

CHAPTER II

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST DOCTRINES

Although there are several Seventh-day Adventist doctrines which are contrary to the Word of God, there are only two which are vital to this thesis. These doctrines are the doctrine of the investigative judgment and the doctrine of the Sabbath as a test of loyalty to God in the last days. Therefore, these are the only two doctrines which I will consider.

The first doctrine which I will consider is the doctrine of the investigative judgment.

The Seventh-day Adventists believe that there is to be an investigative judgment before the second coming of Christ in which the records of all those who have believed in Jesus will be examined in order to determine whether or not they are worthy to receive eternal life.

The Seventh-day Adventists claim that this investigative judgment was foretold in prophecy. They say that Daniel foretold it in Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14 where we read:

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set and the books were opened I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.³⁶

³⁶Dan. 7:9, 10, 13, 14.