

(MATTHEW 24:15-31)
MESSIAH ON A MISSION
(PART 50)

“JACOB'S TROUBLE”



Introduction: Daniel and Jesus' View of the “Abomination of Desolation”

- Daniel speaks of it three times (Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)
- Virtually every Bible scholar (no matter his eschatological view) identifies that abomination as the sacrilege committed by Antiochus IV, the Syrian king who ruled Palestine from 175-165 B.C. as a surrogate of the Greek Empire.
- Jesus indicates that there is a coming Abomination of Desolation that is linked to the cataclysmic events that are further described in the book of Revelation (Rev. 13:1, 5).
- The Apostle Paul saw a still-future fulfillment (2 Thess. 2:3–4), as did John (Rev. 13:14–15)—when the Antichrist sets up an image in the temple during the future tribulation.

The Nature of "The Day of the Lord's Wrath" or "Jacob's Trouble" or the "70th Week of Daniel"

1. A period of intense Wrath (Rev. 6:16-17)
2. God's Judgment (Rev. 14:7)
3. God's Indignation (Isa. 26:20-21)
4. God's Punishment (Isa. 24:20-21)
5. All the Earth's Hour of Trial (Rev. 3:10)
6. Hour of Trouble for Jacob (Jer. 30:7)
7. Destruction (Joel 1:15)
8. Darkness (Joel 2:2)

The Purpose of Jacob's Trouble

- To try the earth-dwellers (Rev. 3:10)
- The punishment and preparation of Israel to receive Jesus as its rightful King (Zech. 12:10–12)

Matthew 24:29

“the sun
will be
darkened.”

Acts 2:19-20

- Blood: (Rev. 6:8; 8:7–8; 9:15; 14:20; 16:3)
- Fire: (Rev. 8:5, 7–8, 10)
- Smoke: (Rev. 9:2–3, 17–18; 18:9, 18).
- Sun . . . darkness . . . moon to blood (Rev. 6:12)

Jesus Himself is the Sign: (Matthew 24:30)

"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"

"Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:2, NASB)