

World prepares for the
Abomination of Desolation

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The Abomination of Desolation is one of the few prophetic events about which scripture gives the exact time of occurrence. The Prophet Daniel said the Abomination of Desolation would occur in the middle of the final seven years, three and one-half years before the Battle of Armageddon (Daniel 9:27).

Jesus said this event would signal the beginning of the great tribulation. His prophecy is recorded in Matthew 24:15-16, 21:

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains: ...For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

The Apostle John wrote about this same great tribulation period in Revelation 13:5-8,

“And there was given unto him (the Antichrist) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,



Daniel 9:27

whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

This passage discloses that the reign of the Antichrist will last for 42 months and that this 42-month period will be the time of the great tribulation.

What is the Abomination of Desolation?

What is this signpost event that will happen three and one-half years before Armageddon? Jesus said in Matthew 24:15 that the Abomination of Desolation would “stand in the holy place.” Where is the holy place? We know that the holy place was located in the Jewish temple on the Temple Mount.

II Thessalonians 2:3-4 gives a much more detailed description of the Abomination of Desolation that Jesus said would occur in the temple. Paul wrote,

“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 (referring to the Antichrist); 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, showing himself that he is God.”

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Paul said that the man of sin, the Antichrist, would sit in the temple of God (the holy place), claiming to be God. When this event happens, it will be the prophesied Abomination of Desolation. This will also mark the revealing of the Antichrist and the beginning of the great tribulation.

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.” (Matthew 24:33-34)

NEWS

Plastic spending beats cash

The use of debit cards exceeded the use of cash in Great Britain for the first time in 2005. Cash was used in 34% of all online and offline retail transactions; while debit cards were used for 37%. Credit cards were used for 26% of all purchases, leaving checks to account for only 3% of retail transactions. The use of checks has been reduced by half since 1990, as people have become more and more comfortable with operating cashless.

Britain adopts National ID

After years of fierce resistance, Tony Blair’s Labor Party has finally succeeded in forcing a National ID bill into law. Blair had wanted the ID card to be implemented by 2008, but the House of Lords adamantly refused to allow it to pass. A compromise between the House of Commons and the House of Lords was reached that requires ID cards to be issued to all who renew a passport or obtain one for the first time by 2010 instead of the original date of 2008. However, all passport applicants still have to be placed in the national registry (database) by 2008, whether they want to be or not. Not coincidentally, 2008 is the year that the U.S. national ID will become compulsory. British Home Secretary Charles Clark has said that, if Labor wins the next election, everyone will be forced to get a national ID card, whether they have a passport or not.

World stage being set for Abomination of Desolation right now

Jesus said that the people living in the area of Judea would have to flee at the time of the Abomination of Desolation because Judea would become the focal point of great tribulation such as never had been before.

In Israel’s March 28th elections, Ehud Olmert was elected to be the next prime minister of Israel. The number one issue in the campaign was withdrawal from the area of Judea, which is commonly referred to as the West Bank.

Olmert says that Israel will withdraw from Judea by 2008, retreating behind the newly built security fence. This will leave the area to be overrun by the Palestinians. Any Jews remaining in Judea will become the victims of the great slaughter, which Jesus prophesied. There are presently 70 to 80 thousand Jews living in this area.

We are watching the stage being set right now for the fulfillment of this prophecy. Jesus said to us concerning these events:

“...when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

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What data will ID cards store?

The governments of Great Britain and the United States have decided that their ID cards should be readable in both nations. As a result, they are adopting common standards for their ID cards. The cards will contain: full name, date of birth, gender, address, a photograph, fingerprints, other biometric information and social security number. The social security number is the most critical piece of information since it allows the person to be placed in the national database. This allows the government to access a person's vital information instantaneously.



All US passports to conform to UN standards

All US passports will be embedded with remotely readable computer chips starting in October of 2006. These RFID (radio frequency identification) chips can be read by an RFID reader without actual contact. This has provoked fears of identity theft. High-powered RFID readers have been demonstrated to read the chips from 160 feet away.

Out of over 2,000 comments on the new passport plan, 98.5% were negative. However, the Bush administration has chosen to go ahead anyway, desiring to abide by 'globally interoperable' standards devised by the International Civil Aviation Organization, a United Nations agency.

Israel to withdraw from Judea by 2008

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has promised that Israel will withdraw from most of the West Bank (biblical Judea and Samaria) by the end of George Bush's term of office. When the withdrawal is carried out, the area will fall under Palestinian control. This is of special significance to Christians because Jesus prophesied that Judea would become a place of terrible slaughter during the great tribulation period (Matthew 24:15-21).

Israel's ambassador: Iran statements 'act of war'

Israel's UN Ambassador Danny Gillerman told the UN Security Council that statements recently made by Iranian, Syrian and Palestinian leaders are acts of war. Gillerman noted that these powers are pledging support to Hamas, whose charter calls for Israel's destruction. Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has explicitly and repeatedly called for 'wiping Israel off the face of the map.'

First world war of 21st century

Israel is warning that a new axis of terror—Iran, Syria and the Hamas Palestinian government—is sowing the seeds of World War III. In February, Canada's *Globe and Mail* published a report in which Hussein Hajj Hassan, a Hizbullah member of the Lebanese parliament, declared that, on January 20th, the Islamist axis was formally cemented in Damascus. The meeting was led by Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and attended by Syrian President Bashar Assad, Hizbullah chief Hassan Nasrallah, Hamas chief Khaled Mashaal, Islamic Jihad chief Ramadan Abdullah Shalah and other militant groups. Iraqi Shi'ite terror chief Muqtada al-Sadr also pledged his allegiance to the axis.

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Global warming: Intimidation of unbelieving scientists

Richard Lindzen, Alfred P. Sloan Professor of Atmospheric Science at MIT, discloses that there is a powerful movement to intimidate into silence any scientists who do not believe the alarmist reports of global warming. Lindzen points out that alarmists have a vested interest in maintaining and fueling the fears about global warming. Federal spending on climate research has escalated dramatically over the last decade because of the fear of planetary change that could be triggered by global warming. If the alarm subsides, so do the federal dollars. Proponents of world government have been fervent advocates of global warming. It creates a pretext for the

adoption of global treaties such as Kyoto, which create an intricate and entangling web of international law.

Lindzen claims that scientists, who have dared to challenge the belief in global warming, have been removed from positions, their papers refused publication and that they have been generally discredited, even when the scientific facts supported their positions.



Road to Temple Mount uncovered

Israeli archeologists have uncovered the main road that ran from Jerusalem's City of David to the Temple Mount during the time of the Second Temple, which included the time of Jesus. The road connected the Shiloah pool in the City of David to the Temple Mount compound. It was used by Jewish pilgrims who washed in the pool before going to the Temple Mount.