

# Matthew 24:15—Part 2

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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 2.

## **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” (whosoever reads, let him understand) . . .”

*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*—“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*—“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.

## **Physical solutions**

Notice three problems listed in Daniel and three physical solutions.

1. Defiled the sanctuary—Rebuild a sanctuary.

2. Took away daily sacrifices—Reconvene daily sacrifices.
3. Set up an idol in sanctuary—Remove idol from sanctuary.

### **Spiritual solutions**

Notice the same three problems listed in Daniel and three spiritual solutions.

1. Defiled the sanctuary—The believer is the sanctuary.
2. Took away daily sacrifices—The believer gives spiritual sacrifices.
3. Set up an idol in sanctuary—The believer avoids spiritual idolatry.

### **Religious tyrants**

Let's look at how a spiritual application applies to religious groups.

*2 Thessalonians 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."

*2 Corinthians 11:20*—"For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face."

### **Spiritual reaction to dangerous groups**

*Matthew 20:25-27*—"But Jesus called them to Himself and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave.' "

*2 Corinthians 6:17-18*—"Therefore 'Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.' "