

**What
End Time
Prophecy**

Did

JESUS

Command

Us To

Understand?

Matthew 24

“let him understand”

Present Active Imperative

Daniel 8:9-14

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), ¹⁶“then
let those who are in Judea flee to
the mountains.”

MATTHEW 24:15-16

SIGNS PRIOR TO ABOMINATION ARE GENERALIZED

- * “but the end is not yet” (Mt.24:6). This implies delay.**
- * “All these are the beginning of sorrows” (Mt.24:8)**
- * “Gospel...preached... then the end will come” (Mt.24:14)**
- * These do not require us to take action.**
- * The abomination is the sign that we are to take action and understand**

JESUS TELLS US THE SIGN IS IN DANIEL

**“when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,'
spoken of by Daniel the prophet” (Mt.24:15)**

- Important: Let Scripture interpret Scripture

DANIEL 8:9-14

**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.**

DANIEL 8:9

DANIEL 8 — GENERAL COMMENTS

- * Daniel 8 gives the most complete account (also Da.9; 11; 12) and is the first mention of this “abomination.”
- * Daniel 8 does not include “abomination” but includes “desolation”
- * Gabriel refers to this transgression in Daniel 9
- * This “little horn” is the Antichrist (v.9)
- * The “little horn” is middle eastern
- * This gives direction of his early conquest (South, East, then West)

**¹⁰And 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. ¹¹He 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.**

DANIEL 8:10-11

ANTICHRIST EXALTS HIMSELF

- * **The Antichrist likens himself to be as great or greater than Jesus (Da.8:11)**
- * **Da.8:11, “sanctuary” (H4720, miqdâsh). It is the holy place.**
- * **Da.11:36 Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.**
- * **2Th.2:4 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.**

“some of the host and some of the stars... trampled them” (Da.8:10)

-  **Dan 12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever (Da.12:3)**
-  **Daniel defines the saints (believers) as “stars”**
-  **The ones who can present the gospel and “turn many to righteousness” are the stars**
-  **Antichrist will persecute believers (“trampled them”)**

**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 8:12

ANTICHRIST AND HIS ARMY

- * **An army is given to the Antichrist to oppose daily sacrifices. The army sets up the abomination.**
- * **The army is given to the Antichrist BECAUSE of the transgression.**
- * **Somehow this giving of this army is linked to the abomination of desolation (transgression)**
- * **Da.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.**
- * **Lk.21:20 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near**
- * **Jesus said it stands in the holy place which is where the Antichrist will sit. This is a physical location.**
- * **What is this abomination they set up?**

TIMING OF THE ABOMINATION

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

DANIEL 9:27

TIMING OF THE ABOMINATION

- * **The covenant is the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week. It is designated to be for "one week" or 7 years.**
- * **This event will be in the middle of the 70th Week. Or 3½ years into the Week.**
- * **All Daniel 9 says is that the sacrifices are taken away at the mid point. This does not require it occur precisely at the mid-point.**
- * **The sacrifices could be taken away the same day as the abomination, or the sacrifices taken away first then the abomination happens a few days later.**



IMAGE OF THE BEAST - ANTICHRIST

¹⁴And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

REVELATION 13:14-15

IMAGE OF THE BEAST - ANTICHRIST

- * **In Revelation we know the earth-dwellers make an image of the Antichrist.**
- * **This beast begins to breathe. It did not breathe at first (Rv.13:15).**
- * **He will also be given the ability to speak. Very strange.**
- * **The eyes and mouth are like those of a man. So they are not an actual mouth and eyes.**
- * **Da.7:8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.**

IMAGE OF THE BEAST - ABOMINATION *SUGGESTIONS*

1

A Cyborg

The Antichrist was slain by a sword and given new parts



2

The Black Stone

Currently at the Kaaba in Mecca. Most sacred item in Islam.



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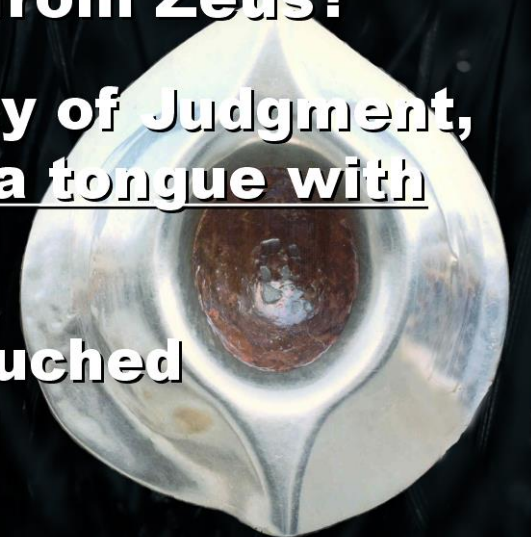
The Black Stone & Cyborg

Black stone incorporated into a cyborg like Ironman's heart



THE BLACK STONE TRADITION

- * **The black stone was worshiped in pre-Islamic days.**
- * **Muslim tradition dates back to the time of Adam and Eve. It fell from heaven as a guide for Adam and Eve to build an altar.**
- * **Ac.19:35 And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Zeus?"**
- * **At-Tirmidhi, Sunan, "Alla will bring it forth on the Day of Judgment, and it will have two eyes with which it will see and a tongue with which it will speak"**
- * **The black stone will testify in favor of those who touched it sincerely. It is said to take away sins. Blasphemy!**



WHAT ARE WE TO LOOK FOR?

- * **So if we are not sure, how will we recognize it?**
- * **When we see the abomination at the mid point, then we will know.**
- * **We may not know exactly what the abomination of desolation is, but we know it will accompany the man of sin sitting in the temple**
- * **Jesus commands us to understand and recognize the abomination when it occurs.**
- * **Jesus tells us this is the sign that the Great Tribulation has arrived (Mt.24:15, 21)**

¹³Then 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 underfoot?" ¹⁴And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

DANIEL 8:13-14

THE 2300 DAYS

2300 Days

[6 Years (360 days each) + 140 Days]

- The persecution of Antiochus about September 6, 171B.C. to December 25, 164B.C..
- If we count back 2300 days from Dec. 25, 164B.C to the year Antiochus IV began his persecution in earnest is 171B.C.
- The Jews celebrated the cleansing of their holy place with the Feast of Lights or Hanukkah.
- The time from the desecration of the altar in the Temple by Antiochus IV to the restoration of the Temple worship under Judas Maccabeus (164B.C.).

1150 Days

[3 Years (360 days each) + 70 Days]

- “The daily sacrifice” (Da.8:11-21; Ex.29:38-43)
- With two sacrifices made daily, the 2300 offerings would cover 1,150 days
- If 2300 sacrifices will be missed, and two are offered each day, then 1150 days will pass.
- The time from Antiochus’ desecration of the temple (December 16, 167B.C.) to the restoring of the Temple by Judas Maccabeus late 164 and into 163B.C.

- **The total number of days between the desecration (171B.C.) and dedication (164B.C.) was 2300 days.**
- **This prophecy has been fulfilled in the past and has no further eschatological significance in the sense of anticipating a future fulfillment.**
- **The history of the Medo-Persian and Greeks are adequately explained by the activities of Antiochus IV.**

SUMMARY — WHAT WE LEARNED

- 1 Da.8:9, We can see where the Antichrist comes from. Somewhere in Alexander's old empire. From the middle east.**
- 2 Da.8:10-12, The physical sacrifices and temple are in existence during the last 7 years.**
- 3 Da.8:12; 11:31, An army is given to the Antichrist. This army initially desecrates the temple and takes away sacrifices and sets up the abomination.**
- 4 Da.8:13, This likely was the passages Jesus referred to in the Olivet Discourse (Mt.24). Jesus said this was the main sign believers need to watch for.**