

The Beginning Of The Gospel

The Abomination of Desolation

Mark 13

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The Abomination Of Desolation Is Identified In Daniel, Matthew, Mark, Thessalonians and Revelation

Mark 13:14a When you see the abomination that causes desolation standing where it does not belong; let the reader understand.

Matthew 24:15 When you see standing in the holy place 'The abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel...

The Bible Describes Him In Many Ways:

The Abomination Of Desolation

Daniel 9:27 ...He (the Antichrist) 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. On the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate! Even until the consummation of all that is determined shall be poured out on the desolate.

Daniel 12:11 From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days... (3 ½ years)

The Little Horn

Daniel 7:7 I saw visions in the night and behold; a fourth beast- dreadful and terrible and exceedingly strong! It had huge iron teeth, it was devouring, breaking in pieces and trampling the residue with its feet! It was different from all the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns!

Daniel 7:8 While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn; a Little Horn which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

The Willful King

Daniel 11:36-45 This king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be

successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all.

He will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his fathers he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.

At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand.

He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Nubians in submission. 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.

The New Testament

The Man Of Lawlessness

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto Him; That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day (The Day of Jesus Christ) will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

The Lawlessness One

2 Thessalonians 2:8 ...and then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the splendor of His coming...

2 Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders...

In Revelation He Is Described Exclusively As The Beast

Revelation 13:1-2 ...the dragon stood on the shore of the sea and I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns; on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion.

Revelation 13:3-4 The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast?"

Revelation 13:5-6 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. He opened his mouth to blaspheme God and to slander God's Name and His dwelling place and those who live in heaven...

Revelation 19:19 I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse (Jesus) and against His army.

The Apostle Paul Deemed It Important Enough To Teach To Brand New Believers

2 Thessalonians 2:4-5 ...He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

Acts 17:1-3 ...they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ...Paul went into the synagogue and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said.

God Will Sovereignly Allow Antichrist's Rise To Power For A Short and Intense Time

Daniel 7:25 ...he will speak against the Most High and oppress His saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Revelation 13:7-8 ...it was given unto him to make war with the saints and to overcome them: power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

God Reveals This To His People To Prepare Them!

Revelation 13:9-10 If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Always Remember! In The End God Wins!

Daniel 11:45 And yet he will come to his end and no one will help him.

Daniel 7:9-10 I looked and thrones were set in place and the Ancient of Days took His seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire and its wheels were ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before Him. Thousands upon thousands attended Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:11-113a I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire ...I looked and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 ...then shall that Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming...

Daniel 7:13-14 He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Revelation 19:20 The beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and they who worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone...

Because God Wins His People Win Too!

Daniel 7:27 ...Then the sovereignty and power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints; the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom and all rulers will worship and obey Him!

Daniel 7:17-18 The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes! For ever and ever!

Daniel 7:21-22 ...as I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High and then the time came when they possessed the kingdom.