

The Abomination in the Holy Place

"But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him." (Daniel 11:44,45)

THE FUTURE PREDICTED

The prediction reveals to us that the King of the North, the Papacy, will establish an official presence in Jerusalem, taking control of the Temple Mount. Many will be fooled to think that peace will come of this event (I Thessalonians 5:3). But when that happens, it will be the sign that the prophet Jesus warned us about, "the abomination that causes desolation (Mathew 24:15)" in the "holy place." Believers will see through the deception and flee from a **worldwide persecution** (see Mathew 24:16-29). I suspect this will happen through the idea of Jerusalem as the "Universal City."



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God uses literal, local, earthly events to point us to spiritual, universal truths.

So how did this conflict in the Middle East begin? It began with the Papacy, in 1095 AD, calling for Holy Crusade (a "Jihad") against the Muslims to take the Holy Land. According to the New Testament, the Holy Land is not on earth, it is in Heaven (Hebrews 11:14-16). The Papacy has never apologized for or changed its intentions to take control of the land of Israel. The US and Britain are being used to accomplish this purpose. Israel will never have peace until the Papacy ultimately reigns in Jerusalem.

Strict separation of church and state is more important today than it ever has been. Our government should be neutral in this religious controversy, especially in light of the history of that region. Unfortunately no one in American politics has the courage to go against the Jewish and Christian influence. The USA is being lead like the "tail wagging the dog." So who is the real Superpower? I have good Jewish friends and have nothing against the Jewish people. But they should not expect preferences from the US government due to their race, heritage or religion.

This interpretation of Daniel 11 omits the Jewish people. Why? According to Daniel 11 they are not in Israel. In the New Testament, the heirs of Abraham are those who accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah (Galatians 3:28, 29). God's blessings are no longer based on your bloodline. That's Old Testament theology. Yet most of Christendom believes and teaches that modern Israel is still "God's People." On top of this, we have Christian leaders stirring up more hatred and strife. For example, on October 6, 2002, Jerry Falwell called the prophet, Mohammed (Peace Be Upon Him), "a terrorist" on the *60 Minutes* news program. I suggest we stop believing and following these bigoted leaders who do not teach in the spirit of Christ. Study these things for yourself and do your own thinking. I have given you ample evidence to consider.

For those who are not yet convinced, I will point to the words of Jesus who said, "I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe (John 14:29)."

CONCLUSION

Jesus said, "let the reader understand..." (Mathew 24:15). God's Word is like a "light" that shines and exposes the false teachings of Dispensationalism and Zionism, which are a curse upon humanity. Look at the hatred and killing it has brought about in the Middle East. An Englishman, named John Nelson Darby (1800's), began this bizarre understanding of last day events His teachings have become mainstream due to the sad state of Christianity today. So few really know what the Bible really teaches, or even the historical teachings of the Protestant reformers. We should also see the danger of allowing religion to control the US foreign policy. Here are three **Take-Aways** I'd like to leave you with:

1) **Stop the hate-mongering!** No one is to blame. The Middle East conflict is bigger than any president, country or religion. Nothing can stop these events. True believers will welcome this message and find peace in knowing that God is ultimately in control.

2) **Denounce violence** in any form whether it is torturing non-combatants, suicide bombing or targeting terrorists with missiles. Violence begets more violence. Using heavy-handed military tactics in the Middle East is like pouring oil on a fire. Whenever anyone takes the low road by using violence they lose their credibility in God's eyes. "For all that draw the sword shall perish by the sword (Matthew 26:52)."

3) **Speak the truth boldly and lovingly.** We allow ourselves to be stifled by indifference, political correctness or "anti-semiticism." Have the courage to stand up against injustice but trust that God will ultimately defend your cause.

We must proclaim this message of Daniel 11 to prepare the whole world.

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