Matthew 24:15—Part 1

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Wednesday-night Bible studies, I recently began a series covering Matthew 24. After presenting the material orally on Wednesday night, I decided to write a short article about the material for the Saturday bulletin.

Today we will talk about Matthew 24:15—Part 1.

Spoken by Daniel

Matthew 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) \ldots ."

Mark 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) . . ."

So let's look at some scriptures in the book of Daniel.

Daniel 8:13

Let's look at a few verses leading up to Daniel 8:13.

Daniel 8:9-12—"And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered."

Daniel 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 under foot?' "

- Daily sacrifices halted.
- The sanctuary trampled underfoot.

Daniel 11:31

Let's look at a few verses leading up to Daniel 11:31.

Daniel 11:20-21—"There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in

anger or in battle. And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue."

Daniel 11:29-30—"At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter. For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant."

Daniel 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."

- Defile the sanctuary.
- Take away the daily sacrifices.
- Place the abomination of desolation.

Daniel 12:11

Let's look at Daniel 12:11.

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 one thousand two hundred and ninety days."

- Take away the daily sacrifice.
- Set up the abomination of desolation.

Also considering Luke

Before we conclude, let's notice what Luke said.

Luke 21:20—"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near."