

Book of Hebrews Part 33: The Third Temple and the Abomination of Desolation (11/2/2019)

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For those of you who have forgotten, we are in the midst of the study of Hebrews, and we've been talking about the concept of the Third Temple, which is highly controversial. I have to tell you that of any time in history there is no better time to be talking about this concept of the Third Temple, because it is the hottest topic in Israel. It is making headlines every single week. There's a buzz all over the world that the Jewish people are getting ready to build the Third Temple. The momentum is building more and more every day. All the artifacts are created. They are even breeding the red heifers. They're practicing the alter sacrifices. They're running through everything. Everything's a go. Everything is ready.

They're looking at this and guess what? In the midst of this and the midst of what we see with all of this, there are signs coming out in Jerusalem.

As a reminder, one of the things we looked at in a previous message was some of these supernatural, prophetic signs. You have snakes coming out of the prayer wall. You have massive stones, weighing hundreds of pounds, on top of the wall that are falling out. One almost killed a woman at the prayer wall. These things are happening. So while the Jews are moving, and they have everything to rebuild the Temple, miraculous signs are taking place in Jerusalem.

Literally within one week of me giving the last message, another sign showed up. This one is really incredible, and this sign stirred the rabbis. They took to the synagogues. They took to the web commenting on it. They were blogging about it and doing articles. I want to show you this sign. This is incredible. There is some video footage you need to see. It is pretty raw, but I want you to pay close attention. [Footage can be seen on the original sermon message or <https://www.christianpost.com/news/foxes-seen-near-temple-mount-reminder-destruction-biblical-prophecy.html>]

What you just saw were foxes at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. You might not think that's a big deal. I'm going to tell you right now this is end of the world prophecy. This is life-altering prophecy. When this happened, this stirred the rabbis into pandemonium. Foxes being seen is unprecedented. This is incredible.

I want to read to you how the rabbis are responding to and viewing this sign. This is very important. I have gotten this out of Breaking News Israel. The headline reads—"Foxes at the Temple Mount:

Prophetic Proof Jerusalem Returning to Glory”. This is how the rabbis are viewing this specific sign. This is a clear sign; this is a good omen and good things are right around the corner because we saw these foxes play.

I want to read to you this article. The gentleman who wrote this is Berkowitz. I respect him. He's a good man. I appreciate him. He's an ordained rabbi, and this is what he says—[It was reported in the Yeshiva World that visitors to the area have observed a group of about a dozen foxes in the southwestern area of the Western Wall for the last three days in the early hours of the day. Wild foxes at the site of the destroyed Temple are described specifically in the Jewish Talmud. This Talmud, which was written 2,000 years ago as a sign that Jerusalem will be rebuilt. This precise scenario was discussed in the Talmud \(Makkot 24b\). Rabban Gamliel, Rabbi Elazar ben Azaria, Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi Akiva went up to Jerusalem.](#)

So here is the deal. You have these great men within the Jewish faith. The title, Rabban, means Gamliel was presiding over the Sanhedrin. He was one of the presidents of the Sanhedrin. In addition, you have these other great rabbis. We have talked about Rabbi Akiva in other messages.

So look at what happens as we continue reading from the Talmud, [When they reached the Temple Mount, they saw a fox emerging from the place of the Holy of Holies. The others started weeping but Rabbi Akiva laughed.](#)

You have to appreciate the situation. The Temple had been destroyed. So at this point where we have these men, including Rabbi Akiva, the Temple is not there. What these great men within Judaism were doing was going up the right side of the mount and they see this sign. A fox is coming out of the Temple Mount; they see foxes.

As a result, the men are weeping except for Rabbi Akiva. He is laughing. You could not have two more differing interpretations of the exact same sign.

Now look at what goes on next as Berkowitz continues in the article—[Rabbi Akiva asked the rabbis why they cried and they explained that to see a wild animal in such a holy place, a place which was forbidden to unfit men, was distressing.](#) They saw it as a bad omen. This is not a good sign. It's an unclean animal traipsing over the Holy Temple Mount. This is not a good sign.

Berkowitz goes on and says—[Rabbi Akiva noted that this was precisely the reason he laughed. He explained that the fact that the prophecy of Uriah related by the Prophet Micah had come to be was proof that the prophecy of Zechariah would also come to be.](#) In other words, Rabbi Akiva is saying that because one prophecy comes true, it stands to reason that another prophecy will come true. Therefore this of what he's looking at. He is looking at this sign of a fox literally traipsing over the Holy Temple Mount. So he sees this as a good omen, and this is a time to laugh.

Now hear me closely. This is the same Rabbi Akiva who proclaimed Bar Kokhba as the true Messiah. Rabbi Akiva deceived his own people; he himself was deceived, and what happened? The Jewish people were led to their slaughter because they actually believed Bar Kokhba was the Messiah. This is that same Rabbi Akiva.

Now, I don't know about you, but it terrifies me when I see rabbis in mass numbers going out looking at this sign as though it portends good is right on the horizon, all because of Rabbi Akiva. They're looking at this through his eyes, and their understanding because Rabbi Akiva laughed, well, this is a time for rejoicing. We know, as the title of the article read, Jerusalem is just on the cusp of returning to its glory. This is how they view it.

One thing I can tell you for certain; when you read the Bible, and you listen to the prophets, and you see what is happening in Jerusalem, greater Israel and the rest of the parts of the world, it is not a time for laughter. I guarantee it. It is instead a time to listen to the prophets, and what are the prophets saying? They say this—**Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning (Joel 2:12).** James says **...let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to gloom (James 4:9).**

This is what we're called to do. Ecclesiastes 7:3 **Sorrow is better than laughter, For by a sad countenance the heart is made better.** Again in Psalm 126:5 **Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.** What does Yeshua says in Luke 6:25b **Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep.**

It is time to listen to the prophets. It terrifies me how people are interpreting these signs. This information is nothing new to us; we have covered this before. We have looked at past, historical events in Israel's history, and rabbis are looking at this and saying, "Oh this portends a good thing. Good is coming our way." It is, however, the exact opposite. Even in the Bar Kokhba Revolt, there were Gentiles who said the signs were all there, but they didn't understand them. They recognized the people were going to be led to their slaughter. This is an amazing thing.

Listen to me carefully; when you go to Scripture, nowhere are you going to find foxes metaphorically representing or carrying any connotation whatsoever that is positive for Israel. Nowhere!

Let me give you a couple examples. Song of Songs 2:15 **Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes** (emphasis added). In other words, Israel is coming into bloom, and foxes spoil the vine. Foxes represent destruction, desolation, and calamity. This is what foxes represent scripturally. Therefore, we need to listen to the prophets on this one.

Ezekiel 13:3-4 **³Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! ⁴ O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts** (emphasis added). Foxes are attributed to false prophets, to deception, and to destruction because what do false prophets do? They lead the people of God to their death? That's what they do. Okay?

Even Yeshua says in Luke 13:32 (in reference to Herod) **"Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.'** Yeshua wasn't paying Herod a compliment. It's a derogatory term. It carries a very negative connotation.

So understand something. When we see this unprecedented end of the world sign happening, where foxes are coming in to Jerusalem, you have a problem. This is a real sign something is coming and I'm going to tell you what it is. Tribulation and persecution are coming. All the signs are there to indicate we are moving into the time of Jacob's trouble.

Nobody wants to hear that. Nobody wants to acknowledge that reality, but God is sending signs, and Yeshua rebukes the hypocrites by telling them, **Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times** (Matthew 16:3).

This scares me because we look at these rabbis who are coming out, and they're getting excited about seeing Foxes because of Rabbi Akiva not because of the prophets or the Torah. It is because of Rabbi Akiva who led his own people to their death. That frightens me! This kind of deception should not be among God's chosen people. Especially the leaders. It is not okay.

With that said, I want to break into the topic. We left off with the abomination of desolation. If we are going to talk about the Third Temple, we need to settle matters such as is it celestial in nature or whether it's Earthly. Is it to be built by man, because we see they have everything they need to build it, or is it going to be built by the Mashiach as the prophets clearly say? Even past rabbis have acknowledged it is absolutely going to be celestial; man isn't going to build it. It's going to come out of the sky as Rashi said. We see when we look at Exodus 15 it is completely celestial.

Well, I'm going to tell you, when you start talking about stuff like this, you have to deal with questions. One of the questions is what do you do with the abomination of desolation because many Christians look at the abomination of desolation as proof there must be a literal, physical, functioning Temple in Jerusalem for this to happen. They believe this cannot happen unless the Temple is built.

We're going to dig into this today, and you might have a little different perspective after today's message. You might understand just how close we are to the return of the Messiah Yeshua. We are closer than people know. It is so close, it is scary.

So with that said, I want to take you back to Matthew 24:1 because this is where we ended off in the last message **Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.** Again, one of the things covered here is His disciples are elated. They're taking joy in the Temple's stones exactly as they were instructed in Psalm 102:14 **For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.** They delight in them, and they want to make their Messiah proud. They want to show Yeshua they have the right heart, and so they come up to Him to show Him all the beauty of the Temple and to rejoice with Him.

It totally makes sense to me, especially when you know Scripture. But how Yeshua responded is totally mind-blowing. It is not what you would expect if you were there in that time period. **And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down"** (Matthew 24:2).

If you were His disciple, this is the last thing you would ever expect to hear because Yeshua is the Messiah. You are following Him, as the Messiah. There is no question about that. And in the Scriptures it tells us He is the Redeemer; He will restore Israel. Now, however, the Messiah Himself is telling you the Temple, their very identity, is going to be destroyed. That doesn't even make sense.

Here is what blows my mind. It is how they respond to this statement. They didn't even blink. We continue in Matthew 24:3—**Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be?"** They don't come back and say, "Yeshua, you know, that sounds crazy. This is the exact opposite of what we're expecting. This doesn't make any sense." That was what Peter did with Yeshua in Matthew 16 when Yeshua told him He needed to die. That He had to

go to the cross. Peter, however, was like, “far be it from you.” Yeshua had to rebuke Peter, “Get behind me Satan.”

So here Yeshua sends them a whopper of a statement. I want you to listen to this carefully because this shows how much respect, how much they truly believed, Yeshua was the Messiah. They don't come back and say anything. They believed in His word so much that whatever He speaks is the gospel truth. They believed it so much that when they come back all they can ask is, when is this going to be?

Yeshua answers this as we drop down to Matthew 24:15-16 ¹⁵ "Therefore when you see the '**abomination of desolation**,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains (emphasis added).

We learn a lot here. They knew Yeshua was talking about the destruction of the temple. But then they wanted to know when it was going to happen. He pinpoints a time. He gives them something to look for that proceeds right before the destruction. He gives them a moment in time of what He calls the abomination of desolation, but He doesn't just leave it there because that could be a little more ambiguous than He wanted to leave it. So He gets very specific—the **abomination of desolation**. This was not spoken by the prophet Zechariah nor spoken by the prophet Isaiah. No! This was specifically spoken of by Daniel. So Yeshua literally pinpointed the fact that he was talking about comes out of the Book of Daniel.

Yeshua takes it a step further with this expectation. He says—(whoever reads, let him understand). This is not a common statement spoken by Yeshua. You do not find this as you comb through the New Testament. When you search the Gospels or even the Book of Revelation, what you typically find Yeshua saying is—“he who has an ear let him hear”.

That's not what is said here—(whoever reads, let him understand). This is a very unique statement. In other words, what is Yeshua implying? He is telling them, “You're going to go back exactly where I'm taking you, to the Book of Daniel, and you are going to read it. You're going to read and study the abomination of desolation and learn what I'm talking about because I am talking about the destruction of the Temple where not one stone will be left upon another.”

So we are going to go back to the Book of Daniel, and we're going to look for the abomination of desolation. We're going to start in Daniel 8:5-6 where he is given this vision. In this vision, we read the following—⁵And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. ⁶Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power (emphasis added).

At this point, I'm just going to cut to the chase and save some time rather than take you down another rabbit trail. I'm going to explain to you what these are, and I'm not taking a creative liberty here at all. It's absolute, biblically documented fact what I'm going to tell you. It is even included in this chapter. The male goat is the Kingdom of Greece. We're told this later on in the chapter. So there's no debate on this. The goat represents the Kingdom of Greece. It is a very specific prophecy dealing with specific kingdoms; it is very important to remember this.

So here we have the Kingdom of Greece, and in the verse—the ram that had two horns—that is the Kingdom of Medo-Persia. The ram has two horns because these two kingdoms were not getting along,

but eventually they join forces and became one kingdom. Later on you learn one horn is higher than the other, so one side was greater and had greater influence as they joined to one kingdom.

Now looking at this Kingdom of Greece we find the—**goat had a notable horn between his eyes**. It is like there is an emphasis on this. Who is this notable horn?

This is what's amazing. It is Alexander the Great. Alexander the Great is actually in your Bible. This is the guy who studied at the feet of and was mentored by Aristotle. This is the guy who even to this day people stand in awe of his military campaign. It's considered one of the greatest in the history of the world. He was in command over people at 18 years old, and at 20 he ruled the kingdom. Twelve years after that, he ruled major portions of the world. It is unbelievable!

Even today, secular historians are in awe at Alexander the Great. His methods are taught to this day. He is the notable horn.

Now we continue on and read this in Daniel 8:7—**And I saw him confronting the ram; [Alexander the Great and his Kingdom of Greece were moving towards Persia] he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.**

You can check your history books and find Alexander the Great in 331 BC took out Medo-Persia, which was ruled by King Darius the Third. He was totally and utterly destroyed. This was where Alexander comes to the height of his kingdom because guess what, Medo Persia was the superpower, but not anymore. Just as the prophecy said in Daniel, this goat from the west came across the whole face of the Earth and he fought with the super power. Alexander started consuming all of these kingdoms and absorbing all of them.

We continue on in Daniel 8:8—**Therefore the male goat [Greece] grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken** (emphasis added). Only a year after Alexander the Great took Persia down and defeated King Darius, Alexander died. There is speculation about what happened. Some say most likely he died of a fever of some kind, typhoid or whatever, but he died at the very young age of 32. So he becomes Emperor at 20, and 12 years later he is ruling major portions of the world, then he dies in the height of his kingdom. This is exactly what it says in this verse—**when he became strong, the large horn was broken.**

Continuing in Daniel 8:8—**and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven** (emphasis added). Here's an interesting fact, and then again, this is history not my invention. You can check it out in history books. When Alexander died, he did not give his kingdom to just one man. He broke his kingdom into four kingdoms thinking it was too big for just one man. So he broke the kingdom into four kingdoms and gave it to his four generals. Cassandra took over the region of Macedonia. Lysimachus took over Thrace/ Asia Minor. Seleucus 1 took over Syria, Mesopotamia, Persia, and Ptolemy 1 took over Egypt/ Palestine. In regard to Palestine, the Seleucid Empire eventually fought Seleucus over that portion and took it over. I really want you to remember Seleucus as we continue on.

Daniel 8:9—**And out of one of them [the four generals Alexander gave power to] came a little horn** (emphasis added). Another leader is going to rise—**which grew exceedingly great toward the south,**

toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. So this little horn that's going to rise up out of one of these four generals is going to move into the Glorious Land, Jerusalem.

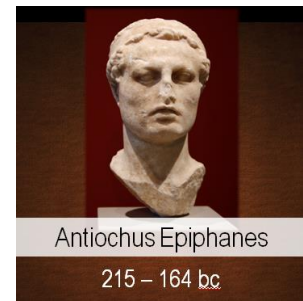
Daniel 8:10—**And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them** (emphasis added). Remember, prophetically in Scripture, stars represent the descendants of Abraham. Stars represent the saints of God. So if you're grafted into Israel, you would be considered a star. Remember from Genesis 15:5 how God brings Abraham outside and tells Abraham—**Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be”.**

God Himself likened the descendants of Abraham to stars, but it gets better than that because when you actually go to the last chapter of Daniel 12:3, it says there will be many who turned people to righteousness. Do you know what they are called? Stars. Stars with brilliant light.

So over and over we know the descendants of Abraham are stars. This is important because this little horn is coming into the Glorious Land, and he's going to take out some of the people of God. He's going to destroy them.

The little horn we just read about is Antiochus Epiphanes. The little horn that came up from Seleucus is Antiochus Epiphanes. He is the little horn that rose to power.

Understand this about Antiochus Epiphanes. I can tell you this without reservation, he is one of the most overt, most comprehensive, figures of the Antichrist you will ever learn or read about anywhere in the history of the world. The guy is the embodiment of the Antichrist, and we'll probably even talk about this as we get into Hanukkah later this year. I will circle back on this, but this guy is the essence of pure evil. You can see what he thought of himself by the name he gave himself. Epiphanes means god manifest. This is who he thought himself to be.



Going to Daniel 8:11—**He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host [God]; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.**

So here is what happened. In 167 BC, the Seleucid army came into Jerusalem, the Glorious Land, and wreaked havoc on the Jewish people. Antiochus Epiphanes went in and absolutely defiles the Alter of God. He put up a forbidden, pagan image. He, himself, was so arrogant he went into the Holy of Holies, in the Temple, which was a place only the high priest went into, once a year, during the Feast of Atonement. Antiochus Epiphanes went in as though he was God.

Antiochus starts putting his defiled, uncircumcised Gentile hands on the holy artifacts, which aren't even allowed to be seen by the general public of Israel. That is what Antiochus Epiphanes did.

Moving to Daniel 8:12— **Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices.** So why did this guy get this power to overcome God's people? Because of sin. **And he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.** You know, the amazing thing about Antiochus is he actually decreed a law. It was an edict of the king. If you were even caught possessing a copy of the Torah or a copy of the prophets, you were to be put to death immediately.

So it's kind of interesting when you look at the revival of the spirit of Antichrist and communism. It is the spirit of Antichrist because I've seen it before. I know what it does. It comes after the bible. You cannot possess the book when the spirit of Antichrist is running loose. It will come for it. It will try to take it from you. It knows what it means to your life.

Given that, you better pay attention to what's going on in this country right now because there's a move in the halls of Congress to ban the bible. We are already seeing evidence of this in certain states like California where even using parts of the word of the LORD to counsel people is being forbidden. They want to actually make it illegal. They want to pass laws to do this. You need to understand, the spirit of Antichrist is in the halls of Congress in this nation. It is in our schools. It is in our media. It is everywhere. It is literally sweeping this land, and I'm going to tell you that as we start to look at the abomination of desolation, we're going to learn more than what I'm even after in this teaching. We're going to learn the reality of the Antichrist.

Back to the verse. **He cast truth to the ground** (Daniel 8:12). He forbid the Jews to observe Shabbat. He forbid them to keep the festivals of God. It was absolute insanity.

Daniel 8:13—**Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation** (emphasis added)? This is the abomination of desolation. This is the first time we see this term used in the book of Daniel. It is clear. There's no question what we're talking about here. We are talking about an abomination of desolation.

So this is a very specific prophecy. Again, I can't emphasize this enough. We find specific kings coming out of specific kingdoms in a specific manner and specific time. This is all calculated, and now he actually gets into the time. So he literally says—**How long will the vision be concerning the daily sacrifices the transgression of desolation the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled upon underfoot?** (Daniel 8:13).

So how long is this going to happen? The answer is in the next verse in Daniel 8:14 **And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed"** (emphasis added).

Now the first thing you need to know about this prophecy is it was fulfilled in the second century BC with deadly accuracy. Every fragment of what we just read was fulfilled to the "T". Every bit of it. Even the piece that states—**the sanctuary shall be cleansed.**

The altar was cleansed. In fact, the altar was rededicated in the year 164 BC on the 25th of Kislev. The altar was defiled on that very same day, the 25th of Kislev in the year 167 BC. The altar was rededicated, and what we have now is an actual celebration of the event. It's called Hanukkah.

We have the fulfillment of this prophecy recorded in the Apocrypha. It is recorded in the books known as The Maccabees, which Martin Luther himself says has weight with the faithful but it avails nothing among the obstinate. It was heavy for him. He had it. He read it. He studied it. He said it avails much with the faithful.

Where I'm going with this is Yeshua talked about the abomination of desolation; and keep in mind Yeshua kept Hanukkah. Go to the Gospel of John and read John 10:22. Yeshua went up and celebrated Hanukkah. There's no mystery when Yeshua starts talking about the abomination of desolation. The

disciples know exactly where Yeshua is coming from and what Hanukkah is. They knew what Hanukkah was, and they understand. However, I have a question. When Yeshua spoke the specific words He spoke, my question to you is this: did the disciples think that what Yeshua was talking about in Matthew 24 was the prophecy we just read about in Daniel? Even when they went back and read it, did they think the prophecy in Daniel was what Yeshua was talking about?

To answer this question, I would tell you it is impossible. Yeshua described that in regard to the temple not one stone will be left upon another. Yeshua doesn't just describe that. Do you know that He actually describes Jerusalem will be entirely destroyed. There will be nothing left to it. Nothing.

So we are talking about two things. Listen to me carefully. The entire city of Jerusalem is to be eviscerated. The temple is to be eviscerated. There was to be no evidence of the Temple at all. All the stones are broken down.

Now, I ask you in regard to this prophecy we just read, is this the case? It can't be because all they did at the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, when he defiled the Temple, was cleanse the temple. Antiochus never destroyed the Temple. He defiles Jerusalem with the blood of Jews, but he never destroyed the Temple or Jerusalem. There is no question about it.

So it's important that we cover this because what Yeshua is describing is totally different. Yes. I could say they're both abominations of desolation, but what Yeshua is describing goes way beyond this.

My next question is this: Is there anywhere else in the book of Daniel that would fit exactly what Yeshua is describing? I'm going to tell you there is, and we don't have to go very far. We only need to go to the next chapter, Daniel 9:24 when Gabriel comes to Daniel to deliver this supernatural revelation to him. This is what we read—**Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy** (emphasis added).

So Daniel is in this situation of being captive in Babylon and here the angel Gabriel comes and gives him what you would call the best news anyone could ever receive. Historically, nothing greater has been heard of. There has been nothing greater than hearing someone is going to come and put an end to transgression. He is going to end sin. He's going to bring in everlasting righteousness, and He will anoint the Most Holy. This is an amazing time.

So Daniel is hearing these words. According to this prophecy, who we talking about? We are talking about Yeshua. In John 19:30, it is recorded Yeshua was on the cross, and He says three words that come right back here: it is finished.

What was finished? Exactly what it says in Daniel 9:24—**to finish the transgression**. Yeshua ended transgression through His sacrifice. We were talking about how specific the prophecy is in Daniel 8. There are specific players and specific kingdoms; specifically how they come out of other leaders. This prophecy, in Daniel 9, is equally specific, especially in regard to time.

Now look at this in Daniel 9:25—**Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times** (emphasis added).

This is amazing! So it says in Daniel 9:24— **Seventy weeks are determined for your people.** Then in Daniel 9 it says—**seven weeks and sixty-two weeks.** So we have sixty nine weeks together. There is a lot of debate about why the sixty nine weeks were broken up? Why was it broken up into seven weeks first and then to sixty two weeks? I'm going to simplify this for you. You have sixty nine weeks, and then you have the coming of the Messiah. He comes at the end of the sixty nine weeks. Now look at this as we continue reading in Daniel 9:26—**And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off.**

So we have seven weeks and then sixty two weeks. So here we are almost at the end of the seventy weeks. It is here we find—**Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.** That is because the Messiah did not sin to merit death. He died for us so we could be forgiven.

Continuing in Daniel 9:26—**and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined** (emphasis added). This prophecy is very specific! It specifically states Jerusalem is to be totally destroyed. And guess what? So is the Temple.

Now go back to Yeshua's words. He made it very clear not one stone will be left upon another in regard to the Temple. However, in Luke 21, which says the very same thing, we get more information from Luke—²⁰**But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.** ²¹**Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains** (Luke 21:20-21, emphasis added).

The prophesy we are reading fits perfectly with the words that Yeshua spoke regarding what happened with Antiochus Epiphanes. That was fulfilled. However, Daniel 9 had not been fulfilled when Yeshua was speaking to them.

Continuing in Daniel 9:27—**Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week** (So now we're at the last week. Remember Yeshua came at the end of the sixty nine weeks) **He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate** (emphasis added).

So here you clearly have the abomination of desolation. Here's what's interesting. We have the seventy weeks, but at the very end, at almost the seventy weeks, we have the coming of the Messiah. After He dies, it is just a short time before this prophecy comes to pass where Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed. Now, we know Yeshua came, and it's estimated that He died around 30 AD. Do we know of any event that would come shortly thereafter that would fit this perfectly? Yes we do. In 70 AD, shortly after His death, Rome comes in under the authority of Titus, ultimately under Vespasian his father who was Emperor of Rome, and he literally levels the Temple. It is absolutely atrocious what Rome did it. It was so horrible.

What I want to do is to take you to the writings of Josephus because we actually have an eyewitness account of what took place. He is a first-century, Roman Jewish historian. I want you to feel the weight of what took place. This is what we read from Josephus—**The Romans, though it was a terrible struggle to collect the timber, raised their platforms in twenty-one days, having as described before stripped the whole area in a circle round the town to a distance of ten miles. The countryside, like the City, was a**

pitiful sight; for where once there had been a lovely vista of woods and parks there was nothing but desert and stumps of trees. No one - not even a foreigner - who had seen the Old Judea and the glorious suburbs of the City, and now set eyes on her present desolation, could have helped sighing and groaning at so terrible a change; for every trace of beauty had been blotted out by war, and nobody who had known it in the past and came upon it suddenly would have recognized the place: when he was already there he would still have been looking for the City.

In other words, what Josephus is saying is Rome did such a good job at absolutely destroying Jerusalem. If you had been there, even if you lived there, you'd come to where it was, but you would never know where it is. You won't even have a clue that you're there. Now, that is desolation.



In fact, Josephus goes on to make this statement—*And indeed it so came to pass, that our nation suffered these things under Antiochus Epiphanes, according to Daniel's vision, and what he wrote many years before they came to pass. In the very same manner Daniel also wrote concerning the Roman government, and that our country should be made desolate by them.* That is amazing. Josephus even acknowledges that Daniel prophesied about the coming of Antiochus Epiphanes and it was fulfilled years before just as Daniel prophesied, with deadly accuracy in Daniel 8. He also spoke of Rome. He also spoke of another government that would come and would totally desolate Jerusalem.

It is interesting. If you go back to Daniel 7, it does talk about Rome, the fourth Beast that arises to power. The book of Daniel is scary! Liberal Scholars today are so thwarted by the deadly accuracy of Daniel's prophecies because they are so specific that these liberal Scholars are attempting to write it off saying it all had to be written after these things happen. They do not believe this could have been written before the events. They try to tear the Book of Daniel apart in different ways. It is just demonic what they are doing. Daniel prophesied about these things long before with precision, and God brought this about with precision exactly how he prophesied. When God gets that specific and prophecies, you better believe He's going to carry it out, and He did. Twice!

Continuing on we read this from Josephus—*Now the number of those that were carried captive during this whole war was collected to be ninety-seven thousand; as was the number of those that perished during the whole siege eleven hundred thousand.* In other words, he just said the Romans came into Jerusalem and over 1.1 million Jews died. In addition, almost a hundred thousand were taken captive. That doesn't include the ones that got out. Those were the ones who understood the words of Yeshua and His warning—²⁰*But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.* ²¹*Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains* (Luke 21:20-21).

Yeshua warned about this. However, there were many people who didn't understand His words, or shall I say, they didn't believe them.

Now continuing on we read this—the greater part of whom were indeed of the same nation [with the citizens of Jerusalem], but not belonging to the city itself; for they had come up from all the country to the feast of unleavened bread, and were on a sudden shut up by an army. No wonder we see the large number of casualties because that number so ridiculously excessive. You would not have a million people in that day living in Jerusalem, but they were there during the Feast of Passover. This is when this happened.

Continuing—which, at the very first, occasioned so great a straightness among them that there came a pestilential destruction upon them, and soon afterward such a famine, as destroyed them more suddenly. Now this vast multitude is indeed collected out of remote places, but the entire nation was now shut up by fate as in a prison, and the Roman army encompassed the city when it was crowded with inhabitants.

This is Josephus presenting an eyewitness accounts as Rome totally surrounded it. What did Yeshua tell us? He warned— **But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near** (Luke 21:20). This is exactly what Yeshua warned in regard to the abomination of desolation. He told them Jerusalem's desolation is near.

I'm going to tell you this; when you look at Jerusalem today, the status has not changed. The Temple Mount is completely desolate. Look at the picture. This is not a Jewish Temple. This is an Islamic Temple. This is a picture of the Dome of the Rock I took while I was there.



I'm going to share something from my experience. You can't prepare yourself for Israel so don't bother. Whatever you think you're going to feel and do, God has a different plan and the Holy Spirit does something totally different. You are going to get there, and you're going to be overwhelmed.

I didn't know what to expect. I was excited because I had heard everyone goes up to the Temple Mount, and they love to pray. However, you're not dropping to your knees there. The Temple Mount is guarded by the Waqf security guards. They're going to make sure you don't pray, and so they guard the area. They have people hiding behind trees watching; I am not even making this up.

Everyone has a different experience when they go there, but this was my experience. My guide and I went there, but he went off and was quite a distance away. I just lost myself and started walking towards the Dome of the Rock. I have never felt such darkness in my life. There's maybe one other time I can attest to feeling that kind of darkness; that kind of emptiness. There was a word came to my mind: desolation, desolation. All I could think about is this desolation. It was so horrific. One thing I can tell you is you can't pre-plan these things, but as I was walking to this Dome of the Rock, it was like I felt the weight of millions of Muslims, and a burden for their salvation. I was wanting them to know the truth; I

wanted them to experience the true love of Yeshua. All I felt was darkness and blindness. It's pure wickedness.

But here's the thing, you know, when I talk about desolation; do you know what the walls inside the Dome of the Rock are inscribed with? I want to share with you some of the things that are inscribed on the walls. Keep in mind this is where the Temple stood; this is where the Holy of Holies stood.

O People of the Book! Do not exaggerate in your religion, nor utter aught concerning God save the truth. The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a Messenger of God, and His Word which He conveyed unto Mary, and a spirit from Him. So believe in God and His messengers, and say not 'Three' - Cease!

Who knew Messiah Jesus is mentioned in the Dome of the Rock? You are not allowed to speak Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But the thing you need to focus on in this is that Jesus is only a messenger. Do you understand this? This is on the Temple Mount; this is inscribed in these walls.

Continuing with what is written on the walls of the Dome of the Rock.

It befitteth not (the Majesty of) God that He should take unto Himself a son.

You see, in Islam one of the ways you define Allah is he has no son. That is the opposite of Judeo-Christianity. The only way we can know God, that we can have the Father, is if we have the Son— **I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me** (John 14:6).

You want to talk about opposite ends of the spectrum here! This is what has been written in the Dome of the Rock. This is what's being declared on the holiest place on planet Earth. There's no other way to define this. It is called blasphemy. You know, to a Muslim if you say God has a son, you are blaspheming their God. What is interesting is the flip side of this. If they say God has no son, isn't that blasphemy of God for the Judeo-Christian. It is blasphemy to not testify to the truth of who Yeshua is. Blasphemy!

Continuing from the Dome of the Rock:

Far be it removed from His transcendent majesty that He should have a son.

This is filling the walls of the Dome of the Rock. That is what's inscribed there. It's all about the son. Isn't that amazing? This entire book, the Bible, is all about the Son. Everything. This world is created through the Son. We were redeemed through the Son, and the world's going to be judged through the Son.

Continuing:

Praise be to God, Who hath not taken unto Himself a son, and Who hath no partner in the Sovereignty.

One of the things that baffles me is there are some Christians waiting for the abomination of desolation, and I am thinking,



“really”. This is as desolate as it gets. What do you want? This is the abomination of desolation. Look at the picture! Even to this day there are Orthodox Jews weeping because they cannot go up to the Temple Mount. They are there weeping because they know this is wrong. Something is out of place here!

When you go to the Christian quarter in the old city of Jerusalem, what you find is it is absolutely filled with idols. It is filled with things that are absolutely abominable! Today we can talk about how Antiochus Epiphanes set up these images; even horrible Israel Kings setting up images. The city is filled with abominable idols of the Mother Mary. Co-mediator. Co-redeemer.

You cannot possibly, for a second, not walk into Jerusalem and not say desolation. It's utterly desolate when gay parades are coming into the holy city of Jerusalem and marching under the protection of the Shearim and IDF. What do you call that? I mean, what else would you call that? I make this statement because I don't think we know how close we are to Yeshua coming back. We don't recognize we are at the very end of the age.

Let me tie this in with how I began. We talked about the foxes and how that was a symbol. Look at this statement in Lamentations 5:16-18—¹⁶ **The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned!** ¹⁷ **Because of this our heart is faint; because of these things our eyes grow dim;** ¹⁸ **Because of Mount Zion which is desolate, with foxes walking about on it** (emphasis added).

You want to talk about biblical prophecy? Listen to the prophets. The prophets are crying out; they are trying to tell you something. Are we hypocrites? Can we not discern the signs of the times? This is scary! That's why I say, “end of the world prophecy because we have foxes up on the Temple Mount.” This is end of the world stuff.

So what did Yeshua say? “**...See! Your house is left to you desolate;** ³⁹ **for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'**” (Matthew 23:38-39, emphasis added). This is the Prophecy of the Messiah.

I want to end on a good note. The reality is this: it will remain desolate until the Jewish people call on the Son of God; until they call on Yeshua. Guess what He is going to do at that time? He will deliver all Israel. He will destroy their enemies, and there will be peace; there will be shalom. The victory is certain; Yeshua can't lose. That's the truth.

I want to close with Zechariah because we need to start looking to this prophecy. I can't talk about this enough. Zechariah 14:1-3—¹ **Behold, the day of the LORD is coming** [Yeshua is coming], **and your spoil will be divided in your midst.** ² **For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.** ³ **Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle** (emphasis added).

Now. Look at what happens. This is a prophecy of Zechariah. Yeah, there's a time of Jacob's trouble, and guess what happens to the holy city of Jerusalem? It is divided in two. The UN is proposing and there is even presidential candidates proposing right now a two-state solution. They want to divide Jerusalem into two. This is prophecy! I'm telling you when you see this you're going to see Jacob's trouble irrupt. However, the good thing is the Jewish people are going to turn back to the Messiah at

that point because they're not going to be able to defend themselves. The UN will gather all the nations to battle against her, and that's the time when they crying Yeshua. There's going to be supernatural intervention.

This is where we need to be at. This is what we need to be focused. We need to have our eyes open and our ears open.

I am going to tell you, and I can't say this enough, you cannot play with your faith anymore. You have to get as serious as you can humanely get. Every fragment of your heart has to be filled with Yeshua. Your heart has to be filled with His word. You have to spend more time in prayer. You have to learn how to fast. I'm telling you, we need to turn to fasting, weeping, and mourning. The Spirit drove me to fasting before I even got into these passages to teach on them. Something is going on. That is what I'm telling you. This is crazy.

We need to be fasting and praying because what is coming you will not survive if you are not serious about your faith. You will fail. You will compromise. Some of you are already compromising and the wood is green. Some of you are already giving your heart to the world, and you're not living sold out, radical lives for Yeshua. You are not going to make it. It's time to get real in the faith. We are at the end. It doesn't get more serious than this.