

# The Abomination in the Holy Place, Part 1

## Bible Study Guide

Jesus gave his disciples earthly signs, which they could see on earth, that would help them to understand the signs, the literal events, marking His Second Coming.

- 1) What sign did Jesus warn his disciples about in Matthew 24:15, 16?
- 2) What prophet did Jesus say we need to study in order to understand this sign?
- 3) When did this verse predict that the Anointed One (the Messiah) would come? Read Daniel 9:24-25

He came after 62 and 7 "sevens, interpreted as 483 years ( $69 \times 7 = 483$ ), after the decree to restore Jerusalem (approximately 457 BC, see Ezra 7:9-13). Jesus was baptized in the 15th year of Tiberious Ceasar (Luke 3:1,21), approximately 27 AD, just when Daniel predicted he would come as the Messiah.

- 4) When Jesus told them the "time was fulfilled, "what time prophecy was He referring to? Mark 1:15
- 5) What did Daniel predict would happen to the city of Jerusalem and the sanctuary there, after the Messiah came? Daniel 9:26-27

The Christian historian Philip Schaff tells us how Jesus' prediction was fulfilled:

"The Romans planted their eagles on the shapeless ruins, over against the eastern gate, offered their sacrifices to them, and proclaimed Titus *Imperator* with the greatest acclamations of joy. Thus was fulfilled the prophecy concerning the abomination of desolation standing in the ḡholy place." History of the Christian Church, Vol. VI, page 547

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- 6) What did the Christians in Jerusalem do when they saw the Roman Armies outside Jerusalem in 70 AD?

"The Christians of Jerusalem, remembering the Lord's admonition, forsook the doomed city in good time and fled to the town of **Pella** in the Decapolis,

beyond the Jordan, in the north of Peraea, where king Herod Agrippa II., before whom Paul once stood, opened to them a safe asylum." Ibid, page 555

Matthew 24:15, 16 is a "blended" prophecy that has more than one fulfillment. We know this because the 'coded' term the Abomination of Desolation is found also in Daniel 11:31 and Daniel 12:11. Therefore, there will be **three** fulfillments.

- 7) Read Daniel 11:31-33. When was this prophecy in Daniel fulfilled?

One commentator has written, "it is seen as that vast system of belief... which for a thousand years or more led people away from the priestly ministry of Jesus...The king who was...the medieval Papacy!" (God Cares (C. Mervyn Maxwell), page 296) In Daniel 11, the King of the North is always located North of Jerusalem and the King of the South is located South of Jerusalem. During the Crusades, the King of the South represented the Muslims, led often by the Caliphs or Sultans. The King of the North was the Christian leader sending the Christian kings from Europe, that is the Pope. The first Crusade was started by Pope Urban II in 1095 AD

- 8) Should we judge others hearts and motives? Matthew 7:1-3

Although we are not to judge individuals, we are called to "understand" the prophecies that Jesus and Daniel have written about historic powers, political and religious.

- 9) What does Michael do in this verse? Read Daniel 12:1. (Compare to Matthew 24:21,30,31)
- 10) Who speaks with the voice of the archangel, Michael, according to the apostle Paul? I Thessalonians 4:16, 17, Jude 9
- 11) What "time" does Daniel 12:1 refer to? Read Daniel 11:45 (compare to Matthew 24:15,16)

The events in Daniel 11 and 12 are chronological. When the King of the North "pitches his royal tent ...at the beautiful holy mountain (see Daniel 9:20)," that is when Michael arises in Dan 12:1.

- 12) What does Jesus tell the believers they must do when they see the Abomination in the holy place? Matthew 24:15,16

This event, that will again occur in Jerusalem, at the "Wailing Wall," is what we **must understand**, so that we will be able to flee from persecution. Most people will be deceived by this event.

There are three main characters at the end of Daniel, chapter 11.

- A) King of the South
- B) King of the North
- C) God of Forces

13) What hints does this text give us regarding the mysterious "God of Forces?"  
Daniel 11:38-39

In February, 24, 1992, Time Magazine published an article entitled 'The Holy Alliance,' explaining that Pope John Paul and President Ronald Reagan worked together, secretly, to bring about the fall of the Soviet Union. Could this be a fulfillment of Daniel 11:38, 39?

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14) If it is, what is the only remaining Superpower left, who has the military and economic power to bring the Middle East countries into its submission? Read Daniel 11:40-43

It is not necessary for the USA to rule the lands (eretz' in the Hebrew) in the Middle East directly, in order for it to establish its "Informal Empire." The British long ago used "Gunboat Diplomacy" based upon their military supremacy to protect their economic and national interests.

15) When Hosni Mubarak, the president of Egypt, had his people rise up against him, which US president told him that he should "Step Down" from power? Did he step down?

16) When the dictator of Libya, Colonel Muammar Qaddafi, had his own people rise up against him, which US president told him to "Step Down" from power? Did he step down?

17) What other country in the Middle East will be brought into submission?  
Daniel 11:43

18) When Peter chose to defend Jesus with his sword, what did Jesus tell him?  
Matthew 27:52

19) Are believers called to use force to fight over land and political disputes?  
Matthew 5:38,39, 43, 44

20) Who will understand this prophecy in Daniel? Daniel 12:10

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