

**A Historical Study On The Book Of Luke**  
**Teaching #36: Jerusalem's Redemption: Part Thirteen**  
**(The Seventy Weeks of Daniel PART 5)**  
**Luke 2:38; 21:28; 24:21**

In our previous studies, we have been examining the redemption of Jerusalem based on the three mentions of redemption in the book of Luke.

**The Three Mentions of Redemption**

- **First Mention – By Anna – Luke 2:38**
- **Second Mention – By Jesus – Luke 21:28**
- **Third Mention – By The Two Men On The Road To Emmaus – Luke 24:21**

We have looked at these three mentions in Parts 1-3.

We have been gathering needed background information to understand what the redemption of Jerusalem means, as well as information that will help us understand the book of Luke more accurately.

**Background Information #1:** We examined Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28, 32, and Daniel 2 (the statue), to determine why Anna and the two men on the road to Emmaus were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem/Israel from Roman occupation.

**Background Information #2:** We examined the building of the temple in Jerusalem and the prophecies concerning the temple's and Jerusalem's destruction by Babylon. These prophecies also included Jesus' warning about the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem by Rome in 70 AD and his weeping over this destruction.

**Background Information #3:** We are currently examining the 490-year period, known as the seventy-weeks of Daniel, that God marked off for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. The events of the book of Luke open around the 453-time period of the 490 years. When Jesus was presented to the nation of Israel as the Anointed One of Daniel 9:24, it marked the end of the 483-year period and the beginning of the final 7 years of the 490-year period.

Note: Jesus spoke about the events written in Daniel in Matthew 24 and Luke 19 and 21.

**Matthew 24:15-16 (see also Luke 21:20-24)**

*So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' [Daniel 9:27] **spoken of through the prophet Daniel**—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains [Jesus is speaking about the believers in Jerusalem fleeing to the mountains as Rome moved closer and closer to destroying Jerusalem – this was in 70 AD]."*

After Jesus was presented to Israel as their Messiah, it marked the beginning of the final 7 years of the 490-year prophecy given to Daniel about the **people of Israel** and **the city of Jerusalem**.

During the final 7 years:

- The old testament of law would **end**.
- The new testament of grace would **begin**.

The 490 years are contained in Daniel 9:24.

### Daniel 9:24 (World English Bible)

**24**“Seventy weeks [meaning 490 years, seventy times seven = 490 years] are decreed [cut out of time; marked off; put on the calendar; such as when people mark off the calendar their vacation time] on your people [old testament Israel] and on your holy city [Jerusalem, where the old testament of law was carried out], to finish disobedience [to the law of Moses], to make an end of sins [put away sins, make payment for sins as a result of violating the law of Moses], to make reconciliation for iniquity [to remove the sin barrier], to bring in everlasting righteousness [innocence, just as if one had never sinned – righteousness by faith – Romans 3:21-25], to seal up vision and prophecy [bring prophecy through the prophets to a close], and to anoint the most holy [reveal the Messiah/Christ to Israel].

The fulfillment of the seventy weeks or 490 years **point to Jesus when he would establish the new testament in his blood** (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20; Galatians 4:4-7); thus ending the old testament of law and establishing the new testament of grace.

During these 490 years, there would be **SIX ACTIONS** (Daniel 9:24).

We have examined all of these actions in the previous three studies.

**Action #1:** Finish disobedience (transgressions)

**Action #2:** Make (put) an end of sins (remove the guilt of sins by making the payment for sins)

**Action #3:** Make reconciliation for iniquity (removing the barrier of sin between God and people)

**Action #4:** To bring in everlasting righteousness (righteousness by faith in Jesus)

**Action #5:** Seal up vision and prophecy (Jesus would be the final revelation of prophecy to Israel)

**Action #6:** Anoint the Most Holy (Identify Jesus as the Messiah/Christ)

The final 7 years of the 490 years began when the Anointed One (the Messiah, the Christ, the Chosen One, the Holy One) appeared to Israel (see Luke Teaching #35).

This began the final 7 years of the 490 years marked out for **the people of Israel** and **the city of Jerusalem**.

These 490 years were separated into **three time periods**:

**Time Period #1: 49** years - the time given to return from Babylon to begin and to complete the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

**Time Period #2: 434** years - the time the temple was completely rebuilt until the Messiah/Christ/Anointed One/Chosen One - Jesus comes.

**Time Period #3: 7** years - the final seven years of the 490 years which takes place **when** the Messiah/Christ/Jesus appeared to Israel.

**Some** scholars support the view that the 7-year period was from 27 AD to 34 AD (Ken Gentry promotes this view).

-27 AD was when Jesus was publically anointed by God the Messiah/Christ, marking the beginning of the final 7-year period.

- 34 AD was when Stephen was stoned, marking the end of the 490-year period.

**Other** scholars support the view that:

- the 7-year period started in 27 AD- when Jesus was publically presented to Israel as the Anointed One – The Christ/Messiah.

- the 7-year period ended in 70 AD with the destruction of Jerusalem.

- after the Anointed One was cut off at the 3 ½ year mark of the 7 years, the final 7 years were completed from 66 AD to 70 AD during the time of the Jewish-Roman war when Israel revolted against Roman rule. This resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies as Jesus foretold in Luke 21:20-24.

- this understanding of the final 3 ½ years being from 66 AD to 70 AD is based upon the Jewish Calendar of Sabbaths and Feasts (Don K. Preston supports this view).

The supporters of both views agree that the 490-year period brought an end to the old testament of law and ushered in the new testament of grace.

Let's examine the Three Time Periods of the 490 years to end the old testament of law and begin the new testament of grace.

### **Daniel 9:25-26 (World English Bible)**

*"Know therefore and discern that from the going out of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem [Daniel was praying in Daniel Chapter 9 confessing the sins of the nation of Israel under the law of Moses and asking when the people would be freed from Babylonian captivity and what was next on the calendar for Israel. God, through the angle Gabriel, told Daniel that he had marked out 490 years for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. The 490 years would begin when the decree was given to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. Remember, Jerusalem had been destroyed by Babylon. Jeremiah wrote about this in Lamentations. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given in 457 BC. Jerusalem had been destroyed by Babylon, and many of the people of Israel were in captivity in Babylon, such as Daniel. A decree would be given, and was given in 457*

BC, to allow the people to return to Israel and rebuild Jerusalem. There would be 49 years from the time given to begin rebuilding Jerusalem until the completion of Jerusalem. After the 49 years (7 weeks), there would be 434 years (62 weeks) until the Messiah came. So there would be a total of 483 years (69 weeks) from the decree given to rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah would come.] *to the Anointed One [27 AD – when Jesus presented himself to Israel around the age of 30 – see Luke 3:23; John 1:29-34], the prince [Jesus, the Messiah/Christ], will be seven weeks [49 years] and [plus] sixty-two weeks [434 years – the Messiah/Christ/Jesus would come to Israel at year 483, 49 years plus 434 years, which would have been around 27 AD]. It [Jerusalem - read Nehemiah, Zechariah, and Ezra] will be built again [after the destruction by Babylon], with street and moat, even in troubled times.*

Let's summarize:

- From the decree given in 457 BC to rebuild Jerusalem until Jesus came in AD 27 there was 483 years.
- It took 49 years (7 sevens) to complete the rebuilding of Jerusalem.
- Then, 434 years (62 sevens) after Jerusalem was rebuilt, the Messiah/Christ Jesus publically appeared to Israel (see Luke 3:23 and John 1:29-34; see also Luke Teaching #35). This is when the Most Holy One was anointed.
- The 49 years to complete the rebuilding of Jerusalem plus the 434 years after Jerusalem was rebuilt was 483 years.
- The appearance of the Messiah/Christ (in 27 AD) would mark the end of the 483 years and initiate the final seven years for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem (see Luke Teaching #35).

Remember, God, through the angel Gabriel, was foretelling to Daniel what would happen **to the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.**

At the end of the 483-year period, the Messiah/Christ (Jesus) would come, which would initiate the final 7-year period.

In the 7-year period, the Messiah/Christ (Jesus) would be *cut off*, meaning he would be put to death.

Let's read about this.

### **Daniel 9:26 (World English Bible)**

*After the sixty-two weeks [434 years (62 sevens) plus the 49 years (7 sevens), totaling 483 years] the Anointed One [the most holy of Daniel 9:24; Messiah/Christ - Jesus] will be cut off [the phrase cut off in the Jewish Scriptures refers to death – Jesus was cut off from the land of the living in Isaiah 53:8], and will have nothing [Isaiah 53 refers to the rejection of Jesus by Israel, his death for their transgressions, his being cut off, and having nothing. Being cut off is the establishment of the new testament of grace and the securing of the forgiveness of sins and everlasting righteousness]. The people [the people of Israel] of the prince [Messiah/Christ/Jesus] who come will destroy [the people of Israel will corrupt Jerusalem and the temple – the Hebrew word for destroy is also used for corrupt] the city [Jerusalem] and the sanctuary [temple]. Its [the city of Jerusalem] end will be with a flood [AD 70 – the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome – Jesus foretold this*

destruction in Mathew 24; Mark 13; Luke 19 and 21 – This is the Great Tribulation of Matthew 24:20, 29 and Revelation 7:14; 16:18.], and war will be even to the end [the Roman-Jewish war 66 to 70 AD]. Desolations are determined [the city of Jerusalem would be desolated by Rome, which is what God told the people of Israel what would happen if the disobeyed the law – see Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28].

Let's take a closer look at **THE ANNOINTED ONE WILL BE CUT OFF** Daniel 9:26.

*Cut off* in the Jewish Scriptures refers to death (for example, see Genesis 9:11; Exodus 9:15; Psalm 37:9; 37:34; 37:38; 90:10; Proverbs 2:22; Isaiah 53:8)

Isaiah 53:8 says that Jesus was *cut off* from the land of the living.

### **Isaiah 53:8**

*For he was **cut off** from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.*

Jesus (the Anointed One) was cut off from the land of the living when he was crucified.

This took place in the 3 ½ years into the final 7 years of the 490-year prophecy of Daniel.

When Jesus was cut off from the land of the living:

- The new testament (covenant) of grace was established (Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8-10) securing the eternal forgiveness of sins and eternal righteousness.
- Actions 1-5 were completed.

**Action #1:** Finish disobedience (pay the sin penalty for transgressions)

**NOTE:** [see Luke #33](#) for another perspective on *finish disobedience for transgression*.

**Action #2:** Make (put) an end of sins (remove the guilt of sins by making the payment for sins)

**Action #3:** Make reconciliation for iniquity (removing the barrier of sin between God and people)

**Action #4:** To bring in everlasting righteousness (righteousness by faith in Jesus)

**Action #5:** Seal up vision and prophecy (Jesus would be the final revelation of prophecy to Israel)

Let's take a closer look at Daniel 9:26.

*The people [the people of Israel] of the prince who come [Jesus] will **destroy** [corrupt] the city [the city of Jerusalem] and the sanctuary [the temple in Jerusalem].*

The Hebrew word for **destroy** (shachath) is the same Hebrew word used for **corrupt**.

In other Jewish Scriptures, *shachath* is translated as **corrupt**.

In **Genesis 6:11-13** *shachath* is translated as **corrupt** and **destroy**.

### **Genesis 6:11-13**

Now the earth was **corrupt** in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how **corrupt** the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to **destroy** both them and the earth.

Remember from our previous studies that in the Latter Days of Old Covenant Israel, which included the days of Jesus and the days after his ascension, the people of Israel would become **utterly corrupt** – Deuteronomy 31:29 and 32:5.

### **Deuteronomy 31:29 (NKJV)**

"For I know that after my [Moses] death you [Israel] will become **utterly corrupt**, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And **evil will befall you [Israel] in the latter days** [the days of the iron and clay kingdom, which were the days of Jesus through AD 70 when Jerusalem was destroyed], because you [Israel] will do evil in the sight of the LORD [worship demonic god's, sacrifice your children to demonic god's, turn away from the law of Moses], to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."

### **Deuteronomy 32:5**

They [Israel] are **corrupt** and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation [Peter quotes this verse in Acts 2:40, referring to Israel's generation of his time].

The Latter Days are the latter days of the 490 years (see Daniel 2:28).

The Latter Days are the Days of the Kings of Daniel 2:44-45 that occurred during and after the lifetime of Jesus, as we have examined in previous studies.

Before, during, and after the life of Jesus, the people of Israel **corrupted** the city of Jerusalem and the temple.

We do know that **NOT ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WERE CORRUPT**, but many were.

We know there were some who believed in Jesus as the Christ/Messiah (the Most Holy One, Chosen One, Anointed One). But the **majority** of the leadership of Israel and the people of Israel **rejected Jesus and called for his crucifixion**.

Following the ascension of Jesus, the corrupt ways of the Jewish leadership continued as they **attacked**, **imprisoned**, and even **killed believers in Jesus**. One of these was Stephen in Acts 6-7. Jesus foretold of this time in John 15:18-6:2 and Matthew 23.

Eventually, **in 70 AD the end came like a flood and corrupt Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman armies** just as Babylon had destroyed Jerusalem in the days of Daniel.

Let's return to Daniel 9.

## Daniel 9:27

He [Jesus, the prince who is to come – the anointed most holy of Daniel 9:24] will make a firm covenant with many for one week [one week is the final 7 years of the 490-year prophecy that began when Jesus, the anointed one, was presented publically presented to Israel – see Luke Teaching #35] In the middle of the week [3 ½ years into the final 7 years Jesus was crucified and the need for sacrifices and offerings as prescribed in Leviticus ceased. However, most of the Jewish people trampled under their feet the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 6 and 10) and continued to offer sacrifices for their sins based upon the old testament requirements of the law of Moses. This is what the book of Hebrews is about.] he will cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease [Jesus' death established the covenant/testament of grace – Matthew 26:27-27; Luke 22:20. His death was the final sacrifice for all sins, thus ending the need for sacrifice for sins under the old testament of law – Hebrews 7-10. Jesus secured eternal forgiveness of sins – Ephesians 1:6-8. Through faith in Jesus, forgiveness is received – Acts 26:15-18; 10:43; 10:38-39; Colossians 1:13-14; 3:12]. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate; and even to the decreed full end, wrath will be poured out on the desolate.”

What does *on the wing of abominations will come one who will make desolate*?

Note: some Bible translations add the word **temple**. The verse then become:

*...And on the wing of the **temple** will come the abomination that causes desolation...*

These translations make the abomination happening on the edge/at the end (wing) of the temple.

That is incorrect.

The verse in the Hebrews Scriptures **does NOT have the word temple**.

The correct understanding is that the desolation happens at the end (on the wing of) of the abominations.

This does not mean the abomination did not happen inside the temple. I believe it did. By this I mean the abomination of the corrupt Jewish leaders who “sat in Moses seat” and who stood in the temple as leaders. In their leadership, they called for Jesus to be killed and they called for believers in Jesus to be arrested, imprisoned, and killed. This was the ultimate abomination that caused the desolation. They rose up against Rome in revolt – AD 66-70. Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD. We will examine this later in this study.

Let's take a look at the words **abominations** and **desolate** as they relate to the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Let's start with Jesus:

When the people of Israel heard Jesus speak the words **abomination** and **desolation**, they understood Jesus to mean violations for breaking the law of Moses that cause the destruction of Israel, the people, the land, the cities, and the temple in Jerusalem, leaving them desolate – empty, a wasteland.

## Matthew 24:15-16

So when you see standing in the holy place [the temple in Jerusalem] **'the abomination that causes desolation,'** [Daniel 9:27] **spoken of through the prophet Daniel**—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

#### **Matthew 23:37-38**

*“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. **Look, your house is left to you desolate** [70 AD].”*

#### **Luke 21:20-24**

*“When you see **Jerusalem being surrounded by armies** [70 AD], you will know that **its [Jerusalem] desolation is near** [see Luke 19:41-44]. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

#### **Luke 23:26-30**

*As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, **“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come [70 AD] when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’** Then*

*“they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”*

*and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’*

Jesus described the desolation of Jerusalem in in Luke 19:41-43

#### **Luke 19:41-43**

*As he approached **Jerusalem** and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another [the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome in 70 AD], because you [the people of Israel] did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you [the time of Daniel’s prophecy concerning the 490 years and the appearing of the anointed one – see Galatians 4:4-6].”*

When Jesus spoke about desolation, **he referred back to the curses of the Old Testament of Law found in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28** that would come upon the people of Israel for their abominations associated with the continued breaking of the law of Moses.

#### **Leviticus 26:31-25; 45**

*I will **reduce your cities to rubble and lay waste your sanctuaries**, and I will refuse to smell the pleasing aroma*



of your sacrifices. And I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who dwell in it will be appalled. **But I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out a sword after you as your land becomes desolate and your cities are laid waste.** Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths all the days it lies desolate, while you are in the land of your enemies. At that time the land will rest and enjoy its Sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not receive during the Sabbaths when you lived in it.... For the land will be abandoned by them, and it will enjoy its Sabbaths by lying desolate without them. And they will pay the penalty for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and abhorred My statutes.

We see these desolations carried out in the Jewish Scriptures.

Two examples are:

#### **Daniel 9:17**

*“Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary [temple in Jerusalem].”*

#### **Zechariah 7:14**

*I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations, where they were strangers. The land they left behind them was so desolate that no one traveled through it. This is how they made the pleasant land desolate.*

The ultimate curse for the continue violation the law of Moses would be **the destruction of the land, cities, and sanctuaries of Israel by foreign armies**, leaving them desolate.

In **Luke 19:41-44 and 21:20-24**, Jesus spoke about the armies of Rome destroying Jerusalem and leaving the city **desolate**.

To gain insight into the desolation of the land, cities, and sanctuaries of Israel associated with the continued violations to the law of Moses, read both Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.

**[CLICK HERE](#)** (Blue Letter Bible) to see the use of **desolate** in the Bible.

Most of the uses of the word **desolate** refer to the desolation of Israel’s land, cities, and sanctuaries because they continually violated the law of Moses, refusing to repent and turn back to God and the law of Moses.

The prophets of Israel (Isaiah-Malachi) **warned the people Israel** of the destruction to come if they continued in rebellion to the law of Moses.

#### **Jeremiah 6:8**

*“Take warning, Jerusalem, or I will turn away from you and make your land desolate so no one can live in it.”*

#### **Jeremiah 7:34**

*“I will bring an end to the sounds of joy and gladness and to the voices of bride and bridegroom in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem, for the land will become desolate.”*

The prophets also **recorded the desolation** after the destruction came.

### **Lamentations 1:4**

*The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are **desolate**, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.*

### **Isaiah 1:7 (see also Isaiah 24:10 and 27:10)**

*Your country is **desolate**, your cities burned with fire; your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you, laid waste as when overthrown by strangers.*

The desolations were **caused** by the abominations in accordance with continued violations of the law of Moses by the people of Israel.

We see **Daniel referencing the desolations** upon brought upon Jerusalem by God when he used Babylon to destroy the city and temple for continued violations of the law of Moses.

### **Daniel 9:2 (NKJV)**

*In the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the **desolations** of Jerusalem.*

### **Dan 9:18 (NKJV)**

*“O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our **desolations**, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.”*

God in mercy reached out to Israel to repent and turn back to the him again and again, but they would not. So the **desolations** based upon Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 came upon them.

These desolations were caused by the continued abominations associated with violations against the law of Moses.

Let’s take a look at the words **abomination** and **abominations** in the Scriptures.

## **The Use of the Words Abomination and Abominations in the Scriptures**

Below is a link to Blue Letter Bible to see all the references to abominations committed by the people of Israel – over 100 times the word abomination(s) is used to refer to Israel’s violation of the law of Moses.

[\*\*Blue Letter Bible Link - Abomination\*\*](#)

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### **Leviticus 18:26**

*You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these **abominations**, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you ‘(for all these **abominations** the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled)...*

### **Deuteronomy 18:9**

*“When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations.”*

### **Deuteronomy 29:17**

*“...and you saw their abominations and their idols which were among them—wood and stone and silver and gold.”*

### **Deuteronomy 32:16**

*They [Israel] provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.*

### **Jeremiah 7:30 (see also in the NKJV - Jeremiah 13:27; 32:34; 44:22)**

*“For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight,” says the LORD. “They have set their abominations in the house [temple of Jerusalem] which is called by My name, to pollute [they corrupted the temple] it.*

The abominations and desolations under the law of Moses found their final fulfillment when Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, just as Jesus foretold (spoken by Jesus in Matthew 23:29-39, Luke 19:41-44; 21) and Revelation foretold.

### **Revelation 17:4**

*The woman [corrupt Israel before, during, and after the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD] was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations [Israel filled up the measure of her sins in violation of the law of Moses; the final violations were the rejection of Jesus and the killing of those who believed in Jesus – see Matthew 23:29-39 – see Matthew 23:32 – “fill up the measure of your sins”] and the filthiness of her fornication [metaphor for the nation of Israel intermingling with the foreign god’s and nations].*

### **Rev 17:5**

*And on her [corrupt unbelieving, old covenant/testament Israel] forehead a name was written:*

*MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT [old covenant/testament Israel who killed Jesus and the believers in Jesus], THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

The ultimate abomination by unbelieving, old testament Israel was the rejection of Jesus as the Messiah/Christ by calling for his crucifixion and continuing to offering sacrifices in the temple, displaying their rejection of Jesus.

As the writer of Hebrews stated in Hebrews 6 and 10, they were trampling underfoot the blood of Jesus with each sacrifice.

In addition, old covenant, unbelieving Israel arrested, imprisoned, and killed Jewish people who believed in Jesus, just as Jesus said they would do in John 15:18-16:4. According to Matthew 23:29-32, the generation of Jesus and the generation to follow would fill up the measure of her sins (finish transgressions – Daniel 9:24) and judgment would come upon them with the destruction of Jerusalem – see Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 19 and 21.

With this understanding of the continued abominations of Israel in violating the law of Moses and the desolations that would come against them in judgment of the people, land, and cities, **lets return to Daniel 9:27.**

#### **Daniel 9:27**

*On the wing of [at the edge/end] **abominations** will come one who makes [causes] **desolate**; and even to the decreed full end, wrath will be poured out on the **desolate**.”*

How does Jesus interpret the abominations and desolation of Daniel 9:27?

#### **Matthew 24:15-16**

*So when you see standing in the holy place **‘the abomination that causes desolation,’** [Daniel 9:27] **spoken of through the prophet Daniel**—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”*

What does *standing in the holy place*, the temple, resulting in the abomination that causes desolation mean?

Remember in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28-32, the **desolations** of Israel, the people, the land, cities, and temple would be for continued **abominations** committed against the law of Moses.

Those who **stand in the holy place**, the temple, are those who **sit in the seat of Moses**.

They commit the abomination that causes desolation.

We see this abomination that causes desolation in Matthew 23:1-2 and 23:37-38.

Look at the first two verses in Matthew 23:1-39 as Jesus identified the corrupt leadership of Israel who sits in Moses’ seat – they presided over the people of Israel as they instructed on the law of Moses.

#### **Matthew 23:1-39**

*Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples: 2**‘The scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.** 3So practice and observe everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4They tie up heavy, burdensome loads and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.*

*5All their deeds are done for men to see. They broaden their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. 6They love the places of honor at banquets, the chief seats in the synagogues, 7the greetings in the marketplaces, and the title of ‘Rabbi’ by which they are addressed.*

*8But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. 9And do not call anyone on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. 10Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Christ. 11The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

13Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let in those who wish to enter.

15Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You traverse land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

16Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' 17You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes it sacred? 18And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is bound by his oath.' 19You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes it sacred? 20So then, he who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. 21And he who swears by the temple swears by it and by the One who dwells in it. 22And he who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the One who sits on it.

23Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You pay tithes of mint, dill, and cumin. But you have disregarded the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. 24You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

25Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, so that the outside may become clean as well.

27Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside, but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of impurity. 28In the same way, on the outside you appear to be righteous, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

29Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous. 30And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31So you testify against yourselves that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your fathers. 33You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape the sentence of hell?

34Because of this, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you [those who sit in Moses' seat] will kill and crucify [those who sit in Moses seat will have believers in Jesus killed and crucified], and others you will flog in your synagogues and persecute in town after town [this is what was happening during the period of the book of Acts – we see this with Saul who later became Paul]. 35And so upon you will come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36Truly I tell you, all these things will come upon this generation.

37O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling! **38Look, your house is left to you desolate [this happened in 70 AD].** 39For I tell you that you will not see Me again until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Let's return to Matthew 24:15-16 which takes place after Matthew 23:1-39.

### **Matthew 24:15-16**

*So when you see standing in the holy place ‘**the abomination that causes desolation**,’ [Daniel 9:27] **spoken of through the prophet Daniel**—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”*

We can conclude that **those standing in the holy place** – the temple in Jerusalem – **were those who sat in Moses’ seat of leadership**.

It was these leaders who caused the desolation of the Jerusalem, just as Jesus stated in Matthew 23:1-38.

### **Matthew 23:37-38**

*“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. **Look, your house is left to you desolate [70 AD].**”*

### **Luke 19:41-43**

*As he approached **Jerusalem** and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you [the people of Israel] did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you [**the time of Daniel’s prophecy concerning the 490 years and the appearing of the anointed one**].”*

### **Luke 21:20-24**

*“When you see **Jerusalem being surrounded by armies [70 AD]**, you will know that **its desolation is near [AD 70]**. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment [**days of vengeance see Luke 21:20-24 NKJV – days of vengeance in Deuteronomy 32:35, 41, 43; Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4 – the time of the year of the Lord’s favor was over for Israel**] in fulfillment of all that has been written. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people [**the people of Israel from 66 AD to 70 AD - this is foretold in Revelation 6-19**]. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations [**this happened in 70 AD**]. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

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Let’s return to Anna and the two men on the road to Emmaus as they looked forward to the redemption of Jerusalem/Israel.

Anna and the two men on the road to Emmaus were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

However, rather than redemption, destruction came to Jerusalem.

Prior to this destruction, Jesus said in **Luke 21:28**, “Lift up your heads, your redemption draws near.”

What did Jesus mean?

Anytime Jerusalem was destroyed, God had a **remnant** – a small group of people from Israel who would continue to worship him and would not mix with the other Jewish people who worshiped the gods of the Gentile nations.

This group of people were those who left Jerusalem and fled to the hills for safety prior to the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome.

This group of people became a part of the New Jerusalem – the city of the new testament of grace.

This group of people took the gospel to the nations.

We will examine this remnant of Jewish people in our next study on the New Jerusalem.

Thanks for being a part of this Bible Study!

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