

Signs for the Second Coming of Christ, Pt.5

The Revelation of the Antichrist

The Abomination of Desolation

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

2 Thessalonians 2:1–12 (NKJV)

2 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³ 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, ⁴ 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.

⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the

brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Introduction

There is coming a great war... A war unlike any war in the history of the world. A war with complete annihilation of the enemy. A war where all of man's inventions to kill will be worthless. All the bombs and bullets and the tanks and rockets will be as useless as a paper plane flown by a child into a flame.

This war will be the finite puny man against the infinitely powerful God. Every soldier will have no effect, every satellite will be useless. Every evil plan and ploy will be undone and every devise of man will fail!

There is also coming a man. A very evil man. A man of great political power and might. A man of persuasive words. He deceives with great delight

and he kills with no regret. He hates all that is good and loves all that is bad. His house is filled with demons and his father is the devil. Immorality is his first love and hate is his bride. He is opposite of love and the epitome of lawlessness. There have only been shadows of him in the past, but soon the man will arise. All the evil and hate and murder of Antiochus Epiphanies IV and the brutality and perversion of Nero and the torture and demonic musings of a Hitler will come together in one horrific, evil and Satanic Beast.

But in this great war of the future, he will meet his fate. He will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming and cast away forever into the pit of Hell forever.

We read about this war in,

Revelation 19:11–21

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in

heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, ¹⁸ that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great.”

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of

Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

This defeated beast is our man of sin and man of lawlessness of 2 Thess. This beast is the Antichrist to come. The one that Paul warned us about. The one that Paul says will be revealed before the Day of the Lord and before the Rapture of the saints.

Lesson

- I. His Description
- II. His Desecration
- III. His Deception

I. His Description

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NKJV)

³ 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,

II. His Desecration

3 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,

4 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.

He's Adversarial

He's Egotistical

He's Universal

He's Counterfactual

He's Adversarial

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)

4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped,

ὁ ἀντικείμενοςἐπὶ πάντα λεγόμενον θεὸν ἢ σέβασμα,

There is no definite article, as it could refer to any god (a god)

He is opposed to anything or anyone that is called a god.

He is opposed

39.1; ἀντίκειμαι;: to oppose someone, involving not only a psychological attitude but also a corresponding behavior—‘to oppose, to be hostile toward, to show hostility.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 491). United Bible Societies.

antíkeimai (from **473** /antí, "against" and **2743** / kautēriázō, "to place") – properly, place fully against, constitutionally oppose – like someone being thoroughly unreconcilable ("intractable, implacable").

1 Timothy 5:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore I desire that *the* younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the **adversary** to speak reproachfully.

Galatians 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are **contrary to** one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

He is the adversary of God, and is opposed to and opposite of anything and any other religion that is god. Whether the true God or false god.

This is very important to the Identity of this man and the empire He will rule.

He is not tolerant of any other god or any other view of God.

He is not ecumenical in any sense. He will not allow any other religion to exist.

He will not tolerate any other object or person worshiped.

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He's Egotistical

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)

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all that is called God or that is worshiped,

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πάντα λεγόμενον θεὸν ἢ σέβασμα, ὥστε
αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ † καθίσει ἀποδεικνύντα ἑαυτὸν ὅτι ἐστὶν
θεός.*

88.211 ὑπεραίρομαι^a: to become puffed up with pride, with the probable implication of being disparaging toward others

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ὑπερ-αίρω, f. -ἄρῳ, *to lift or raise up over*, Plat.:—Med. or Pass. *to lift oneself above, to exalt oneself, be exalted*, N.T.

II. intr.,

1. c. acc. *to climb or get over, pass over*, Lat. *transcendere*, Xen.; ὑπ. τὴν ἄκραν *to double the cape*, Id.:—as military term, *to outflank*, Id.

2. *to transcend, excel, outdo*, τινά τιμι one *in a thing*, Dem.

3. *to overshoot, go beyond, exceed*, καιρόν Aesch.

Liddell, H. G. (1996). In [A lexicon: Abridged from Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon](#) (p. 833). Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁴ 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.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NASB95)

- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above **every so-called god or object of worship**, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

sebasma: an object of worship

Original Word: σέβασμα, ατος, τό

Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter

Transliteration: sebasma

Phonetic Spelling: (seb'-as-mah)

Definition: an object of worship

Usage: an object of worship or veneration.

Cognate: 4574 sébasma – devotion shown to a deity, especially in relation to religious objects of worship. [See 4576](#) (sebomai).

Acts 17:23 (NKJV)

²³ for as I was passing through and considering the **objects of your worship**, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

σέβασμα (*sebasma*), n. *object of worship*.

Noun Usage

1. **sacred object** — any artifact that is utilized for religious and devotional purposes.

This would mean, that who ever this man is,
IF He was a historical figure,

He would have opposed and been the adversary of all emperor worship and caesar worship.

he would have been opposed to all the worship of the greek gods

He would have been opposed to all Christian worship of Jesus Christ.

But since this man will be consumed by the coming of Jesus Christ, he is a future man, yet to be revealed.

With that understanding....

He will be opposed too and intolerant of, and the adversary of all other religions except the one he claims to be true.

So he will be opposed to

Christianity

Judaism

Both who claim to have the one true God.

and then

pseudo religions that are full of idolatry and relics they worship

Like Roman Catholicism and its worship of Mary and the veneration of the saints, and the worship of the relics.

THIS will not be tolerated by the Antichrist.

For the Roman Catholic and the Papacy or a Pope to to be the AntiChrist, and for this verse to be true.... the Pope or the papacy would have to

shut down all Mary Worship, the the veneration of the saints, and the relics and the worship of those relics would be banished from use.

Notice the verse again....

4. HE.... who **opposes** and **exalts himself** above every so-called god or **object of worship**,

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Revelation 13:3 (NKJV)

³ And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Revelation 13:7 (NKJV)

⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Revelation 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:12 (NKJV)

¹² 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.

Revelation 17:8 (NKJV)

⁸ And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 14:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

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 He's Universal
 He's Counterfactual

4 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.

ὁ ἀντικείμενος καὶ ὑπεραινόμενος ἐπὶ πάντα λεγόμενον θεὸν ἢ σέβασμα, ὥστε **αὐτὸν** εἰς τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ καθίσει ἀποδεικνύντα ἑαυτὸν ὅτι ἐστὶν θεός.

This is one of those text that you really wish Paul had expounded a little more. Questions like these are ask of the text.....

1. What temple are you talking about?
 - a. The Temple?
 - b. The Spiritual Temple of the church?
 - c. A Future Temple in Jerusalem.
 - d. A Metaphorical Temple
2. What do you mean to sit in the temple?
3. How do you show yourself to be God.

It may seem easy at its first read, but it is much more difficult to really absolutely what Paul was referring to.

But I think by the process of elimination we can narrow down what Paul is talking about. And by the use of Analogia Scriptura (comparing Scripture with Scripture) we can make some conclusions.

There are 4 views that are the most common you will read when discussing this Temple.

1. The Historical
2. The Metaphorical
3. The Ecclesiastical
4. The Geographical

First let me begin by just removing a couple of them that I believe just can't fit the text.

1. The Historical

1. The Temple refers to the Herodian Temple of Jesus and Paul, the one that would be destroyed in 70AD.

Some have said that this is the event referring to

Gaius Caesar (Caligula), of 40 AD who had declared his own divinity, attempted to have his image set up in the holy of holies in Jerusalem

A sacred precinct was set apart for his worship at [Miletus](#) in the province of Asia and two temples were erected for worship of him in Rome.^[82] The [Temple of Castor and Pollux](#) on the forum was linked directly to the imperial residence on the Palatine and dedicated to Caligula.^{[82][83]} He would appear there on occasion and present himself as a god to the public. Caligula had the heads removed from various statues of gods located across Rome and replaced them with his own.^[84] It is said that he wished to be worshipped as *Neos Helios*, the "New Sun". Indeed, he was represented as a sun god on Egyptian coins.^{the life of Nero, but he never went to the temple of in Jerusalem to desecrate it in such a fashion} contemporaries of Caligula, describe him as an insane emperor who was self-absorbed, short-tempered, killed on a whim, a... killing for mere amusement,^[103] deliberately wasting money causing starvation,^[53]

Once, at some games at which he was presiding, he was said to have ordered his guards to throw an entire section of the audience into the arena during the intermission to be eaten by the wild beasts

because there were no prisoners to be used and he was bored.^[10]

and wanting a statue of himself in the [Temple of Jerusalem](#) for his worship.^[97] but failed in his attempt.

But this would be before Paul wrote the Letter to the Thessalonians church and would have been historic and not prophetic.

Others say that this refers to Nero and his self absorbed deified claim..

Although he was a contemporary of Paul and the one act would eventual take his head off... the passage is future man. Not a man in Paul's day.

This Man of Lawlessness will be the one that....

2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NKJV)

8..... Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

So we can rule out any reference to any Ruler or Emperor in the time of Paul and any reference to the Herodian Temple that was eventually destroyed in 70AD.

1. The Historical

2. The Metaphorical

The second one we can rule out is the metaphorical interpretation,

This is the basic Idea that the Antichrist will have his rule and reign not in a literal place but that He will assume the rule and reign of God.

But there is nothing in the text or the context to indicate that we should be understanding this temple in a metaphorical sense.

This is a real man who has real hatred of God and anything that relates to that God or any other god other than his.

He will be literally revealed and literally consumed with the coming of Christ.

The only reason that you would want to make it metaphorical is to avoid the conclusion of a literal temple or other eschatological views.

So that rules out two of the weakest views regarding what this temple is or what the event is referring too.

1. The Historical

2. The Metaphorical

3. The Ecclesiastical

The 3rd view is that the Temple represents the Body of Christ, the Church.

It is argued that Paul never uses the term “Temple of God” in his letters to refer to the “literal Temple in Jerusalem” but always to the Church.

This is a strong point of this position.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB95)

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

2 Corinthians 6:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

*“I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.”*

Ephesians 2:21–22 (NKJV)

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Hebrews 3:6 (NKJV)

⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

1 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Also to add to this, the Greek word that Paul uses is **ἱερόν**. **not** *ἱερόν*,

1. *ἱερόν*, a place consecrated *or* sacred as given *or* devoted to God, a place that subserves a sacred purpose, *as* the Temple, *and as* the sacred things themselves; (*e.g.* τὰ ἱερά *are* the sacrifices; ἱερεύς *is* the person who offers them; τὸ ἱερόν *is* the place where they are offered), *ἱερόν is used of* the whole compass of the sacred enclosure,

including the outer courts, porches, and all the other subordinate buildings appertaining to the Temple. (*This word must be carefully distinguished in every passage from No. 2.*) (*non occ.*)

2. ναός, dwelling, habitation (*of God*); the interior and most sacred part of No. 1, where the presence of God was manifested; the Holy place, *or* the Holy of Holies.

Bullinger, E. W. (1908). In [A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament](#) (Fifth Edition, Revised, p. 764). Longmans, Green, & Co.

Although I can see how this would be appealing, especially in light of the worldwide apostasy of many within the walls of the church.

It would seem that this could be likely because there is so much shallowness and doctrinal vagueness in the church. More and more young people and older people are abandoning their once uncompromisable truths.

That Jesus is the only way to heaven or the doctrine of the Trinity or even that Jesus is God is brought into question among people that have been in church for years.

As I told you the last couple of weeks, the church is ripe for apostasy. And with the infatuation of much of the professing visible body known as the church with miracles, signs and wonders, it would not surprise me one bit, if a large majority of the

church would follow a man that would claim divinity and have the great signs the Antichrist will have.

That's why to the church Paul says....

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NKJV)

³ Let no one deceive you by any means;

Matthew 24:5 (NKJV)

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

Matthew 24:23–24 (NKJV)

²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it*. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

So if we are to read the text the way some would interpret it, that the temple of God is the church, This how we should read it.

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called a god or any object of worship, so that he sits as a god in the true church, displaying himself that he is a god.

*But is this what we should be expecting....
That the man of lawlessness will enter into the true
church and exalt himself over the True God and call
of the true church to worship him*

Paul says in,

2 Corinthians 6:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

*“I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.”*

How is it that the Antichrist sits in the true Church?

How is it that he can enter into the the very place where the true believers are.

The Temple of God where Paul says the Holy Spirits lives or God lives is not the professing church, or just the visible church. It is the True church. The Real authentic truly converted Body of Christ.

We are not talking about a building or a place with this view. We are talking about the invisible universal body of Christ. The building of living stones, which Christ is the Chief Cornerstone.

The only way into this Temple is salvation. There is no other way in. And even if we take the phrase that the

Antichrist sits in the temple of God as meaning that He comes in having authority.

The True believers will not believe him or recognize him or follow him.....

John 10:27 (NKJV)

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

And what is very important to understand is... The Truly saved redeemed church will NOT be deceived. Even if we take the preposition “eis” as unto, and translate it with the accusative, to move toward or unto the church,

εἰς prep. w. acc., indicating motion into a thing or into its immediate vicinity or relation to something

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). In [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 288). University of Chicago Press.

How is it act the True believers will have anything to do with him.

Note:

This is another reason why I do not believe that the Pope or the Papacy is the Antichrist. The Pope or the Papacy has never existed within the true body of Christ i.e. The Temple of the Holy Spirit. The Roman Catholic church is not the true church, it is an apostate religion. Not even a church. ecclesia. If it were true, then, our verse would have to read this way

....the Pope or Papacy will enter into the true church, the body of Christ, and exalt himself over the True God and call of the true church to worship him

But is true that...

The True Believers are not deceived regarding the Antichrist.

Matthew 24:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Revelation 13:11–14 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² 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. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ 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.

Revelation 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 17:8 (NKJV)

⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 19:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 (NKJV)

⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–5 (NKJV)

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a

pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

Why do we know that the Day of the Lord will not overtake us a thief.

Because we know God and we know the truth.

What truth?

2 Thessalonians 2:3–4 (NKJV)

³ 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, ⁴ 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.

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Remember the point of the passage in 2 Thess.
There will be 2 signs before the Day of the Lord.

These will be visible, notable, and clearly discernible by the church to know that the Day of the Lord is near.

1. The Apostasy
2. The Man of Lawlessness is revealed.

The Apostasy is a large enough departure unlike the apostasy of individuals throughout church history, to get our attention.

The Revelation of the Antichrist is a notable, universally visible event to get the attention of the whole church also.

What is that event?

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or object that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

[This leads us to the only other option](#)

It's Geographical

This view states that it is a real physical Temple in a geographical location where the Antichrist will set himself up as a god or as one to be worshiped

It would not just be any temple, like Nero or Caligula would have used. Not just any religious edifice will do.

To find out what this is and where this is, we will have to go to the words of Jesus and the words of Daniel the prophet.

Matthew 24:15 (NKJV)

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),

Mark 13:14 adds,

¹⁴ standing where it ought not”

Matthew 24:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mark 13:19 adds

¹⁹ such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.

Matthew 24:29–31 (NKJV)

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give

its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This Abomination of desolation is directly tied to the Great Tribulation, that immediately precedes the Coming of the Lord in the Clouds to gather his people.

So this is a future event. Yet to come.

But what exactly is it?

What is “**the abomination of desolation**”?

βδέλυγμα, that causes revulsion or extreme disgust, a ‘loathsome, detestable thing’, in our lit. in ref. to what is detested by God.

① **someth. disgusting that arouses wrath, *loathsome thing detestable in the sight of God* practice someth. foul or false 21:27** (cp. REB).

② **someth. that is totally defiling, *abomination, pollutant***

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). In [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 172). University of Chicago Press.

53.38 τὸ βδέλυγμα τῆς ἐρημώσεως: (a fixed phrase derived from Hebrew, literally ‘the detestable thing of desolation’) an abomination (either an object or an event) which defiles a holy place and thus causes it to be abandoned and left desolate—‘an abomination which desolates, a horrible thing which defiles.’ ‘that which God detests’ or ‘that which God hates’ or even ‘that which causes God’s anger.’ The term ἐρημώσεως may then be translated as ‘that which causes people to abandon’ or ‘that which causes something to be deserted.’ The entire phrase may then be translated in some languages as ‘that which God detests and which causes something to be abandoned’ or ‘... left desolate.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 536). United Bible Societies.

Whatever this is, it is set up in the Holy Place Matthew 24:15 (NKJV)

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),

Mark 13:14 adds,

¹⁴ **standing where it ought not**”

So it is something that God hates that is a disgusting thing in his sight that He loathes.

It is in the Holy Place i.e. The Temple in Jerusalem and....

It is something that the Prophet Daniel specifically talked about.

So if we are to know what this is we will have to go to Daniel.

And that will be for next, Lord's Day.

... Hitler had a vision, or a mystical "call" into politics that launched his remarkable career. A career of such great achievements that they say had he died before WWII, he would have been named, "Adolf the Great"

The date was important to him because he was just under thirty years old, the same age as another Messiah who came to save mankind. In July of 1937, he remarked, "God has created this people and it has grown according to his will. And it is according to our will [nach unserem Willen] it shall remain and never pass away." He fancied himself the leader not just of the Christian world but of the non-Christian world he planned to conquer. "I'm going to become a religious figure. Soon I'll be the great chief of the Tartars. Already Arabs and Moroccans are mingling my name with their prayers."9 Hitler did become a god for millions. Rudolf Höss, commander of Auschwitz, stated before his

execution in 1947 that he would have gassed and burned his own wife, children, and even himself if only the Führer had commanded it. Much of the nation came under the spell of a man who was hailed as the long-awaited Savior of a people who had become weary of poverty and humiliation. At one of the Nuremberg rallies, a giant photo of Hitler was captioned with the words "In the beginning was the Word." The Lord's Prayer was changed by some to read, "Our Father Adolf who art in Nuremberg, hallowed be thy name, the Third Reich come ..."

Lutzer, Erwin W.. Hitler's Cross (p. 79). Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.

There's an evil man coming but there's a holy man that already came. The evil man will die, the holy man has already died and resurrected. The evil man will die and be eternally damned, the holy man died so that sinners like you and me can have eternal life. The Evil man is the Antichrist. The Holy man is the True Christ, the Son of God.

The best that the events surrounding the destruction of the Temple in 70AD and Titus' armies would be a foreshadowing of the Desolation to come.

A variety of preterist opinions exist regarding the identity of the abomination of desolation (Matt. 24:15). Many preterists attach the label to the revolutionary actions of the Jewish Zealots against the Romans.⁹³ However, the actions associated with the Zealots, as they pertained to the Second Temple, occurred too late to allow for the specified period of at least 3.5 years of unprecedented tribulation. Chilton suggested that the abomination “seems to be the occasion when the Edomites (Idumeans), the age-long enemies of Israel, attacked Jerusalem. . . . One evening in A.D. 68 the Edomites surrounded the holy city with 20,000 soldiers.”⁹⁴ The problem with this view is that this event in AD 68 also took place much too late to allow for the specified 3.5 years of the unequalled tribulation. These events occurred only two years prior to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. In addition, both of these preterist views are at odds with most other preterists, who see the abomination as referring to the actions of Vespasian and Titus and their Roman legions.⁹⁵

J. Stuart Russell explained that, in his day, “most [preterist] expositors find an allusion to the standards of the Roman legions in the expression, ‘the abomination of desolation,’ and the explanation is

highly probable.”⁹⁶ This view suggests that the graven and molten images of Caesar and the legionary eagles atop the Roman standards constituted a desecration of Jerusalem’s holiness. One weakness of this preterist position is that it removes the abomination from the temple complex, whereas the abomination in Daniel’s prophecies is specifically concerned with the desecration of the temple sanctuary and the removal of the regular burnt offerings (Dan. 8:12-14; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11).

Hollett, Brock David ; Hollett, Brock. Debunking Preterism: How Over-Realized Eschatology Misses the "Not Yet" of Bible Prophecy . Brock D Hollett. Kindle Edition.

