

#1479 The Abomination of Desolation – The underlying reason for the Lord Jesus Christ's mentioning of the demise of the Temple is that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) would be building a new Temple – a Temple of living stone believers in the New Testament age

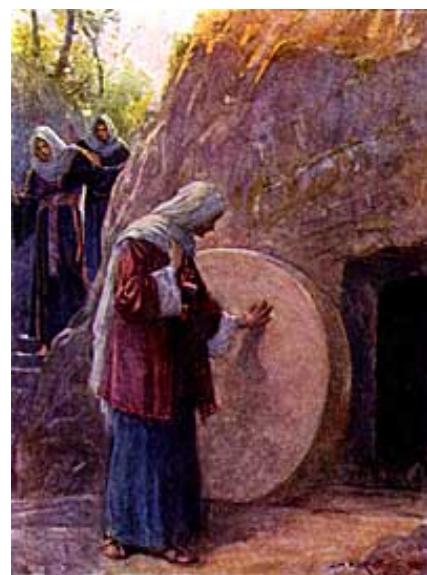
Key Question: The key question is this . . . Is the Abomination of Desolation of Matthew 24:15, which is attached to the desecration of the Temple, speaking of and/or referring to a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem – a third Temple that would follow Solomon's Temple and Zerubbabel's/Herod's Temple, that is, a Temple made with hands and dead stones, which was the primary meaning of "the Temple" in the Old Testament – or is it speaking of the living stones Temple of the New Testament, that is, the Church of Jesus Christ as the living stones Temple of the living God?

The demise of Herod's Temple. The content of the discussion of the Temple in Jerusalem in Matthew 24, which begins the passage and leads to the subject of the Abomination of Desolation of the Temple in verse 15, surrounds *the destiny of the Temple*. Its destiny was to be demolished. Jesus Christ's words were fulfilled literally in 70 A.D. when the Romans under Titus completely destroyed the Temple.

Key Understanding: *The demise of the old temple and the raising up of the new temple.* The underlying reason for the mention in Matthew 24 of the demise of the Temple by the Lord Jesus Christ was that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) would be building a new Temple – a Temple of living stone believers in the New Testament age.



The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem
by Roman soldiers in A.D. 70



The raising up of the new Temple,
beginning with the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Matthew 24:1-8, 15 (KJV) *And Jesus went out, and departed from THE TEMPLE: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of THE TEMPLE.*

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one [dead] stone [of the Temple] upon another [dead stone of the Temple], that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

15 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:)

2 Corinthians 6:16 (KJV) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV) you also, like LIVING STONES, are being built into A SPIRITUAL HOUSE to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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