

The Altar, the Abomination,
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Book Two

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*The Abomination
of Desolation*

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THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

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Daniel 11:29-31 - The Abomination of Desolation

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the **abomination that maketh desolate**.

Taking Away the Daily Sacrifice, and Placing the Abomination of Desolation Looks Like One Event Here But It is Two!! There are 1290 days between the two.

By now you should be familiar with the story of Antiochus Epiphanes given earlier in this document. The above scriptures are telling the story of Antiochus in prophetic language 350+ years before its fulfillment. This is describing the part of the story about the "Line in the Sand" and the Roman Senator Gaius Popillius Laenas who single handedly defeated Antiochus with fear of a war with Rome. This humiliation was too much for Antiochus. When he heard about a false rumor that had spread in Jerusalem about his death, he returned to Jerusalem on his way to his kingdom in the North, slaughtered thousands, and set up the Abomination of Desolation. The Abomination of Desolation was a statue with the body of Zeus Olympus and the head of Antiochus wearing crowns of deification. Antiochus considered himself a god and deified himself in coin imagery throughout his life.

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This is the statue of Zeus Olympus used in the Abomination of Desolation by Antiochus Epiphanes. This version has the head of Zeus and not the head of Antiochus. Zeus has the goddess Nike in his right hand. The Aetos Dios was a giant golden eagle which served as Zeus' personal messenger and animal companion.

The Future Abomination of Desolation as Prophecied in Revelation 13:11-18

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, **that they should make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 **And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

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1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; **so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

The Apostle Paul tells us in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 that not only will an image of the Antichrist be set up in the Temple, but that the man of perdition will also “sit in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God”.

Irenaeus, the disciple of Polycarp, who was a disciple of John the Revelator, confirms the same thing that we learn from the Apostle Paul in the treatise called “Against Heresies”.

But when this Antichrist shall have devastated all things in this world, he will reign for three years and six months, and sit in the temple at Jerusalem; and then the Lord will come from heaven in the clouds, in the glory of the Father, sending this man and those who follow him into the lake of fire; but bringing in for the righteous the times of the kingdom, that is, the rest, the hallowed seventh day; and restoring to Abraham the promised inheritance, in which kingdom the Lord declared, that many coming from the east and from the west should sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book Five, Chapter 30

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The Ancient
of Days
Ceremony

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THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

The Book of Revelation is the Story of the Son of Man Before the Ancient of Days.

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the **Ancient of days** did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the **Son of man** came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the **Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:9-14

The Elements of the Story of the Son of Man Before the Ancient of Days are given in Daniel 7:13-14.

- 1) **The Son of Man Coming with the Clouds of Heaven**
- 2) **Brought Near Before the Ancient of Days**
- 3) **Dominion and Glory, and a Kingdom that All People, Nations, and Languages Should Serve Him**
- 4) **An Everlasting Kingdom That Shall Not Pass Away or Be Destroyed**

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THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

Number One

The Son of Man Coming with the Clouds of Heaven

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Number 1 - The Son of Man Coming with the Clouds of Heaven

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.** Matthew 24:30

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. **Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.** Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:6-7

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THE ANCIENT OF DAYS Number Two

Brought Near Before the Ancient of Days

- 1) The Son of Man Coming with the Clouds of Heaven**
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Number 2 - Brought Near Before the Ancient of Days

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?**

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 **And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.**
Revelation 5:1-7

The Book in the Right Hand of the Him that Sat Upon the Throne is the Sealed Prophecy of the Prophet Daniel.

But thou, O Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end:**
many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Daniel 12:4

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THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

Numbers Three and Four

Dominion and Glory, and a Kingdom that All People, Nations, and Languages Should Serve Him

An Everlasting Kingdom That Shall Not Pass Away or Be Destroyed

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Number 3 - Dominion and Glory, and a Kingdom that All People, Nations, and Languages Should Serve Him.

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; **to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.** Amen. Revelation 1:5-6

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ;** and he shall reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11:15

Number 4 - An Everlasting Kingdom That Shall Not Pass Away or Be Destroyed

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*The Great
Tribulation and
the 7 Seals*

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Before we begin to identify the signs that accompany the Great Tribulation, it is important that we understand the events that define the Great Tribulation.

The main focus of this teaching is to show the historic pattern of the Great Tribulation as a pattern for the future Great Tribulation. Put simply, the Great Tribulation is the persecution of God's people by a tyrant controlled by Satan.

Satan's plan is always the same, destroy God's people, take over God's house and enthrone himself, control the land of Israel (and the whole world).

We live in a time when we could see God's house operating again. We could see it shut down as before, desecrated as before, an image set up as before, Israel overrun by armies as before, and God's people persecuted as before.

However, that is not the end of the story, Jesus will destroy the Antichrist just as the Macabbees defeated Antiochus. The trumpet and bowl judgments will have their effect on the world as none other. In its finality, the enemies of God will be in the caves asking for the rocks to fall on them and hide them from the wrath of the Lamb.

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We will now look at the Events of the Great Tribulation and the Signs that tell us when it is occurring.

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION

We have discussed in great detail about two of the signs that accompany the Great Tribulation. These two signs are the Transgression of Desolation and the Abomination of Desolation. Now we are going to look at and define the events of the Great Tribulation.

The term “Great Tribulation” can be defined several ways. It can refer to the whole 7 year period from the Transgression of Desolation to Armageddon. It can refer to the 3/12 year period that starts with the Abomination of Desolation or it can refer to the period from the 4th seal to Armageddon.

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Based on Matthew 24:15 and 21, I think it is fair to define the period of the “Great Tribulation” as the period that starts with the Abomination of Desolation and Ends with Armageddon.

The question then arises, “**What happens During this Period?**”.

The 7 Seals give us the Events of the Great Tribulation in order.

It is important to keep this in mind. The fundamental principle to decoding the book of Revelation is to “**Let the Story be what the Story IS**”.

The entire book tells the story of the 7 Seals. We will now examine the 7 Seals.

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The
Seven
Seals

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION - THE 7 SEALS

The 7 Seals are the Foundation for the Story in the Book of Revelation and are given in a specified order. The Book of Revelation itself is not chronological. It is a series of Revelations that reveal the Story. You must let the Story reveal itself to you. Each Revelation unrolls like a Scroll and fits into the ONE unified Story.

The Story is simple if you will allow yourself to see it. If you are wanting to begin a real search into the book, it is imperative that you drop pre-conceived ideas and just "Let the Story be what the Story IS".

Here is the Synopsis of the Story given in the 7 Seals.

Seal One - The White Horse - The False Messiah Goes Forth to Conqueror

Seal Two - The Red Horse - War with the Saints.

Seal Three - The Black Horse - Tribulation, Poverty, and Famine as a Result of the War with the Saints.

Seal Four - The Ashen Horse - Great Tribulation as the Earth Struggles to Recover.

Seal Five - The Martyrs (Saints) ask the Lord to Avenge their Deaths.

Seal Six - The Coming of the Lord to Finish the Destruction of His Enemies

Seal Seven - Silence in Heaven as the Lord Judges the World

Once again, Satan's plan is always the same. He wants to Destroy God's people, Take over God's house and Enthroned himself, Control the Land of Israel (and the Whole World).

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The
Trumpet
and
Bowl
Judgments

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND THE 7 SEALS,

In between Seal Five and Seal Six is the Period of Time when Jesus executes the Trumpet and Bowl Judgments on the Antichrist and the Kingdom of Darkness.

The Judgments have a Harmony to them, are Simultaneous, and Compliment each other to Accomplish their intended purpose.

Seal Five - The Martyrs (Saints) ask the Lord to Avenge their Deaths.

Trumpet and Bowl Judgment One - Hail and Fire with Blood

Trumpet and Bowl Judgment Two - Mountain in the Sea

Trumpet and Bowl Judgment Three - Wormwood, Waters to Blood

Trumpet and Bowl Judgment Four - Sun Darkened, Men Scorched with Fire

Trumpet and Bowl Judgment Five - Darkness, Smoke from the Bottomless Pit

Trumpet and Bowl Judgment Six - 200,000,000 Man Army, Euphrates Dried Up

Trumpet and Bowl Judgment Seven - Great Earthquake, Great Hail, Armageddon

Seal Six - The Coming of the Lord to Finish the Destruction of His Enemies

Trumpet and Bowl Judgments Serve the Purpose of Destroying the Kingdom of Darkness. Just as Judas Maccabeus destroyed the Armies of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, King Jesus will destroy His Enemies and Bring Salvation to His People.

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Armageddon

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THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN AND ARMAGEDDON

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the **sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven**, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:29-30

The **Sun, Moon, and Star** event of Matthew 24:20 directly correlates to the Sixth Seal in the Book of Revelation. It is the Coming of the Lord and is Described very well in Revelation Chapter 6.

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the **sun** became black as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon** became as blood;

13 And the **stars** of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 **For the great day of his wrath is come;** and who shall be able to stand? Revelation 6:12-17

Simple deduction makes it clear that the Sun, Moon, and Star event of Matthew 24 is a reference to the Coming of the Lord and the Great Day of His Wrath. The event is accompanied by the most incredible Earthquake ever to occur on the earth. Every Mountain and Island are Moved Out of Their Place.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**.

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

[Revelation 16:16-21

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THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN AND ARMAGEDDON

The Battle of Armageddon is described in detail in Revelation 19 when Jesus comes on the White Horse and the Armies of Heaven follow Him dressed in White.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:11-16

Revelation 11 gives us the events that follow Armageddon and the Coming of the Lord.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Revelation 11:15-19

The King of Kings returns to Destroy His enemies, Judge the Nations, and Reward His People. Justice is Accomplished on the Earth. The Way into the Holy of Holies is Open. The Judgments upon the Earth are Finished. The Door that No Man Opens, and No Man Shuts has been Opened by the One Who has the Key of David. The Messiah now Rules and King of Kings and Lord of Lords on the Earth.