



Christian Ambassadors

Who or What is The Abomination of Desolation?

(Mat 24:3-22) “As Yahshua sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, what shall be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the world? Jesus answered, Take heed that no man deceives you. **For many will come in My name, saying, I am Christ, and will deceive many (1st Seal = White Horse of Rev 6:1-2).** **And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all *these things* must occur; but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom (2nd Seal = Red Horse of Rev 6:3-4).** **And there will be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in different places (3rd Seal = Black Horse of Rev 6:5-6).** All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted and will kill you. And you will be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, and will betray one another, and will hate one another (4th Seal = Pale Horse of Rev 6:7-8). And many false prophets will rise and deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many will become cold. But he who endures to the end, the same shall be kept safe. And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all nations. And then the end shall come. *Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand).* Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains. Let him on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house; nor let him in the field turn back to take his clothes. And woe to those who are with child, and to those who give suck in those days! But pray that your flight is not in the winter, nor on the Sabbath day; **for then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world to this time; no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days should be shortened, no flesh would be saved [alive] (5th Seal = Great Tribulation of Rev 6:9-11).**”

1. When you SEE
2. The ABOMINATION
3. Of DESOLATION
4. Spoken of by DANIEL the Prophet
5. STAND
6. In the HOLY PLACE
7. UNDERSTAND ... that the Great Tribulation is about to break forth! The timing of the Abomination of Desolation (AOD) is after the 4th Seal but before the 5th Seal.

From (Mar 13:14) we glean an eighth point: “When you see the AOD that is spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not (let him who reads understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

8. WHERE IT OUGHT NOT (it should not be standing in the Holy Place)

From (Luk 21:20) we see two more points:

9. When you SEE JERUSALEM COMPASSED WITH ARMIES
10. Then know that ITS DESTRUCTION HAS COME.

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Now let's read from Daniel the Prophet. The combination of the words "Abomination" and "Desolation" is used in 3 chapters, i.e. 9, 11, & 12.

(Dan 9:26-27 KJV) "The people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." (MKJV) "The people of the ruler who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it shall be with the flood, and ruins are determined, until the end shall be war. And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and [put] on a corner of the altar desolating abominations, even until the end. And that which was decreed shall be poured on the desolator."

(Dan 11:31 KJV) "And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that makes desolate." (MKJV) "And forces will stand from him, and they will profane the sanctuary, the fortress, and shall remove the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the desolating abomination."

(Dan 12:11 KJV) "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be 1290 days." (MKJV) "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the desolating abomination set up, 1290 days shall occur."

From Dan 9, 11 & 12 we see 2 more points:

11. The Sanctuary, the City, and the People will be destroyed
12. The Daily Sacrifice will be taken away

Now let's talk about each of these 12 points.

1) **SEE** = to literally see with the eyes. The context shows that we must also see with our minds --- or understand what is meant by --- what we see with our eyes.

2) **ABOMINATION** = a detestable thing, specifically idolatry. From Greek word "bdelugma"; from Hebrew word "shiqquts"; meaning something that is disgusting, especially idolatrous practices.

(1Ki 11:1-10) "King Solomon loved many foreign women, even the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, Hittites; of the nations which Yahweh had said to the sons of Israel, You shall not have intimate relations with them; surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. But Solomon clung to these in love. He had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. When Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods. His heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the **abomination** of the Ammonites; and Solomon did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and did not *go* fully after Yahweh like his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the **abomination** of Moab, in the hill which is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the **abomination** of the sons of Ammon. And likewise he did for all his foreign wives, and burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. And Yahweh was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from Yahweh, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; and he did not keep that which Yahweh commanded."

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(Luk 16:10-15) “He who is faithful in the least is also faithful in much. And he who is unjust in the least is also unjust in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful with unrighteous money, who will entrust true riches to you? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters. For he will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and money. When the money-loving Pharisees heard all these things, they derided Him. And He said to them, You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For that which is highly esteemed among men is an **abomination** in the sight of God.”

3) **DESOLATION** = to lay waste; to bring to nothing. From Greek word “eremoo”; from Hebrew word shâmêm; meaning to devastate or make amazed; to destroy or make one wonder.

(Mat 12:25) “Jesus, knowing the thoughts of the Pharisees, said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to **desolation**. Every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.”

(Rev 18:16-21) “Woe to the great city [Mystery Babylon]! For in one hour such great riches were **desolated**. Every seaman stood afar off and cried out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What is like the great city? For in one hour she was **ruined**. Rejoice over her, Heaven, and the holy apostles, and the prophets, since God judged your judgment on her. And one strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, So on an impulse the great city, Babylon, will be thrown down and not at all will be found any more.”

(Dan 9:2) “In the first year of Darius’ reign, I [Daniel], understood the number of the years by reading the Word of Yahweh to Jeremiah the prophet, that Yahweh would accomplish 70 years in the destruction of Jerusalem. (v. 17) And now, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his holy desires, and cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary that is **desolate**, for the Lord's sake.”

4) **STAND** = From Greek word “histēmi”; from Hebrew word ‘âmad; meaning: to abide; continue; covenant; stand up.

(Mat 12:25) “Jesus, knowing the thoughts of the Pharisees, said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. Every city or house divided against itself shall not **stand**.”

(Mat 26:15) Judas asked, “What will you give me if I deliver Jesus to you? And they covenanted with him for 30 pieces of silver.” In John 18:5, when the multitude came to capture Jesus, Jesus asked them who they were looking for. “They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said to them, I Am. And Judas, which betrayed him, **stood** with them also.”

(Heb 10:11) “Every priest **stands** daily [in the Temple] ministering and offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but Yahshua, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right side of God...”

(Dan 11:6) “In the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north (kon) to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he **stand**, nor his arm: for she shall be given up.” (v. 16) “But he that comes against him [kon] shall do according to his own will, but none shall **stand** before him [kon]: and he [kon] shall **stand** in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.” (v. 22) “And with the arms of a flood shall they be wiped away from before him [kon], and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.” (v. 31) “And arms shall **stand** on his [kon] part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that makes desolate.”

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5) In the HOLY PLACE

Canaan is the holy land, Mount Zion is the holy hill upon which Jerusalem is built, *Jerusalem is the holy city*, and the **Temple was the holy sanctuary**. Which one is the HOLY PLACE?

(**Neh 11:1**) “The rulers of the people lived at Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots, to bring one out of every 10 to live in *Jerusalem, the holy city*, and the other 9 went to other cities.” (**Mat 4:5**) “Then the Devil took Him up into *the holy city* and set Him upon a pinnacle of the Temple.”

(**Act 6:9-14**) “Jews were disputing with Stephen but they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. So they induced men to say, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God. And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes until they seized him and brought him to the Sanhedrin. And they set up false witnesses, who said, This man does not cease speaking blasphemous words against **this holy place** [referring to the Temple] and the Law. We have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy **this place**, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered to us.”

(**Act 21:26-28**) “Jews who were from Asia, having seen Paul in the temple, stirred up all the crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, Men, Israelites, help! This is the man who teaches against the people and the Law and **this place**. And even he brought Greeks into the temple and has polluted **this holy place**.”

(**Exo 26:30-35**) “Moses, Build the tabernacle according to the pattern shown to you in the mountain. Make a linen veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, embroidered with cherubs. The veil shall divide between the HOLY PLACE and the Holy of Holies. And you shall put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the Holy of Holies. And you shall set the table of showbread, the lamp stand, [and the altar of incense] outside the veil.”

6) WHERE IT OUGHT NOT

(**Lam 1:8-10**) “Jerusalem has grievously sinned, therefore she has been removed. All knowing her despise her because they saw her nakedness; yea, she sighs and turns backward. Her uncleanness is in her skirts; she did not remember her end, and has gone down astoundingly. There is no comforter for her. O Yahweh, behold my affliction, for the enemy has magnified himself. The enemy has spread out his hand upon all her desirable things; for **Jerusalem has seen other nations enter her holy place, whom You commanded that they should not enter into Your congregation.**”

(**2 Ch 23:16-19**) “Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and the king, that they should be Yahweh’s people. So all the people went to the house of Baal and broke it down, smashing his altars and images. They killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. Jehoiada chose the officers of the house of Yahweh by the hand of the priests the Levites, to offer the burnt offerings of Yahweh, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with joy and with singing, by the hands of David. **And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of Yahweh, so that no one which was unclean in any thing should enter in.**”

(**Dan 11:31**) “Armies shall stand on his part, **and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength**, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that makes desolate.”

“Standing in the Holy Place where it ought not” is referring to an abomination being in the Temple. But an abomination being in the Temple is not the desolation. So what does cause desolation?

7) And when you SEE JERUSALEM COMPASSED WITH ARMIES

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8) Then know that ITS DESTRUCTION HAS COME

9) Also UNDERSTAND THAT THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS ABOUT TO BREAK FORTH! We know this because the timing of the Abomination of Desolation is after the 4th Seal but before the 5th Seal. Notice in the next few passages how the 5th Seal is The Great Tribulation. Pay attention to the connection between “white robes” and “The Great Tribulation”.

(Rev 7:3-4) An angel said, “Do not hurt the earth or the sea until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, having been sealed out of every tribe of Israel.” (v 9) “After these things I saw a great multitude out of all nations, which no man could number, standing before the throne and the Lamb, clothed with white robes.” (vv 13-14) “One of the elders asked me, Who are these who are arrayed in white robes, and from where do they come? And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes, and have whitened them in the blood of the Lamb.” Now let’s see how “white robes” is connected to the 5th Seal.

(Rev 6:9-11) “When He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Master, when will You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? And it was said to them that they should rest yet for a little time until both their fellow servants and their brothers (those about to be killed as they were) should have their number made complete. Then white robes were given to each one of them.” The 5th Seal is when white robes are distributed; The Great Tribulation is when white robes are distributed; conclusion? The 5th Seal is The Great Tribulation! And there can’t be 2 different times where both are called The worst time ever!

(Dan 12:1) “And at that time Michael shall stand up. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation; until that time.” When is that time? (Dan 11:40-41) “At the time of the end shall the king of the south push at the king of the north (KON); and the KON shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and horsemen, and many ships; and he shall enter into and overthrow many countries --- even the glorious land”.

After the 4th Seal is opened, and after the Abomination of Desolation is set up, then comes ...

(Mat 24:16-22) “Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains. Let him on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house; nor let him in the field turn back to take his clothes. And woe to those who are with child, and to those who give suck in those days! But pray that your flight is not in the winter, nor on the Sabbath day; for then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world to this time; no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days should be shortened, no flesh would be saved. But for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened.” There is only one worst time ever, and that time is The Great Tribulation!

10) We can understand this more clearly by HEARING DANIEL THE PROPHET.

By listening to Daniel we hear 2 themes emerge, which we previously discussed in depth: The Abominating Desolator and His armies will cause ...

- 11) The SANCTUARY, the CITY, and the PEOPLE to be DESTROYED, and
- 12) The DAILY SACRIFICE to be TAKEN AWAY.

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The establishment of the Abomination of Desolation is followed by the onslaught of The Great Tribulation! Will you recognize the Abomination of Desolation? What is the Abomination of Desolation? Before we answer that, let's review what the scriptures say. Here is a combination of all the New Testament scriptures directly relating to the Abomination of Desolation.

Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place where it ought not, and when you see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that its destruction is near (whoever reads, let him understand). Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains. Let him on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house; nor let him in the field turn back to take his clothes. And woe to those who are with child, and to those who give suck in those days! But pray that your flight is not in the winter, nor on the Sabbath day; for then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world to this time; no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days should be shortened, no flesh would be saved [alive]. {Mt. 24:14-22; Mk. 13:14-20; Lk. 21:20-24}

Here are the scriptures spoken of by Daniel the Prophet.

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From reading the NT scriptures we see 10 points emerge, which we previously discussed in depth:

1. The Abomination of Desolation is something we'll **SEE**.
2. This **ABOMINATION** has to do with idolatrous practices, i.e. false worship of God.
3. This Abomination will cause **DESOLATION** = awesome destruction.
4. It will **STAND** in the Holy Place, i.e. it will abide in the Temple as though it belongs there.
5. The **HOLY PLACE** is the Temple.
6. An abominable thing **OUGHT NOT** to be in the Temple.
7. The **ARMIES SURROUNDING JERUSALEM** will cause its ...
8. ... **DESTRUCTION** / Desolation.
9. **UNDERSTAND** that the establishment of the AOD is a prelude to The Great Tribulation!
10. We can understand this more clearly by **HEARING DANIEL THE PROPHET**.

By listening to Daniel we hear 2 themes emerge, which we previously discussed in depth:

The Abominating Desolator and His armies will cause ...

11. The **SANCTUARY**, the **CITY**, and the **PEOPLE** to be **DESTROYED**, and
12. The **DAILY SACRIFICE** to be **TAKEN AWAY**.

In summary, **The Abomination of Desolation is an End-Time corrupt and carnal King that sets himself up in the Jerusalem Temple as "Supreme Ruler", and causes his army to stop the Daily Sacrifice of the Jews in the Temple, and eventually destroys the Temple, destroys the City, and destroys the People. This is the prelude to The Great Tribulation!**

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Has anything like this happened before? The answer is yes, and we can prove it by turning to God's word and by turning to man's word, i.e. history. The first example of an "Abomination of Desolation" (AOD), which preceded the prophecy in Daniel, occurred in 586 B.C. at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon when he destroyed the 1st Temple (Solomon's), the city of Jerusalem, and many of the Jews. The second example of an "AOD", which followed Daniel's prophecy, started in 167 B.C. at the hands of Antiochus Epiphanes, and ended in 70 A.D. at the hands of Titus with the destruction of the 2nd Temple (Ezra & Nehemiah's / Herod's), the city of Jerusalem, and many of the Jews. Bible prophecy often has multiple fulfillments, or types and antitypes. For example, Israel was freed from Egypt circa 1450 B.C., and they will experience a 2nd Exodus at Messiah's 2nd Coming. Literal Babylon ruled the world circa 5th century B.C.; Mystery Babylon will rule the world shortly before Our LORD's 2nd Coming. Elijah the Prophet lived circa 9th century B.C. A type of Elijah came again in the form of John the Baptist circa 25 A.D. And a third Elijah is prophesied to come a few years before Christ's 2nd Coming. In like manner, The Abomination of Desolation will have its final fulfillment shortly before Yahshua's 2nd Coming.

So let's look at the 1st example of an "AOD". This is not THE AOD, it's just a type. It involved the 1st Temple (Solomon's). Remember, this "AOD" preceded Daniel's prophecy; it occurred in 586 B.C. at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon.

(Dan 1:1-2) "In the 3rd year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God". We see the details in (2Ch 36:5-21). "Jehoiakim was 25 years old when he began to reign; he did evil in the sight of Yahweh. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, brought him in chains to Babylon." Subsequently, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah, and all the chief priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of Yahweh. But they mocked the messengers of God until His wrath arose against his people because there was no remedy. Therefore Yahweh brought upon them the Nebuchadnezzar, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and took all the treasures of the house of Yahweh, and burnt the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem. And them that escaped from the sword he enslaved in Babylon; and Judah was captive until the reign of the Persian kingdom. This was done to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah that 70 years would elapse until the land enjoyed its Sabbaths".

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So let's look at the 2nd example of an "AOD". It started in 167 B.C. at the hands of Antiochus Epiphanes, and ended in 70 A.D. at the hands of Titus with the destruction of the 2nd Temple (Ezra & Nehemiah's / Herod's), the city of Jerusalem, and many of the Jews. This is a prophecy uttered by Daniel.

Dan 11:1-4

In verse 1 the angel Gabriel lets Daniel know about the angelic forces supporting the Jewish nation: *In the first year of Darius the Mede, I supported and fortified him.* Darius destroyed Babylon and released the Jews in 530 B.C. circa from 70 years of captivity.

In verse 2 Gabriel foretells the reign of 4 Persian kings from 530 B.C. – 334 B.C.: *Now I will tell you the truth,* that is, expound in plain terms the true meaning of the visions of the great image, and of the 4 beasts. *There shall stand up three kings in Persia,* besides Darius, in whose reign this prophecy is dated. There shall be Cyrus, Artaxerxes, and Ahasuerus. *There shall be a fourth, far richer than they all,* that is, Xerxes. *By his strength and his riches he stirred up all against the realm of Greece.* Xerxes had a vast army consisting of 800,000. His expedition against Greece, and the shameful defeat he met with, is famous in history.

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In verses 3-4 Gabriel foretells Alexander's conquests and the partition of his kingdom into 4 parts from 334 B.C. – 301 B.C. *A mighty king shall stand up* against the kings of Persia, *and he shall rule with great power*, over many kingdoms, *for he shall do according to his will*. Alexander, after he had conquered Asia, was worshipped as a god --- and presumptuously acted like a god. *But when he stands up his kingdom shall soon be broken, and divided into 4 parts, but not to his posterity, nor shall any of his successors reign according to his dominion*; 4 of Alexander's generals --- none of them family, ruled, but did not have the same large territories nor absolute power.

Dan 11:5-20

Here are foretold the rise and power of two great kingdoms (301 B.C. – 175 B.C.) out of the remains of Alexander's conquests: 1) The kingdom of Egypt, from the line of Ptolemaeus Lagus (Ptolemy), is called *The King of the South*, that is, Egypt. The kingdom of Syria, from the line of Seleucus Nicanor (Seleucids), is called *The King of the North*.

Dan 11:21-39

All this is a prophecy of the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes, a sworn enemy to the Jewish religion, and a bitter persecutor of those that adhered to it. There is no evil person upon which more verses of prophecy are used. This is because he reigned between the Old & New Testaments when Prophets were silent. Just like the Jews in those days, Christians in the future will need to rely on these prophetic scriptures in order to understand the signs of the times. There are three divisions in the history of the "vile person": (1) His rise to power through covenants (V 21-27). (2) The taking away of the daily sacrifice and setting up of the AOD (V 28-31). (3) His blasphemy and death (V 32-45).

V 21. *A vile person shall stand up, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries*. Antiochus called himself Epiphanes, that is, "the illustrious," but others nicknamed him Epimanes, that is, "the madman," for his sordid acts and for his crafty supplanting of Demetrius, the rightful heir, from the throne.

V 22-24. *The opposing forces shall be overwhelmed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant*. Antiochus Epiphanes invaded Egypt with overwhelming forces. His nephew, Ptolemy Philometer, was joined in covenant with him. But *after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully*, and *with a small contingent of people* he shall *become strong*. Antiochus gets Ptolemy's trust by leaving only a few faithful followers in key positions in Egypt, while letting Ptolemy assume the lead role. Those few astute men, when they gain enough influence, will help Antiochus complete treacherous acts against Ptolemy. Meanwhile, Antiochus *shall enter peaceably upon the fattest places* of the kingdom of Syria, and shall *scatter* among the people the *spoil and riches*, to gain their affections; but, at the same time, he shall *forecast his devices against the strong-holds*, so that his generosity shall last but for a time; when he has control of the army he'll cease being generous, and start ruling by force.

V 25-27 describes his second war expedition into Egypt. Antiochus shall *stir up his power and courage* against Ptolemy Philometer, who is now king of Egypt. Ptolemy, thereupon, shall *be stirred up to battle* against him, shall come against him *with a very great and mighty army*; but Ptolemy, though he has such a vast army, shall not be able to stand before him; for Antiochus's army shall *overthrow* his, and overpower it, and great multitudes of the Egyptian army shall *fall down slain*. And no marvel, for the king of Egypt shall be betrayed by his own counselors; those that *feed of the portion of his meat*, that eat of his bread and live upon him, being bribed by Antiochus, shall *forecast devices against him*, and even *they shall destroy him*. After the battle, a treaty of peace shall be signed as these two kings meet *at one table*, to adjust the articles of peace between them; but neither of them shall be sincere in it, for they shall, in their pretences and promises of friendship, *lie to one another*, for their hearts shall be at the same time to do one another all the mischief they can. No marvel that *it shall not prosper*. The peace shall not last; but *the end of it shall be at the time appointed* in the divine Providence."

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V 28. *Then shall he return into his land with great substance* - Antiochus did return from Egypt, laden with riches from his battle victories (1 Macca 1:19, 20). *His heart shall be against the holy covenant* - not the covenant he had made with Ptolemy, which was a fraudulent one; but the covenant between God and Israel; whereby they became a Chosen Nation, having a religion, laws, and ordinances, different from all others. The particular reason why Antiochus' heart was stirred against the covenant at this time was the desire for revenge. When he was in Egypt, a rumor was spread abroad that he was dead. Jason took this as an opportunity to recover the office of high priest from his brother Menelaus. Antiochus, hearing of this, supposed that all the Jews had revolted, and determined to inflict chastisement on them. **Antiochus brought a great army against Jerusalem; took it by storm; slew 80K of the inhabitants; took 40K prisoners, and sold 40K more for slaves; then restored Menelaus to his office (2 Macca 5:5-14).** *And he shall do exploits, and return to his own land* - **Guided by Menelaus, he entered the sanctuary with blasphemies, sacrificed swine on the altar, and sprinkled broth of the flesh through the temple, broke into the Holy of Holies, took away the gold and silver vessels, then returned home (2 Macca 5:15-21).**

V 29. *At the time appointed he shall return, and come into the south;* - Antiochus launched an invasion of Egypt because of Ptolemy's agreement with Physcon to stand united against him. *But it shall not be in the latter time as it was in the former* - This time, Antiochus wasn't successful.

V 30. *For ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved* - Antiochus, being within 7 miles of Alexandria, heard that Roman ambassadors had arrived there in Grecian ships. They delivered to him the letters of the senate, in which he was commanded to put an end to the war against his nephews. Antiochus, intimidated and humiliated, returned to Israel with fury. Antiochus had *indignation against the holy covenant, and intelligence with them that abandoned the covenant* - namely, Menelaus and other apostate Jews that instigated Antiochus against their religion and country. These had cast off the laws of Yahweh in favor of Greek customs. **Antiochus dispatched Apollonius (167 B.C.) with 22K soldiers to destroy Jerusalem. He also decreed that all, on pain of death, should conform to the Greek religion, and the temple was consecrated to Jupiter Olympius. Identifying himself with that god, he wished to make his own worship universal (1 Macca 1:41; 2 Macca 6:7).**

V 31. *Forces shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt-offering, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.* "The temple was filled with riot and reveling by the Gentiles, who dallied with harlots in the holy places" (2 Macca 6). "They set up altars, and groves, and chapels of idols, and sacrifice swine's flesh, and unclean beasts" (1 Macca 1). **Josephus expressly says that Antiochus forbade the daily sacrifices to be offered, and set up a garrison of Heathen soldiers in the temple, which drove the priests and people from it. Maccabees 1:54 uses the very phrase "abomination of desolation": "they set up the abomination of desolation on the altar"; namely, an idol-altar and image of Jupiter Olympius, erected upon Yahweh's altar of burnt offerings."**

V 32-35. *And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he pervert by flatteries; but the people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that are wise among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall join themselves unto them with flatteries. And some of them that are wise shall fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because it is yet for the time appointed-* To those who became willing to receive pagan religions, Antiochus guaranteed promises of his favor, of office, and of national prosperity, until they were seduced into utter apostasy. But there were those who adhered to the service and worship of the true God. They were persecuted, some even to death. As a result, some that started out faithful eventually turned aside. Those that remained strong taught others to hold onto their faith.

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V 36-39. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his place shall he honor the god of fortresses; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god: whosoever acknowledges him he will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price. Antiochus assumed the right to determine what god should be worshipped in Jerusalem, abolishing the worship of Yahweh, and setting up that of Jupiter Olympius in the stead; and so throughout his whole dominion, by a proclamation, he forbade the worship of any god but his (1 Macc. 1:44-51). That time might well be called a time of “indignation,” for the Lord was angry against his temple and people, and suffered this pagan king to pour out his wrath without measure against the temple, the city, and the people.

V 40-45. And at the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. This may be a review of earlier events, or it could apply to Antiochus’ downfall, but I believe it’s for the future.

We can see the same history/prophecy of Daniel 11 in Dan 8:3-8; 20-21.

(Dan 8:3-4) “Then I lifted up my eyes, and looked. And behold, a ram with two horns stood before the canal having two horns, and the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward and northward and southward; so that no beasts could stand before him, nor any that could deliver out of his hand. But he did according to his will, and became great.” **(Dan 8:20)** “The ram which you saw having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.” Medes & Persian 558 – 333 B.C.

(Dan 8:5-7) “And as I was watching, behold, a he-goat came from the west, over the face of the all earth, and did not touch the ground. And the he goat had an outstanding horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran to him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close beside the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram and shattered his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him. But he threw him down to the ground and stamped on him. And none could deliver the ram out of his hand.” **(Dan 8:21)** “And the shaggy goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king.” Alexander of Greece 333 – 323 B.C.

(Dan 8:8) “Then the he-goat became very great. And when he was strong, the great horn was broken. And in its place came up four outstanding ones towards the four winds of the heavens.” **(Dan 8:22)** “And as for that being broken, and four stood up in its place; four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its power.” Ptolemy = King of the South; Seleucids = King of the North 323 – 33 B.C. (Greece in total 333 – 33 B.C.)

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(Dan 8:9-12) “And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which became very great, toward the south and toward the east and toward the bountiful land. And it became great, even to the host of heaven. And it made fall some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. Yea, he magnified himself, even to the ruler of the host, and the daily sacrifice was taken away by him, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an army was given to him against the daily sacrifice because of transgression, and it cast the truth to the ground. And it worked and succeeded.” (Dan 8:22-25) “And as for that being broken, and four stood up in its place; four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king, fierce of face, and skilled at intrigues, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power. And he shall destroy marvelously, and shall prosper and work, and destroy the mighty and the holy people. And also through his understanding, he shall cause deceit to succeed in his hand. And he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many. He also shall stand up against the Ruler of rulers. But he shall be broken without a hand.” Antiochus Epiphanes 175 – 165 B.C.

One thing to notice in regards to Antiochus Epiphanes is that HE DID NOT DESTROY THE TEMPLE! This is important to remember because all 3 “Abominations of Desolation” will have 3 things in common: 1) The Temple is destroyed; 2) The City of Jerusalem is destroyed; and 3) The People of Judea are destroyed.

Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the 1st Temple (Solomon’s), destroyed the city of Jerusalem, and destroyed many of the Jews. Antiochus *desecrated / polluted* the 2nd Temple (Ezra/Nehemiah’s), but he did not destroy it, although he did destroy the city of Jerusalem and destroy many of the Jews. So who did destroy the 2nd Temple? The answer is Titus Vespasian. Titus destroyed the 2nd Temple (then known as Herod’s) in 70 A.D. What is an astounding --- but very little known --- fact is that the 1st & 2nd Temples were both destroyed on the exact same day, 656 years apart. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the 1st Temple in 586 B.C. on the 9th of Ab / Av; Titus destroyed the 2nd Temple in 70 A.D. on the 9th of Ab / Av!

Again I state: the 2nd “Abomination of Desolation” began with Antiochus and ended with Titus. Has anything like this ever happened before where one prophecy was fulfilled by 2 or more different entities many years apart? Yes, this happened concerning the city of Tyre, as prophesied in Ezekiel 26.

(Eze 26:3-5) “So the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers. I will also scrape her dust from her and make her like a shining rock. It shall be a spreading place of nets in the middle of the sea. For I have spoken, says the Lord Yahweh. And it shall become a spoil to the nations.” The details are found in verses 7-14.

The city of Tyre in the country of Syria was taken by Nebuchadnezzar after an arduous siege of 13 years from 585 – 572 B.C. (Eze 26:7-11 “Thus says the Lord Yahweh: I will bring Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon on Tyre, with horses and chariots and many people ... (11) With the hoofs of his horses he shall trample all your streets. He shall kill your people by the sword, and the pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground.”). The scene is then varied by the use of the word “they” in verse 12, which refers to Alexander the Great’s army in 332 B.C. when they destroyed the new city of Tyre that had been built on an island in the Mediterranean subsequent to Nebuchadnezzar’s assault. (Eze 26:12 “They shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water. And they shall break down your walls and destroy your desirable houses. And they shall plunder your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise.”). Alexander determined to build a land bridge to get his troops from the mainland to the island. The bridge is said to have been at least 200 feet wide and ½ mile long. It was constructed from stones and timber from the old city of Tyre on the mainland. From 314 B.C., Tyre was restored and sacked numerous times by many nations until its final destruction by Moslems in 1291 A.D. at the end of the Crusades. (Eze 26:13-14 “And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more. And I will make you like a shining rock. You shall be a place to spread nets on; you shall be built no more; for I Yahweh have spoken, says the Lord Yahweh.”).

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Just like the process of utterly destroying Tyre spanned 1,876 years, beginning in 585 B.C. at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, continuing in 332 B.C. at the hands of Alexander, and ending in 1291 A.D. at the hands of Moslems, in like manner, the “2nd Abomination of Desolation” spanned 235 years, beginning in 165 B.C. at the hands of Antiochus, and ending in 70 A.D. at the hands of Titus.

Where do we find a prophecy by Daniel concerning Titus fulfilling the 2nd part of the “2nd Abomination of Desolation”? Let’s turn to Dan 9:26. “After 62 weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself. And the **people of the prince** who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it shall be with the flood, and desolations are determined; war shall be until the end.

We’ll cover all of Dan 9 in depth later, but in verse 26 I want you to notice that a pagan ruler shall destroy the temple, the city, and the people. Did Titus do this? The answer is yes. Also notice that this ruler had to rise after Jesus died. Did Titus rule after Jesus’ death? The answer is yes. In addition to Daniel’s testimony, let’s call our second witness to the stand. Our second witness is Christ Jesus.

After teaching in the temple for several days, Jesus left its precincts for one of the last times. He was choked with anguish as He saw the ultimate result of His people's apostasy. He exclaimed, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent to you ... behold your house will be left desolate" (Matt 23:37-38). In Matt 24:1-2 it says, “Jesus went out and departed from the temple. And His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, Do you see all these things? There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

Did Titus leave the House desolate? [(House can mean Nation, as in Lk 1:33. “He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.”) (House can mean Temple, as in Lk 19:45-46. “After entering into the temple, He began to cast out those selling and buying in it, saying to them, It is written, "My house is a house of prayer," but you have made it a den of thieves.”)]. Did Titus leave the House desolate? The answer is yes. Did Titus rule after Jesus’ death? The answer is yes. As a prince, he ruled from 69 to 79 A.D. Now it’s time to look at the history books to see proof that Titus fulfills the prophecies of our 2 witnesses --- Daniel and Jesus.

In 54 A.D. Nero became emperor of Rome. In 64 A.D. he burned Rome and blamed it on Christians, thus beginning Rome’s official persecution of Christians. In 66 A.D. Nero sets aflame the genocide of the Jews. The Jewish revolt against Rome begins with the massacre of Rome’s Jerusalem garrison and the massacre at Masada. Cestius Gallus, the president of Syria, is dispatched to Jerusalem with a powerful army. He might, says Josephus, have assaulted and taken the city, and thereby put an end to the war; but without any reason, and contrary to the expectation of all, he raised the siege and departed (War, book 2, chapter 19). In 68 A.D. Cestius was replaced by Vespasian, who, having subdued most of Judea, prepared to besiege Jerusalem, and surrounded it on every side. But the news of Nero’s death in 69 A.D., and soon after that of Galba, Ortho, and Vitellius (3 short-lived emperors), all of these things held Vespasian in suspense. In 70 A.D. Vespasian was named emperor of Rome, and he soon thereafter appointed his son Titus as General, with the task of taking Jerusalem. On the 9th of Ab / Av, the Temple and Jerusalem were burned to the ground by the Roman army. Josephus estimated that over 1 million Jews died.

Thus, the 2nd desolation of the Temple in 70 A.D. by Titus perfectly paralleled the 1st desolation of the Temple in 585 B.C. by Nebuchadnezzar. On both occasions abominations were first done by the apostate people of God (Jews that had forsaken Yahweh’s Covenant) and then desolation of the Temple, the City and the People was brought about by a heathen army under the direction of a carnal king.

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In summary, let's read Dan. 9:26 again. "After 62 weeks [31 A.D.] Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself. And he people of the prince [Titus] who shall come [in 70 A.D. 40 years after Messiah is cut off] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it shall be with the flood [like a Tsunami wave that wipes out everything in its path], and desolations are determined; war shall be until the end [from 66 – 70 A.D.].

The Abomination of Desolation is spoken of by Daniel the Prophet in 3 places, i.e. Dan. 9, 11 & 12. I've shown you in 2 of those passages how 2 pagan people fulfilled *part* of those prophecies. In quick review, let's read about these 2 pagan people in Dan. 9 and 11.

(Dan 11:31) "And arms shall stand on his part [Syrian army of Antiochus Epiphanes], and they shall **pollute** [not destroy] the sanctuary of strength [the Temple], and they shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that makes desolate." This occurred in 167 B.C. *Antiochus fulfilled verses 21-39, but not verses 40-45!*

(Dan 9:26-27) "After 62 weeks Messiah shall be cut off [31 A.D.], but not for Himself. And the **people of the prince** [Roman army of Titus, son of Emperor Vespasian] that shall come [after Yahshua was crucified] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." This occurred in 70 A.D. *But Titus did not fulfill this next part, for when did he make a covenant with many for 1 Week = 7 years?! "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week [7 years]: and in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that which is determined shall be poured upon the desolator."*

Neither Titus nor Antiochus fulfilled Dan. 12:11-12!

(Dan 12:11) "From the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be 1,290 days. Blessed is he that waits and comes to the 1,335 days."

Antiochus did take away the daily sacrifice, but he did it for 1,150 days --- not 1,290 days --- much less 1,335 days! (See Dan 8:14 for reference to 1,150 days). 1,150 days is 3 years & 2 months (3 x 360 = 1080 + 70 = 1150); Antiochus polluted the Temple from 167 B.C. to 164 B.C. After a little over 3 years the Maccabees defeated Antiochus, cleansed the Temple, and restarted the Daily Sacrifices.

Titus did take away the daily sacrifice, but he did it for way more than 1,290 days; after all, the daily sacrifices haven't been offered in the Temple for way more than 1,290 years! In fact, it's been more like 1,930 years so far!

So if Antiochus and Titus have not fulfilled all of the prophecies of The Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, does this mean that someone else will come on the scene in the future that will fulfill the prophecies of The Abomination of Desolation? The answer is a resounding YES!!!

As we prepare to discover the future fulfillment of The Abomination of Desolation, let me remind you of the scriptural definition of The Abomination of Desolation. **The Abomination of Desolation is an End-Time corrupt and carnal King that sets himself up in the Jerusalem Temple as "Supreme Ruler", and causes his army to stop the Daily Sacrifice of the Jews in the Temple, and eventually destroys the Temple, destroys the City, and destroys the People. This is the prelude to The Great Tribulation!**

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The Abomination of Desolation is spoken of by Daniel the Prophet in 3 places, i.e. Dan. 9, 11 & 12. I've shown you in 2 of those passages how 2 pagan people fulfilled *part* of those prophecies. *Antiochus fulfilled Dan. 11: 21-39, but not verses 40-45! Titus fulfilled Dan. 9:26 but not verse 27! Neither Titus nor Antiochus fulfilled Dan. 12:11-12!* This means that someone else will fulfill these verses. Who will it be?

Before we begin our discovery process, let me unveil to you Satan's scenario. Satan deceives by imitation. The true Messiah will stop this world from destroying itself by destroying the destroyers. He will then set up the KOG and usher in Peace and Prosperity. Satan will counterfeit this. Satan will cause a major world war, then send in a false messiah to stop it. This false messiah will usher in temporary peace and prosperity. Unfortunately, the majority of the world will accept this counterfeit as The Real Deal!

Now let's discover who this false messiah will be as we look into the prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled concerning the Abomination of Desolation.

(Dan 11:40-45) "At the end-time, the king of the south (KOS) shall push at the king of the north (KON). And the KON shall come against the KOS like a tempest, with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships. And the KON shall enter into the countries and shall flow over and pass over. [The KON is victorious in war against the KOS]. He shall also enter into the glorious land, and many shall be tripped up [The KON shall cause many in Israel to commit apostasy]. But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the sons of Ammon [Turkey, Arabs and Jordan will slip through the KON fingers]. And he shall stretch out his hand on the lands. And **the land of Egypt shall not escape**. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. And the **Libyans and the Ethiopians** shall be at his steps [the next to be attacked]. But news out of the **east and out of the north** [east & north of Israel] shall trouble him. Then he will go out with great fury to destroy, and to devote many to destruction. And he shall plant his palace tents between the seas in the glorious holy mountain [between the Mediterranean & Red Seas is Mt. Zion = Jerusalem]. Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

KOS = Egypt! Historically, Egypt is the KOS; and even in this prophecy Egypt seems to be the lead nation, perhaps leading a confederation of *Islamic* nations. KOS instigates hostilities against KON, perhaps because the KON has made a pact with Israel to protect it during the building of the 3rd Temple.

KON = The resurrected Holy Roman Empire / Mystery Babylon the Great! In the historical AOD's 3 things happened: the Temple, the City of Jerusalem, and the People of Judea were destroyed. The 3 Kings / Kingdoms that caused AOD were Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Antiochus of Syria, and Titus of Rome: all were Kingdoms NORTH of Israel! KON is perhaps leading a confederation of *Christian* nations in victory against KOS. Could this be the last Jihad and the last Crusade combined?

KON comes into Israel as "Savior of the World". He is the false Messiah, the **Antichrist**, but many people are deceived as "Peace and Prosperity" pervade. His armies surround Jerusalem as a peace-keeping force. This is the time to flee for those that see (let him who reads understand) the "signs of the times"!

KON expands his conquests past the original charter as he seeks to take over Libya and Ethiopia.

KON breaks the covenant with Israel, stops the Daily Sacrifice, and sets himself up in the Temple as the AOD! Soon after is the commencement of The Great Tribulation!

China and Russia, *Atheistic* nations, seek to stop the KON. This will lead to the Battle of Armageddon! But Christ shall return to destroy the destroyers, and to establish real peace and prosperity in the Kingdom of God!!!

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(Dan 12:1) “**At that time** [speaking of chapter 11 when it says the KON shall plant his palace tents between the seas in the glorious holy mountain {between the Mediterranean & Red Seas is Mt. Zion = Jerusalem}] Michael shall stand up, the great ruler who stands for the sons of your people. And **there shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation; until that time [The Great Tribulation]. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book [of Life].”

(Dan 12:4-7) “Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book [of Daniel], even to **the time of the end**. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood another two, the one on this side, and the one on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen on the waters of the river: Until when shall be the end of these wonders? [Great Tribulation]. And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was on the waters of the river, when he held up his right and his left hand to Heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it shall be **for a time, times, and a half** [3 ½ years]. And when they have made an end of scattering the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.”

(Dan 12:10) “Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried. But the wicked shall do wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.” [We understand that one of the primary purposes of the 3 ½ years-long Great Tribulation is to purify God’s People]!

(Dan 12:11-12) “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, 1290 days [3 years & 7 months] shall transpire. Blessed is he who waits and comes to the 1335 days [3 years & 8 ½ months].”

At 1290 days the daily sacrifice is stopped. 30 days later, at 1260 days, The Great Tribulation starts; it ends at the end of the 1260 days. 45 days before the daily sacrifice is stopped and the AOD is set up is when we should flee. From 1335 to 1291 = 45 days; this is the time we have to flee. From 1290 to 1261 = 30 days; this is when the daily sacrifice is stopped and the AOD is set up. From 1260 to 0 = 1260 days; this is the time of The Great Tribulation!

(Rev 11:1-3) “And a reed like a rod was given to me. And the angel stood, saying, Rise up and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it was given to the nations. And they will trample the holy city 42 months [Jerusalem in tribulation for 3 ½ years or 1260 days]. And I will give power to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

(Rev 12:12-17) “Rejoice, O heavens, and those living in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and in the sea! For the Devil came down to you, having **great wrath** [Great Tribulation], knowing that he has but a little time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman [this is the Church] who bore the man child. And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a **time and times and half a time** from the serpent's face [some Christians receive special training for 3 ½ years, while others are severely persecuted]. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water like a flood after the woman, so that he might cause her to be carried away by the river. And the earth helped the woman. And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” [We understand that one of the primary purposes of the 3 ½ years-long Great Tribulation is to purify God’s People]!

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(Dan 9:25-26) “Know therefore and understand, that from the going out of the command to restore and to build Jerusalem [452 B.C.], to Messiah the Prince, shall be 7 weeks, and 62 weeks [69 weeks = 69 x 7 = 483 days; 1 day = 1 year based on Ezek. 4:6]. The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in times of affliction. And after the 62 week period Messiah shall be cut off [Christ crucified in 31 A.D.], but not for Himself. [This next part switches to Titus] And the people of the prince who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it shall be with the flood, and ruins are determined, until the end shall be war.” [This next part switches to the future AOD].

(Dan 9:27) “The [KON] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week [7 years]. And in the midst of the week [3 ½ years] he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and on a corner of the altar he shall have desolating abominations, even until the end. And that which was decreed shall be poured on the desolator.” By tying this verse together with Dan 12:11-12 we can see that in the middle of the 7-year covenant --- at the 3 ½ year mark, it is the same time when the 1290 day countdown begins.

(Dan 12:11-12) “From the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, 1290 days [3 years & 7 months] shall transpire. Blessed is he who waits and comes to the 1335 days [3 years & 8 ½ months].”

Now we have a clear 7-year timeline for the “End Time”. At the 7-year point the KON confirms a covenant involving Israel. For the first 3 ½ years there is peace and prosperity. But then for the second 3 ½ years there is hell on earth! The start of the second 3 ½ year period is synonymous with the start of the 1290 days when the daily sacrifice is stopped and the AOD is set up. 30 days later, at the 1260-day mark, The Great Tribulation starts; it ends at the end of the 1260 days. 45 days before the daily sacrifice is stopped and the AOD is set up is when we should flee. From 1335 to 1291 = 45 days; this is the time we have to flee. From 1290 to 1261 = 30 days; this is when the daily sacrifice is stopped and the AOD is set up. From 1260 to 0 = 1260 days; this is the time of The Great Tribulation!

Start		7 Year Covenant		End	Great Tribulation extends 30 days beyond end of 7 year covenant
First 3 ½ years		Second 3 ½ years			
KON confirms covenant involving Israel for 7 years but breaks it at 3 ½ year mark		KON turns against the People of God			
During the first 3 years and 4 ½ months there is Prosperity and Peace, but then wars and rumors of war will change things. Blessed is he who waits and comes through the 1335 days.	1335 – 1291	1290 – 1261		1260 – 0	
	(45 days)+ We Flee because We See Jerusalem compassed with armies (understand)	(30 days)+ AOD set up; Daily Sacrifices Stopped		(1260 days) Great Tribulation	