, He went as our High Priest. They said that He ministered in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary from the time that He ascended into Heaven until the end of the 2,300 years of Daniel 8:14 which was October 22, 1844 A.D. Then on that day they said that He passed from the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary. After He had cleansed the heavenly sanctuary, they said that He would come back to earth and bring judgment upon the world.

Thus Mr. Edson and those who were with him explained the "Great Disappointment of 1844 A.D." by a new interpretation of the sanctuary in Daniel 8:14. They said that the sanctuary was not the earth, but that it was the sanctuary which was located in Heaven, and that instead of coming to earth on October 22, 1844 A.D., Jesus had passed from one apartment of that sanctuary into the other apartment in order to cleanse it before coming back to earth.

This new interpretation was convincingly set forth by Mr. O. R. L. Crosier in 1846 A.D. in a lengthy article which appeared in a special number

²⁰Martin, *op. cit.*, p. 32.