

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION **= Idol = Statue = Image of the Beast**

Abomination of Desolation — In several places in the Bible we are told about an “abomination of desolation” that will be placed in the temple (at Jerusalem) 1290 days before Christ’s return (Daniel 12:11). This “abomination of desolation” will be *a statue of the Antichrist* (the “IMAGE OF THE BEAST”) that is described in Revelation 13:14-15.

Amazingly this statue will be able to speak (as Satan will empower the BEAST). And the BEAST will put anyone who refuses to worship it to death. (Revelation 13:4, 13:15) But God sternly warns us not to worship the BEAST or his image! And God’s punishment will be much worse! (Revelation 14:9-11)

Ezekiel 8 — [Abominable *idols*, including an *image* of jealousy at the temple.]

Revelation 13:14-15 — And he [the other beast—the false prophet] deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of *the beast [the Antichrist]*, telling those who dwell on the earth to *make an image [statue] to the beast* who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breadth 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.*

Revelation 13:14-15 — NLT — And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people of the world to make a *great STATUE of the first beast*, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. He was permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. *Then the STATUE commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.*

Revelation 14:9-11 — Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships *the beast and his image*, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship *the beast and his image*, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

Matthew 24:15 — Therefore when you see the “*abomination of desolation*,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place [temple] (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. (*See also Mark 13:14*)

Daniel 9:27 — Then he [the beast] shall confirm a covenant [or treaty] with many for one week [= 7 Days = 7 Years = The last 7 years leading up to the return of Christ = the 70th week of the seventy-weeks prophecy]; but in the middle of the week [= in the middle of this 7-year agreement = 3.5 years after the agreement is made] he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. [Implied that this 7-year agreement includes allowing the Jews to once again sacrifice animals in Jerusalem.]

Daniel 11:31 — ...then they [the beast power] shall take away the daily sacrifices, and *place there [in the temple] the abomination of desolation*.

Daniel 12:11 — And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the *abomination of desolation is set up*, there shall be 1,290 days [until Christ’s return].

Daniel 8:13-14 — ... “How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and *the transgress of desolation*, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?” And he [God] said to me [Daniel], “For 2300 days (literally evening-mornings) [=1150 days *after the sacrifices are stopped and the abomination of desolation is set up—that’s 140 days before Christ’s return*]; then the sanctuary [*the temple*] shall be cleansed.”