

Abomination that makes Desolation

Antiochus IV and the Perfect World Order

While Antiochus IV was in Egypt, some interesting things were happening in Judea. Rumors were spreading throughout Judea that Antiochus IV had been killed. Jason took had Menolos (high priest appointed by Antiochus IV) thrown out as high priest and Jason was now the high priest. There were celebrations all through Judea, celebrating the death of Antiochus IV and a rightful Jew as high priest. But Antiochus IV had not been killed, he was greatly humiliated but was very much alive and angry.

And as Antiochus was retreating from Egypt he passed through Judea and saw how they were celebrating his death and had overthrown his appointed high priest.

So in his anger, he **went into action (Daneil 11:28)** He decided that “these Jews are perpetual rebels” And so he decided to do two things to them. First: will treat Jerusalem as a captive city, and making sure that they would never revolt again. So on a Sabbath day, he gathered all the citizens of Jerusalem and ordered soldiers to tear down the walls of Jerusalem.

This was not nearly as bad as the Second thing he did, discussed in verse 31.

30...so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

We have studied this group in Daniel's Seventh week in Daniel 9:27 under the **many**. This is a reference to the Jews who forsook the Holy Abrahamic Covenant and sided with Antiochus IV, as a type of those in The Tribulation who will forsake the warnings in the Word of God and make a treaty with the dictator of Revived Roman Empire who will not leave Jerusalem in the middle of The Tribulation.

31 “Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

No this is not talking about the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire in the middle of The Tribulation. This is referring to Antiochus IV Epiphanes. And we will examine verse 31; then we will lay out historical interpretation of verse 31.

Forces from him will arise this refers to the fact that power (forces) from him, that is from Antiochus IV will arise, the point is Antiochus IV will set physical forces in motion against Judea.

Desecrate the sanctuary fortress. we will see in a few moments how the sanctuary was a spiritual fortress for the people of Judea. It was the place of their daily worship and where they relied on their God to manifest Himself to them. So this sanctuary was a spiritual fortress for the Jews.

Psalm 48:1-3 and 12 -14

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

**¹ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God, His holy mountain.**

**² Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole
earth, Is Mount Zion *in* the far north,
The city of the great King.**

**³ God, in her palaces,
Has made Himself known as a stronghold.**

¹² **Walk about Zion and go around her;
Count her towers;**

¹³ **Consider her ramparts;
Go through her palaces,
That you may tell *it* to the next generation.**

¹⁴ **For such is God,
Our God forever and ever;
He will guide us until death.**

They desecrated this holy temple by even entering it being unholy and unclean. They made it a place of luxury and rioting of whoredom and all manner of uncleanness, bringing into it things which were unlawful and filling the entire temple and the altar with what was abominable.(2 Maccabbes 6)

And a reading of 1 Maccabees will disclose many of the horrible things they did in this temple.

And do away with the regular sacrifices The Hebrew word translated **regular** would be better translated **continual**.

And they Antiochus will set up the abomination of or that makes desolation. Abomination Hebrew transliteration: *siqqus* meaning a detestable thing... an abomination. The Hebrew word is used to identify something that is abhorrent or blasphemous to God and should be so considered by His people. The Hebrew word translated **desolation** *samem* and is the passive of the intensive Piel stem: *that which causes desolation, that which destroys*. We will come to the importance of the Hebrew spelling of these words.

Antiochus IV, following his prince—(Satan) (Daniel 10:13) and after the format of Nimrod in Tower of Babel, (Genesis 10-11) Antiochus desired to create a nation where man was in total control where man was in total control of his own destiny. This was first formatted by Nimrod, And here we should spend time on Nimrod and his wife's dynasty at the building of Tower of Babel as the foundation of a new world order, that Satan has been trying to establish since that time on. AND EVEN IN THE WORLD OF TODAY THERE ARE DEMIGODS TRYING TO SET THIS UP IN AMERICA, RUSSIA AND THE MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT THE

WORLD . Of course they will all fail as they have through history, and only Jesus Christ will establish the second perfect order in His Military reign.

The first perfect order was in the garden of Eden, which man rebelled against; just as he will at the end of the Millennium. **Perfect Environment and knowledge is not the solution to man's problems.** The solution and the only time man will be content is when (he/she) submits completely to God.

But Antiochus IV, just as Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar, etc., sought to bring in a new world order.

But he had a Problem!

The Jews refused it; wanting

instead to submit to God and His order given through the Mosaic Law. Even here the Jews missed the whole point of God's perfect order, They should have stayed with the order established by God in the Abrahamic Covenant. But the point here is that they wanted to follow God's mandates in the Mosaic Law.

Antiochus, as most dreamers of a new world order, hated the idea of submitting to a sovereign creator God.

John 15:18 ... the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you! All the people in Antiochus kingdom submitted to his Hellenization *except those stubborn, rebellious Jews who insisted upon following after their God.* So, these Jews must be gotten rid of or at least put under strict state control. ARE YOU WILLING TO STAND FOR CHRIST EVEN IT MEANS YOUR LIFE?

MANY PEOPLE WONDER WHY THE CURRENT ESTABLISHMENT IN AMERICA AND IN OTHER PLACES AROUND THE WORLD, WILL TOLERATE ISLAMIC INTRUSION WHILE PERSECUTING CHRISTIANITY EVERY TIME IT IS POSSIBLE. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THIS COUNTRY WAS BUILT ON CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND RIGHT NOW THEY MUST GET RID OF THAT FOUNDATION SO THEY CAN ESTABLISH A NEW ONE. ISLAMIC IS A 'COME LATER' RELIGION AND THEY THINK THEY WILL TAKE

CARE OF THEM, AFTER THEY HAVE COMPLETELY DONE AWAY WITH ANY INFLUENCE OF THE TRUE GOD. THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT THEY ARE NAIVE AND SELF-DECEIVED ABOUT THE HATRED UPON WHICH THE ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS-POLITICAL IDEOLOGY IS BASED. But here is Antiochus IV trying to usher in his perfect kingdom and here are the hard-headed Jews not giving in and insisting on worshiping the *ONE* True God.

Antiochus's advisors came to him with the solution to the Jewish problem. *“Antiochus, you want to know why we can't get along with the Jews? It's because these Jews have a fanatical exclusive religion. Antiochus if you can get rid of the Jewish religion, destroying their religious beliefs, then you can have unity in your kingdom, Then you will be able to control these people. You won't have any more revolts; and things will be fine”* (Maccabees) This is the plan used by dictators before Antiochus and after Antiochus (SPAIN, GERMANY AND NOW IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) This is the most destructive advice for the Jews, now and in the future of Church Age and in The Tribulation. But Antiochus took their advice and took action on this plan beginning in 167 bc and for the next three years. From

167-164 bc there was the most horrible persecution of the Jews that the Jews had ever known.

A man named Haman had such a plan to annihilate the Jews, but God interfered with Haman's plans through a beautiful Jewish girl named Esther. But this time God will not stop Antiochus' plans for some time. Why?

Why did not God stop Antiochus' plans to destroy the Jews and their religion?

To teach them how to live under hostile Gentile rule and to learn what to do in The Tribulation.

The following is a brief summary of his plans against these stubborn Jews; a plan to force them to make payments to him; a plan to become integrated with the new order of his kingdom.

And what you are about to read is just a glimpse of what is going to happen to Israel in The Tribulation.

- 1. All Temple worship will be suspended.**
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- 3. All copies of the sacred scriptures will be destroyed and burned. (Remember this next time you watch a documentary of what Hitler did in Germany.)**
- 4. Anyone found reading the scriptures will be punished if not killed.**
- 5. No special days will be observed any longer including the Sabbath. You will recall that Alexander the Great allowed these to be observed not only in Judah but among those Jews who joined his army.**
- 6. Any woman caught circumcising or having a son circumcised will be killed. (What is interesting here is that San Francisco tried to ban circumcision a few years ago)**

Now as if these six things were not enough to infuriate the Jews what Antiochus did next would set it off into revolt. He marched into the temple and desecrated the altar and sacrificed a pig to Zeus on the altar. And he order that unclean animals were to be continually sacrificed on all Jewish altars to Zeus, (whom the Jews knew as Baal.)

After sacrificing the pig on the altar in the temple, Antiochus order that from now on the Jews were to worship Baal-Shemiam (“The lord of heaven”) You will recall from Isaiah 14 that Satan lusted to be the lord of heaven on his own heavenly throne. While Antiochus called the one they were to worship Baal-Shemiam, the Jews called it “Shikos Shomem” which means ‘the abomination of desolation” Daniel 9:27 and 11:31. This is where the phrase ‘the abomination of desolation” originated in history. It came about from a Jewish play on words twisting the /words “Baal-Shemiam”.

For someone who did not know Hebrew, “Shikos Shomen” sounded enough like Baal-Shemiam to get away with it. But eventually the truth would be revealed to Antiochus. He was even more furious and demanded that in every Jewish city there be similar altars to the one in Jerusalem

set up to sacrifice to Baalam or Zeus. It was at this point that Antiochus IV adopted the title Epiphanes for himself. His self adopted title would be Antiochus Theos Epiphanes. which means “Antiochus God Appears”. Antiochus saw himself as Zeus incarnate and began to order worship to himself.

Remember what Daniel said in Daniel 8:11 ***he would even magnify himself to be equal with the Commander of the Host.*** that is, he would be equal with God Himself. **and he would remove the regular sacrifice from Him and the place of His Jehovah Elohim sanctuary was thorwn down.** This prophecy by Daniel in 538 bc was precisely fulfilled with the decree of Antiochus IV in 167 bc.

Antiochus IV called himself Antiochus Epiphanes, but the Jews (with another play on words) called him Antiochus Epimanes’ which means Antiochus “the idiot”.

All this about erecting ‘the abomination of desolation’ will come up again in Jewish history. The abomination of desolation is mentioned in the Bible seven times. In Daniel alone it refers to both occurrences of the phrase

abomination of desolation in history. Both were future to Daniel but one is past to us... Daniel 11:31, our current study. And one is future to us, in the middle of The Tribulation Daniel 9:27 and coming up in Daniel 12:11.

Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; all refer to the future in The Tribulation along with Revelation 13:15.

The term came about as a play on words by the Jews against Antiochus IV order to sacrifice to Baal-Shemiam where the Jews referred this by Shikos Shomen which means ‘the abomination of desolation’ or ‘the abomination that makes desolation’. This historical defilement of the Jewish Temple by Antiochus IV prepared them for the far future even that would occur in the middle of The Tribulation. Abomination is from God’s hatred of idolatry

“the prophetic significance of this act is the clear identification and recognition of the Anti-christ to the Jewish nation and the inauguration of his anti-Semitic reign and intense persecution of the Jews. This is why the Jews of Jerusalem and Judea are commanded by

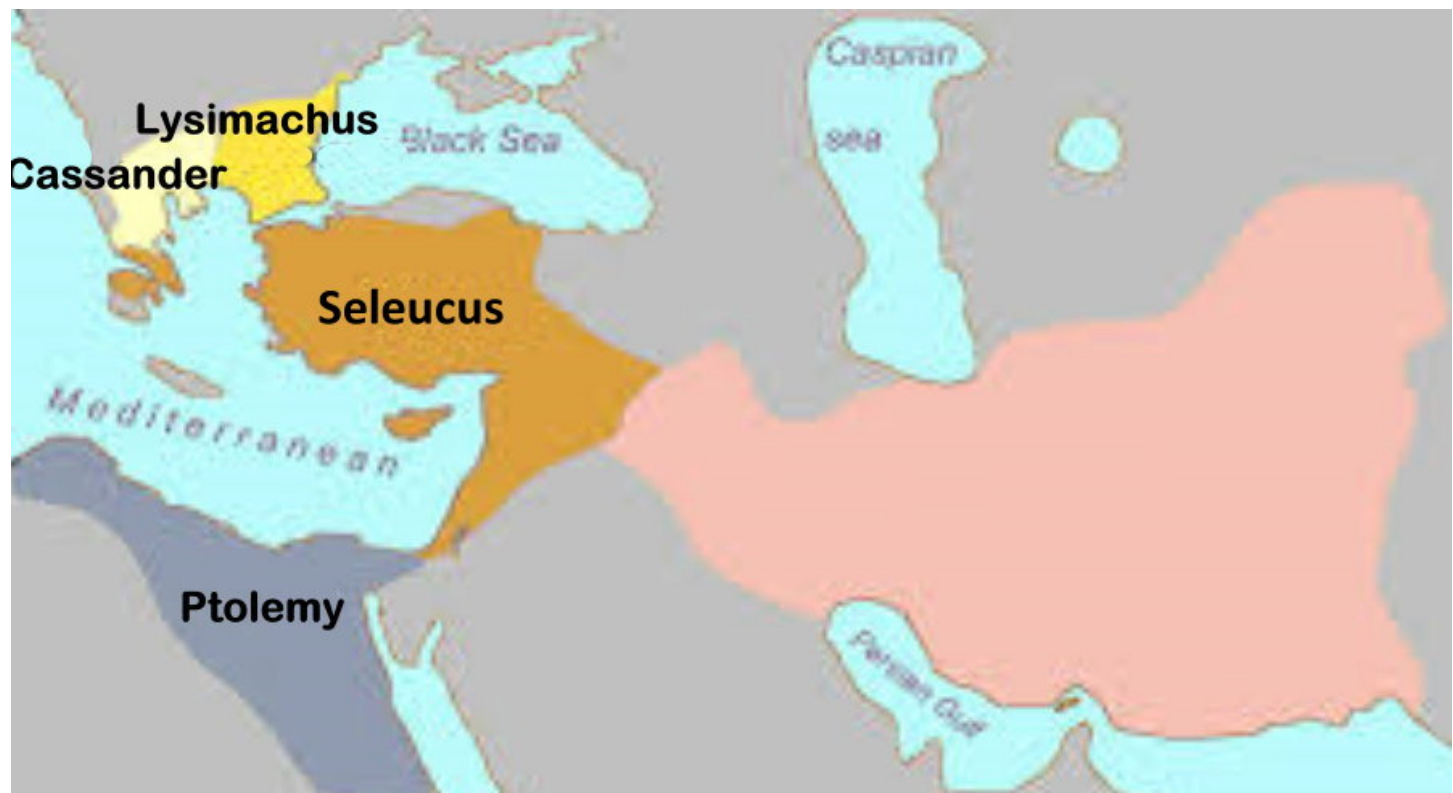
God to ‘flee to the mountains’ when they see this “abomination of desolation” occur. Matthew 24:15-16.

32. ***“By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.*”**
33. ***“Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days.*”**
34. ***“Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.*”**
35. ***“Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.*”**

*Ancient Maps of the
Alexandrian and Post-Alexandrian Era
are found on the next page.*



Alexander Greco-Macedonian Empire Map



Always Remember - God Is In Control