

## **Daniel Chapter 9 Verse 27**

### **The Abomination of Desolation**

The topic of today's program is part 2 of our series on chapter 9 verse 27 of that great Old Testament Prophet, Daniel, where he writes about the 'abomination of desolation' and the confirmation of the covenant. These are two of the most misinterpreted passages in the entire bible. Remember what Jesus said about the false prophets in the End Times. Let's read Matthew chapter 24. Jesus says, 'take heed that no man seduce you, for many will come in my name saying I am Christ.' In other words, the false prophets will claim to be Christian and Jesus says they will seduce many.

Today the false Prophets say that the confirmation of the covenant is between the Antichrist and Israel. And they say that the abomination of desolation refers to animal sacrifice set up by the Jews in modern day Israel in a rebuilt temple. All of these are false interpretations of the End Times. It's important that we understand just what Daniel and our Lord Himself are talking about in the Olivet Discourse and in chapter 9 verse 27 of Daniel. We should remember that Jesus does not say there will be no true prophets in the End Times and Saint Paul warns people, do not despise prophecy, but rather test the spirits. You yourselves must test whether my prophecies are true or whether the false prophets are true.

In part 1, we discovered that the confirmation of the covenant is between the prophet Elijah and the remnant Jews which he converts. There is nowhere else in scripture that any covenant is made with the Antichrist. There are many passages that describe the conversion of 144,000 Jews. In part 1, we noted that when Jesus says 'let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, he is referring to these 144,000 converted Jews. And we also saw that in verses 16, 17, 18 and 19, Jesus refers to the other three groups who will join with the converted Jews in the millennium.

Those who are on the rooftop and cannot go down but therefore must go up, refer to the raptured Protestants. Those who must flee the field are the protected Catholics who flee into the desert, and when Jesus says 'woe to those who are with child', then he is talking about martyrdom. Those are the four groups who will reign in the millennium, the converted Jews, the raptured Protestants,

the protected Catholics and the holy martyrs. Now let's turn our attention to the 'abomination of desolation'.

In verse 26 of Daniel chapter 9, we will find clues about the abomination of desolation from the two personages Daniel describes. The messiah, who was cut off, refers to Jesus the bridegroom, and the Roman General Titus prefigures the Antichrist who will cause the abomination of desolation. These two individuals also prefigure two other groups that we have been talking about, who survive into the millennium. Jesus the bridegroom, symbolizes the raptured Protestants who will go into the marriage supper of the Lamb. The Roman General Titus symbolizes the Roman Catholics who will flee into the desert under the protection of their patroness the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In verse 27, as we mentioned, the Prophet Elijah will confirm the messianic covenant with 144,000 remnant Jews. And then Daniel writes about the one who will cause the oblation and the sacrifice to cease in the second half of the Great Tribulation. That, of course, is the Antichrist. And the Antichrist represents the fourth group we have been talking about, the holy martyrs, because he is the one who will cause their martyrdom. But what is the 'abomination of desolation' which causes these four groups to flee from the Antichrist in the End Times.

First of all, the 'abomination of desolation' cannot be ritual animal sacrifice as practiced by the Israelites in the Old Testament, because our Lord never required animal sacrifice. The sacrifice he established was the symbolic sacrifice of the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper as we call it. And He established this at the last supper with his 12 apostles. Even if the Jews, in modern day Israel, somehow managed to re-establish animal sacrifice, that still will not fulfil the prophecies of Daniel. Let's review the four times that Daniel writes about the 'abomination of desolation'.

First in chapter 8; 'and it was magnified even to the prince of the Host'. Now the 'it', in this passage refers to the Antichrist. The prince of the Host, of course, is Jesus. And Daniel continues, 'and it took away from him the daily sacrifice'. This means the Antichrist takes away from Jesus the daily sacrifice. This cannot be animal sacrifice. Now in chapter 11, Daniel writes, 'and they shall take away the daily sacrifice and place there, the abomination of desolation.' Now in this case, Daniel is writing about animal

sacrifice, because the one who takes away the sacrifice, is Antiochus Epiphanes. How do we know this is Antiochus Epiphanes? Because there are many more prophecies which have been fulfilled following this prophecy.

In the other three instances, where Daniel writes about the 'abomination of desolation', his description of the events come at the very end of the chapter. In other words, the abomination that he is writing about then, is about the End Times. In this chapter, chapter 11, Antiochus Epiphanes prefigures the Antichrist, and when he takes away the animal sacrifice, he prefigures the End Times taking away of the symbolic of Holy Communion from all Christians throughout the world. Now let's look at chapter 12. 'And from the time that the daily sacrifice has taken away', that is from the time the Antichrist takes away communion from all Christian churches, and the 'abomination of desolation is setup', that is the false idol, which will be himself, there shall be a thousand two hundred in ninety days'.

Now this is approximately three and one half years, but the 1290 number is a symbolic number, and when you add up the integers you get 12, 1 plus 2 plus 9 equals 12. That means that the events we are talking about here come in the End Times, because 12 is an End Times number. And Daniel continues, 'blessed is he that waits and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days'. Again, a symbolic number, 1 plus 3 plus 3 plus 5 equals 12. This number is not meant to be taken literally. These are symbolic numbers of the End Times.

Those who Daniel refers to as 'blessed' in this passage refer to the same four groups we mentioned earlier. In fact in Revelation, Saint John calls each of the four groups 'blessed'; the raptured Protestants, the protected Catholics, the holy martyrs and converted Jews. Thus, we've seen on this series, that the confirmation of the covenant is not with the Antichrist, nor does it trigger the seven years of Great Tribulation. What will trigger the seven years of Great Tribulation is World War 3. Nor is the 'abomination of desolation' ritual animal sacrifice, as practiced by the Israelites. The 'abomination of desolation', which we will see in the temple, which is not a Jewish temple, but rather in Christianity and the Catholic Church in particular, is the taking away of the Eucharist or the Lord's supper from all Christians throughout the entire world by the evil dictator, the Antichrist.