

## **QUESTION: What is the "abomination of desolation" mentioned in Matthew 24 and in Daniel?**

**ANSWER: Matthew 24:15-16** "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, **spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, STANDING in the HOLY PLACE.....then let those who are IN JUDEA flee to the mountains...."

This has to be **in the temple in Jerusalem**, which obviously **must be rebuilt BEFORE** any of this can happen! There is no other "holy place" and there is no other place for the Jews to be having "daily sacrifices" (see Daniel 9:27, 11:31 & 12:11). The actual ABOMINATION will be when the Anti-Christ stands in and sets up his own image (statue) to be worshiped in the Holy of Holies of the Temple, thus making God's temple "desolate" or ruined. According to Daniel 12:11, "from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the ABOMINATION of DESOLATION is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days," which is a little over 3 ½ years. This will be what forces the Jews in Judea to flee to the wilderness (desert), because they will not bow down and worship an idol or a man!

- **Daniel 9:27** "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (seven-year period); but in the middle of the week (3 ½ years) he shall bring an end to **sacrifice and offering**. And on the wing of **ABOMINATION** shall **be one who makes DESOLATE**....."
- **Daniel 11:31 & 12:11** "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the **ABOMINATION of DESOLATION**." "And from the time that **the daily sacrifice is taken away**, and the **ABOMINATION of DESOLATION** is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days."
- **II Thessalonians 2:3-4** "Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin (Anti-Christ) is revealed, the son of perdition (hell), who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that **he sits as God IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD**, showing himself that he is God."
- **Revelation 13:15** "He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast (Anti-Christ) should both speak and cause as many as would not **worship the image of the beast** to be killed."

**Please also read Second Coming of Jesus.**