

Eight References to the Abomination of Desolation in the Bible

- Four references by Daniel (Dan. 8:13; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)
- Two references by Jesus (Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14)
- Described by Paul (2 Thes. 2:3-4) and John (Rev. 13:12-18)

Dan. 8:13 – Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, “How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and **the transgression of desolation**, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?”

Dan. 9:27 - “Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And **on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate**, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

Dan. 11:31 – “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.**”

Dan. 12:11 – “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. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.”

Mt. 24:15 - “Therefore when you see the ‘**abomination of desolation**,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

Mk. 13:14 - “So when you see **the ‘abomination of desolation,’** spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

2 Thes. 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** is revealed, **the son of perdition**, 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.

Rev. 13:12-18 - And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, **telling**

those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and **cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed**. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Abomination of Desolation – The Antichrist will demand worship worldwide. This will be the abomination that leads to great desolation. God's judgments will bring desolation, or destruction, to all who participate in this terrible abomination (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; 2 Thes. 2:3-4). This worship system is based on the Antichrist (called the Beast) setting up an image (statue or idol) of himself in the Jerusalem temple. This image will be demonically empowered to breathe and speak (Rev. 13:14-15). The Antichrist will claim to be God when he sets up this idol in the Jerusalem temple. No one will be able to buy or sell without worshiping the Antichrist before this image (Rev. 13:16-18). All who refuse will be sought out as criminals of the state under a threat of martyrdom. This is one of the most significant prophetic signs in the end times. John emphasized this image ten times (Rev. 13:14, 15 [3x]; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4). The abomination is mentioned or described nine times (Dan. 8:13; 9:26, 27; 11:31; 12:11; Mt. 24:15; Mk 13:14; 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:12-18). The image of the Beast and the mark of the Beast will be two components of the abomination of desolation system that will mobilize and finance the Antichrist's global worship movement (Rev. 13:13- 18). The image of the Beast will mobilize Antichrist's worshipers and penalize those who resist. The mark of the Beast will provide economic support for the Antichrist's worship movement and will penalize those who resist.