

Matthew 24:15 says that, "When you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet . . ." What exactly is the "abomination of desolation"? Has anyone every asked you that question, and you have not had an answer for them? This week's study is designed to give you a thorough understanding of exactly what this event is, so that you may share with someone in the future.

It will be an interesting week as we look into the future and learn about "the time of the end." That time may be closer than we think. Have a great week of study as God's Word opens before you.

Day One and Two

This is going to be an intense week. There are a couple of topics that are linked together as we look at the end times. As we wrap up our study on the book of Daniel we want to take the time to put all the pieces together. If you are able, devote a little extra time to your study each day. If that is not possible, do what you can. This is the icing on the cake. Enjoy!

1. Let's start with a great review. Remember that you have two days to accomplish all these assignments. You are going to read through the following observation worksheets to put Daniel back into context with this "time of the end". As you read through these sheets, you are going to be looking for the following key words. If you haven't marked them the first time through, you are going to want to mark them now. Mark sure you mark each in a different color and/or symbol, so they will stand out from the rest of the page. The words are:
 - a. Abomination of desolation and any of its synonyms
 - b. End, time of the end, end time, end of the age, end of time, the appointed time
 - c. Indignation
2. Here are the passages that you will want to read and mark.
 - a. Daniel 2
 - b. Daniel 7
 - c. Daniel 8
 - d. Daniel 9:24-27
 - e. Daniel 11
 - f. Daniel 12

3. After you marked each of those words, write down what you learned about each of them.

a. Abomination of desolation

b. End of time references

c. Indignation

4. You should have noticed several references to the abomination of desolation or to the one who makes desolate, coming in on the wing of abominations, and the setting up of the abomination of desolation. What is this? From what we have studied, it seems like Antiochus Epiphanes (a Greek) can be linked with this activity, and history tells us that he desecrated the Jewish temple by offering a pig on the altar and setting up an image of Zeus to be worshipped. The question has to be asked, is this the only abomination that is being referred to in all these passages? Does Daniel refer to this happening on more than one occasion? Our goal this week will be to try to answer these questions.

5. Study the passage from Mark 13:3-33 that is located on pages 171-172. Use this as an observation worksheet, which means you will be reading it and marking key words. Observe it carefully! Watch for the abomination and watch and mark your time phrases. Continue to ask yourself the 5 W's and H questions as you work through this text.

6. Write down your observations and how these pertain to Daniel. Are these the same two events or two separate events?

7. Now you are going to do the same thing with Matthew 23:37-24:31. These are located on pages 173-174.

8. Summarize what you have learned from Mark and Matthew and Daniel about this event or these multiple events.

9. Now it is time to look at the phrase the time of the end, the completion of the time of God's indignation poured out on Israel. You will start by looking at Daniel passages and look at where you have marked the time phrase about the end, end time, the appointed time, time of the end, end of time, end of the age (literally days). Write down what you learn about this time.

a. Daniel 8:17

b. Daniel 8:19

c. Daniel 11:27

d. Daniel 11:35

e. Daniel 11:40

f. Daniel 12:4

g. Daniel 12:9

h. Daniel 12:13

10. What have you learned about this particular time of history by reading these passages?

11. Compare what Daniel 8:19 and Daniel 11:36 say about the "indignation." The Hebrew word is "za'am" and it parallels with the word "qasap" which means wrath. "Za'am" had the meaning of experiencing or expressing intense anger. Can you see how this indignation and the time of the end go together. Write out your thoughts.

12. Read through Matthew 24:3-14 once again. This time, as you read through it, mark every reference to the word "end". What do you learn about "the end" from these passages?

13. Here are a couple of questions to think about.

a. When do you think the "time of the end" happens and why do you think that?

b. Historically, does Antiochus Epiphanes fit into the "time of the end"? We will look at this in more depth later!

Day Three

As we begin to tie all this together, we need to revisit the kings that are talked about in Daniel 8 and Daniel 11. Are the kings that are discussed the same king, or different kings? Are they discussing kings that lived in the past or ones that will be seen in the future? That will be what we try to discover.

1. Read through Daniel 11:36-12:13.
 - a. List everything you learn about the king on the chart at the end of this lesson called "A Comparison of the Kings" located on page 175. Record the information in the appropriate column. Keep in mind that the Beautiful land is the land of Daniel's people, the Promised Land, the land of Israel.
 - b. What will happen at the end of this king's days (11:36-45)?

2. Do you think that this king is the same king that is described in Daniel 11:25-35? Read through those verses and record what you learn about the king in the appropriate column on the chart on page 175. Give a reason for your answer comparing these two Scriptures.

3. Let's read through some familiar Scriptures and see if we can answer a couple of questions.
 - a. Daniel 7 - Read through the description of the "little horn". Where did he come from and what do we learn about him?

 - b. Revelation 12-13 - What you learned about the first beast. Is this the same as the little horn in Daniel 7 or is this someone different?

- c. II Thessalonians 2:1-12 - What about the "man of lawlessness" that is mentioned here? Does this sound like the "little horn" of Daniel 7?

 - d. Daniel 8:9-14 - Fill in the comparison chart on page 175. Now what about the "small horn" mentioned here? Where did this come from? Give a description of him. Does this sound like the same person as the "little horn," the beast, or the "man of lawlessness"?

 - e. Daniel 8:23-26 - Fill in the comparison chart on page 175.
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- 4. Let's go back to the question at hand. Who is being talked about in Daniel 11:21-35, and who is being talked about in Daniel 11:36-45?

 - 5. How do you think this relates to the missing or final week of seventy weeks of Daniel?

Scholars debate whether

- Antiochus Epiphanes fulfills all the prophecies of Daniel 8:9-26,
- Or whether Daniel 8:23-26 refers to an "antichrist" yet to come who fulfills the prophecies you studied in Mark 13 and Matthew 24.
- Others say everything Daniel prophesied was totally fulfilled by our Lord's first coming; therefore, with respect to Israel, no prophecy remains unfulfilled.

Who is right? If we pick up a commentary right now, we will not know what to believe, so let's study this out for ourselves and see what Scripture tells us. The more we read and familiarize ourselves with these Scriptures, the more prepared we are to discern truth for ourselves.

6. Read Daniel 8:8-26 again.
 - a. Make sure that you recorded everything on your chart "Comparisons of the Kings".
 - b. What did we study last week about the "time of the end" and the "indignation" that may shed some light on the person of Daniel 8:23-26? Do you think that Daniel 8 is explained in Daniel 10-12. Remember that in chapter 8, Daniel did not understand the vision; however in Daniel 10 one from heaven comes to explain the vision and give Daniel understanding. Is it possible that Antiochus Epiphanes was a man in that time but a foreshadowing of another man to come . . . at the "time of the end?"

7. Read Daniel 8:12-14; 11:29-35; and 12:11. Do these passages refer to the same event or different events? Explain your answer.

Day Four

1. Read through Daniel 12 on your observation worksheets. If you haven't done this before, mark your key words, and record what you learn about them. Don't forget to mark any time references. These have been key throughout the whole book!
 - a. What was the question asked of the man in linen who was about the waters?

 - b. What was the answer?

 - c. How long is a time, times, and half a time? Write your answer in days, months, and years.

- d. What has to be shattered?

 - e. What "people" is the vision of Daniel 10-12 about? Explain your answer using Scripture.
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- 2. When do you think the regular sacrifice will be abolished and the abomination of desolation set up in Daniel 12:11?
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- 3. Do you think that that action has anything to do with either king in Daniel 11? Explain.
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- 4. Now reason through all you have learned and see if you can conclude which "king" is represented in each of these passages:
 - a. Daniel 8:9-14
 - b. Daniel 8:23-26
 - c. Daniel 11:21-35
 - d. Daniel 11:11:36-45
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- 5. Daniel 12:11 says that "from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days" rather than 1,260. In the next verse he speaks about 1,355 days! What do you think these numbers beyond the 3 1/2 year period mean? Let's take a look at some of the Scriptures that speak about things that will happen at the second coming of the Lord.
 - a. Read Daniel 2:44-45 and Daniel 7:11-27. Record what will take place around the coming dominion of God upon the earth.

- b. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Answer your 5 W's and an H questions about this passage and record your insights. Who are those who endure? Do you think any of this could account for the additional days between 1,260 and 1,290?
- c. Some believe 1,335 days include the time to set up the millennial reign. Read the following verses and record what happens after the Lord returns to set up His kingdom:
- i. Revelation 20:4

 - ii. I Corinthians 6:2-3

 - iii. Matthew 25:14-30

 - iv. Revelation 2:26-29

 - v. Luke 19:11-27

Day Five

1. The book of Daniel closes with an assurance that Daniel will rise for his allotted portion at the end of the age. Look up the following passages and note what they teach about the rewards that are to be given at that time.

a. Matthew 16:27

b. Luke 6:23

c. 2 John 8

d. Revelation 11:18

e. Revelation 22:12

2. Do you realize that you are going to stand before a perfect God one day and give an account for all the deeds you have done, good or bad, and be rewarded accordingly? Read and record what these verses tell us.

a. 2 Corinthians 5:10

b. Romans 14:10

If you are a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will stand at His judgment seat to give an account. What will He say to you? What should you be doing right now? What should you change in your life? What should you keep doing? What must you do to be prepared for that day?

3. Read Daniel 11:32-33. These verses are in the context of when Antiochus Epiphanes tries to turn the people to godlessness. How do those days parallel with the days we live in now? What will the days ahead be like - better or worse? How will you stand? What should you be doing? Are you ready to be a Daniel in the world today and in the future?

4. Read Daniel 12:3. It seems like the church of America today has turned inward - thinking only of ourselves. We have forgotten the command to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow the One who came to minister to us. Many are leaving behind the Word of God and preaching another gospel - one of worldliness and selfishness. What can we learn from this verse?

5. If you would like, you can read what your commentaries have to say about Daniel 11-12. It will be interesting to see what they have to say after what you have studied. Jot down any relevant notes you may have on these passages.

There will be a reward waiting for all those who have completed the course. You will receive it at class, or you can find it posted on the website at walkinlight.net. Go to the Daniel link and Daniel's Reward will be found at the bottom. Well done! You have accomplished much in the last 17 weeks!

Mark 13:3-33

3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately,

4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"

5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

6 "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many.

7 "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end.

8 "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

9 "But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them.

10 "The gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

11 "When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.

12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.

13 "You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

14 "But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

15 "The one who is on the housetop must not go down, or go in to get anything out of his house;

16 and the one who is in the field must not turn back to get his coat.

17 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those Days

18 "But pray that it may not happen in the winter.

19 "For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will.

20 "Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21 "And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ'; or, 'Behold, He is there'; do not believe him;

22 for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect.

23 "But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,

25 AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

26 "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.

27 "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.

28 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 "Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door.

30 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

32 "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

33 "Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come.

Matthew 23:37-24:31

37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

38 "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

39 "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

24:1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

10 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

11 "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.

12 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

17 "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.

18 "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.

19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.

21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him.

24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

25 "Behold, I have told you in advance.

26 "So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them.

27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days **THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL** from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory.

31 "And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

A Comparison of the Kings

Daniel 8:9-14	
Daniel 8:23-26	
Daniel 11:21-35	
Daniel 11:36-45	