WHEN YOU SEE THE ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION

Matthew 24:15&16 “So when you see standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel – let the reader understand – then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

Mark 13:14 “When you see the abomination that causes desolation standing where it does not belong – let the reader understand – then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Who Are You?

Mark 13:14 & Matthew 24:16 Those in Judea.

Matthew 24:20 Those in a country that observes the Sabbath regarding public transportation.

Parallels Between 70 AD and the Second Coming

Luke 21:21 “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.”

Mark 13:15&16 “Let no one on the roof of his house go down or enter the house to take anything out. Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.”

Matthew 24:17&18 “Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.”

From Haaretz.com 9/30/12 “The Rise and Fall of the Red Roof: Israel’s White Pickett Fence. Once a symbol of the ideal Israeli home, slanting red tile roofs are gradually being supplanted by clean modern flat contours,”

Luke 21:23 “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.”

Mark 13:17 (and Matthew 24:19) “How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!”

Daniel 9:26b The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The Great Revolt lasted approximately three and one-half years, from the setting up of the Abomination that causes Desolation until the Second Coming of Christ is approximately three and one-half years.

Will Jerusalem Be Surrounded by Armies Just Before the Second Coming?

Zechariah 14:2-4a I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it, the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of

Jerusalem,

Zechariah 12:2&3 “I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

Zechariah 12:10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.”

Exposition of Matthew 24:15-22

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Matthew 24:19 (Mark 13:17) “How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers.”

Matthew 24:20 (Mark 13:18)“Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.” (Mark omits “or on the Sabbath.”)

Matthew 24:21 “For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again.”

Mark 13:19 “because those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now – and never to be equaled again.”

Matthew 24:22 “If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.”

Mark 13:20 “If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them.”

Revelation 16:3&4 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died. The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Revelation 16: The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

2 Peter 2:1&2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Some Things to Think About

The Old Testament prophecies of the coming of the Messiah were written in such a way that, as they were commonly understood, all the prophecies of the FIRST and SECOND COMING of Christ could have been fulfilled in the First Century. If there had been obviously unfulfilled prophecies, it would have given sincere people a reason to reject Jesus as the Messiah.

But the majority of the Jewish people and especially their leaders rejected Jesus as their Messiah and the Gospel was proclaimed to the Gentiles. After that happened, the Temple was destroyed and the Second Dispersion began, making a literal fulfillment of the prophecies of the Second Coming impossible while those conditions existed.

So for the prophecies to be fulfilled, Israel had to be regathered the second time and the Temple will have to be rebuilt and a modern revival of the ancient Roman Empire will have to take place.

In the Olivet Discourse Jesus is both answering the question, “What is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?’ and the questions, “When will the Temple be destroyed and what is the sign that it is about to be destroyed?” The answers are so similar because the Second Coming had to be prophetically possible in the First Century as well as in the 21st or even later.