

## MATTHEW 24:15 -- Part 1

10/20/21

- \* Tonight -- Opportunity to give a Bible study
- \* On October 6 -- Started a series -- discussing Matthew 24
- \* Title tonight -- Matthew 24:15 -- Part 1
- \* For the record -- I covered similar material on 2/4/09

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- \* Who was Antiochus Epiphanes?
- \* What did Antiochus Epiphanes do?

\* The *JewishEncyclopedia.com* under the section "Abomination of Desolation" states: "The rabbis as a whole consider that the ex-expression [abomination of desolation] refers to the desecration of the Temple by the erection of a Zeus statue in its sacred precincts by Antiochus Epiphanes."

\* *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Volume 11) under the section called "Jerusalem" on page 99 states: "King Antiochus IV (called Epiphanes) of Syria [who reigned from 175 to 164 B.C.] tried to force Greek ways of life on the people of Jerusalem. . . .In 168 or 167 B.C., he built an altar to Zeus, the major Greek god, in the Temple and tried to force the Jews to give up their religion."

\* *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Volume 11) under the section "Jews" on page 119 states: "During the 300's and 200's B.C., Judah had a series of foreign rulers. The country was ruled by Alexander the Great of Macedonia, then by [families] of Egypt, and then by the [families] of Syria. All these rulers allowed the Jews to live peacefully and follow their own religion. But in 168 or 167 B.C., King Antiochus IV of Syria, who called himself Epiphanes, tried to stop the practice of Judaism. The Jews, led by Judah Maccabee, revolted and overthrew the Syrians. The festival of Hanukkah celebrates their victory."

\* The *JewishEncyclopedia.com* under the section "Antiochus IV, Epiphanes" states: "Having thus made Jerusalem a Greek colony, the king's attention was next turned to the destruction of the national religion. A royal decree proclaimed the abolition of the Jewish mode of worship; Sabbaths and festivals were not to be observed; circumcision was not to be performed; the sacred books were to be surrendered and the Jews were compelled to offer sacrifices to the idols that had been erected. The officers charged with carrying out these commands did so with great rigor; a veritable inquisition was established with monthly sessions for investigation. The possession of a sacred book or the performance of the rite of circumcision was punished by death. On Kislev (Nov.-Dec.) 25, 168, the 'abomination of desolation' (Dan. 11:31, 12:11) was set up on the altar of burnt offering in the Temple, and the Jews [were] required to make obeisance to it. This was probably the Olympian Zeus, or Baal Shamen."

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Matt. 24:15	abomination of desolation (spoken of by Daniel the prophet) standing in the holy place
Mark 13:14	abomination of desolation (spoken of by Daniel the prophet) standing where it ought not
Luke 21:20	Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is near

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\* Clarke's Commentary (Volume 5) on page 229 wrote: "This abomi-nation of desolation refers to the Roman army; and this abomination standing in the holy place is the Roman army besieging Jerusalem."

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\* What did Daniel Say?

Dan. 8:9	a little horn -- which grew exceedingly great
11	even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host -- by him the daily sacrifices were taken away and the place of His sanctuary was cast down
12	an army given over to the horn to oppose daily sacrifices -- he cast truth to the ground
13	angel asked -- how long will following occur? * daily sacrifices remain stopped * transgression of desolation continue * sanctuary & host trampled down
14	2,300 days -- the sanctuary shall be cleansed
Dan. 9:4-19	Daniel's prayer
20-21	during Daniel's supplication, Gabriel came
22-27	Gabriel explained the vision
24-27	70 weeks prophecy
Dan. 11:21	a vile person shall arise
31	forces shall be mustered by him -- they shall defile the sanctuary fortress -- they shall take away the daily sacrifices -- and place the abomination of desolation
31	Moffatt translation -- armed forces shall be set on foot by him, the temple fortress shall be desecrated, the daily sacrifice shall be abolished, and an appalling abomination erected
	Contemporary English version -- he will send troops to pollute the temple and the fortress and he will stop the daily sacrifices; then he will set up that

Dan. 12:11      "Horrible Thing" that causes destruction  
from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away  
and the abomination of desolation is set  
up -- 1290 days