

THE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING, PART 4:
"THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION"
(Matthew 24:15)

- I. Old Testament Prophets Spoke of Coming of TRIBULATION
 - A. Isaiah 10:20-22
 - 1. Will end Israel's TRUST in HUMAN ALLIES
 - 2. Will drive Israel to RELY on GOD ALONE
 - B. Jeremiah 30:5-9
 - 1. Mankind will suffer INTENSE AGONY
 - 2. God will DELIVER ISRAEL
 - C. Daniel 12:1
 - 1. Israel will endure an unprecedented SLAUGHTER
 - 2. The archangel MICHAEL will come to their AID
 - 3. ALL who are found "written in the book" will be RESCUED
 - D. Zechariah 13:8 - 14:2
 - 1. The nations of the WORLD will turn against ISRAEL
 - 2. Only a REMNANT will be DELIVERED
- II. Israel Must Watch for the "ABOMINATION of DESOLATION"
 - A. He was PREDICTED by DANIEL (9:27; 11:31; 12:11)

1. INITIALLY fulfilled by the Syrian king Antiochus IV (11:21-35)
 - a. He MURDERED thousands of Jewish MEN
 - b. He sold their WIVES and CHILDREN into SLAVERY
 - c. He proclaimed himself the manifestation of ZEUS
 - d. He erected a STATUE of Zeus in the TEMPLE
 - e. He slaughtered a PIG on the altar and forced the PRIESTS to EAT IT
 - f. He was DEFEATED by Judas Maccabaeus

2. Prefigured GREATER abomination YET TO COME (9:24-27)
 - a. At the end of the 69th week, Messiah would APPEAR and then be CUT OFF
 - b. After that, Jerusalem and the Temple would be DESTROYED by GENTILES
 - c. The 70th week begins when the ruler of the Gentiles signs a SEVEN-YEAR TREATY with Israel
 - d. He will BETRAY Israel after 3 ½ years and become the ULTIMATE “abomination of desolation” (Dan. 12:11-12; Rev. 12:6; 13:1, 5, 7-8, 11-15; cf. 2 Thess. 2:3-4, 9;10)

- B. Jesus warns a FUTURE GENERATION (Matt. 24:15)
 1. Will mark the CLIMAX of the BIRTH PAINS (cf. 24:4-14)
 2. Will mark the beginning of the GREAT Tribulation
 3. Will signal the SOON return of CHRIST as JUDGE