# **Celestial Grace Temple** What is the Abomination of Desolation ?

From the Bible, in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Mark, the term Abomination of Desolation is used by Jesus in the <u>Olivet Discourse</u>.

In the Matthew account, Jesus is presented as quoting from the book of Daniel explicitly. In the Gospel of Mark, the phrase "spoken of by Daniel the prophet" is absent in the <u>Codex Sinaiticus</u>.



Matthew 24, 15-16 "So when you see the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in holy places (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

#### Mark 13, 14 "But when you see the <u>Abomination of Desolation</u> standing where it ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

In Luke's version of Jesus' warning, the abomination is not mentioned, and the sign that it is time to flee Jerusalem is explicitly said to be that Jerusalem would be surrounded by armies.

Luke 21, 20-21 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the town depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it"

The Abomination of Desolation is clearly a warning of when to flee to the mountains or a secure place of safety (at the beginning of the end times) to avoid persecution and horrible atrocities during the tribulation years before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

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So the Abomination of Desolation becomes a very relevant concern for those who believe that they are living in the end times and how to avoid persecution and death.

It is perceived from biblical scripture, that the Abomination of Desolation is a Hebrew expression that means an abominable or **hateful destroyer.** 

So when you see the ISIL, Al-Qaeda and Hamas fighters or other radical extremists occupying, defiling and destroying churches, and attack and overrun cities, raping women, killing children and beheading those they capture, this is the beginning signs of the Abomination of Desolation.

In addition, the nation of America which has been one of the most Godly countries in the world and who prints on its currency **"In God We Trust"** is rapidly turning away from the principles of God. They have outlawed Christian prayer in public schools and government work places as though God's words are shameful, not to be respected and are a sign of weakness.

American municipalities have ban nativity scenes from being displayed in public places and American courts uphold laws against the display of Christian artwork and symbols in government buildings, businesses, and public places as though these objects are disgraceful.

These are additional signs that the Abomination of Desolation is near. America by doing these acts and without realizing it is actually influencing groups like <u>ISIL</u>, <u>Al-Qaeda</u> and <u>Hamas</u> to grow in population and do their unholy and evil atrocities.

Another area of concern is **pornography**. Today, throughout the world pornography has become common place. Millions of people believe there is nothing wrong with engaging in pornography.

#### It is important to note that the human body is a temple that contains the living spirit of God. So each human body in fact, is a holy place of God.

Pornography is a weakness of the flesh, an excitement of the blood, and stimulation to the brain, but it is also toxic to the human soul. It defiles the holiness of Godly physical love. Remember that God joins with a man and women in the act of physical love to create life.

Man passes a seed of bodily physical life to the woman and God adjoins a celestial soul and spirit to that seed resulting in the creation of a physical spiritual human being. This activity between humans and God was not meant to be exploited for commercial use or viewed publicly to the world.

#### The growth, acceptance, popularity and wide spread involvement in pornography is another sign that the beginning of the Abomination of Desolation is starting because it erodes the human soul into becoming morally corrupt and ungodly.

Jesus tells us to reference the book of Daniel in (**Matthew 24-15**). Careful study of this book reveals that the Abomination of Desolation can be divided into three parts: the 1<sup>st</sup> part, the abomination in Daniel's day (involving the destruction of the first temple); the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, the abomination in Jesus' day (involving the destruction of the second temple); and finally the 3<sup>rd</sup> part, (involving the destruction of the third temple) which is **the Abomination of Desolation brought against churches, holy places and Christian believers** that will occur during the beginning of the end times (which is starting to happen now).

Even if you do not believe in Jesus Christ, no one wants to see evil atrocities occurring in the world or the society that they live, in becoming corrupted, and decaying into immorality.

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# The main focus and priority of the <u>ISIL</u> is to bring about the Abomination of Desolation throughout the world, to destroy anything that is holy and to forcefully impose evil Sharia rule.

One of the most profound statements that Jesus made while he was on earth is stated in Matthew 24, 24: For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect (the strongest believers in God).

Clearly what Jesus is warning here is that those individuals who strongly believe in God, respect His words, are resolute in their faith, and are pure and righteous in heart, that even those individuals are vulnerable to being deceived and can be influenced into violating God's moral laws.

Always stay vigilant, keep your mind sharp; do not let yourself be fooled by charismatic gibberish, fake feats of wonder or hollow promises; and let yourself not be influenced or tricked into doing acts of immoral behavior, and do not succumb to intimidation from those that would have you change or renounce your faith. Hold steadfast to your beliefs and trust in God.

It is my personal belief that when the population of the world evolves to a level where the majorities of people on earth do not believe in or respect the words of God, when that occurs, the Abomination of Desolation will engulf the world and nothing will be able to stop it.

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