

23 THE ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION—THEORY Daniel 9:26-27 YLT

“And after the sixty and two weeks, cut off is Messiah, and the city and the holy place are not his, the Leader who hath come doth destroy the people; and its end [is] with a flood, and till the end [is] war, determined [are] desolations. 27 And he hath strengthened a covenant with many — one week, and [in] the midst of the week he causeth sacrifice and present [gifts] to cease, and by the wing of abominations he is making desolate, even till the consummation, and that which is determined is poured on the desolate one.” Daniel 9:26-27 YLT

1. “Cut off is Messiah.” Dan. 9:26

Jesus was killed at the behest of his own people.

- a). “He was cut off out of the land of the living and stricken for the disobedience of my people.” Is 53:8
- b). “He came to his own, and his own received him not.” Jn. 1:11

2. “The city and the holy place are not His.” Dan. 9:26

- a). “The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but Caesar.’” Jn.19:15
- b) Jesus said, “Behold, your house is left to you desolate.” Mt. 23:38

3. “The Leader who hath come doth destroy the people.” Dan. 9:26

Roman Generals Vespasian and Titus left destruction/death in their paths in the war campaign thru the holy land.

Jesus had warned, “When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that its desolation is nigh. Then let them who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them who are in the midst of it depart from it; and let not them that are in the countries enter into it. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled...for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles... Lk 21:20-24

4. “Its end [Old Covenant] is with a flood.” Dan. 9:26

Jesus warned of the suddenness and utter obliteration that would occur in the coming national judgment using “flood” language. “And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark; and the flood came, and destroyed them all.” Lk. 17:26-27

5. Till the end [is] war. Determined [are] desolations.” Dan. 9:26

The end of the Old Covenant age came with horrific war, famine, betrayal, degradation, and self-inflicted genocide.

Jesus had warned, “For the days shall come upon thee, that thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and encompass thee, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee: and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another: because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.” Lk. 19:43

6. “He had strengthened a covenant with many—one week” Dan. 9:27

According to “Gill’s Bible Exposition”, the Romans entered into an alliance with the Medes, Parthians, and Armenians for the prosecution of the war.

7. “And [in] the midst of the week he causeth sacrifice and presents [offerings] to cease.” Dan. 9:27

The Roman campaign against the Jews lasted 7 years AD 66-73, but the decisive covenantal blow was in AD 70, ending the “seventieth week” with the destruction of the holy city and the temple In AD 70.

8. “By the wing of abominations he is making desolate, even till the consummation.” Dan. 9:27

In AD 66, the powerful temple governor defiled the temple by using it for war preparations and denying Gentile worship. (see: #20 “Man of Sin”). This triggered a cascade of violence that led to war with Rome.

- a) Moses had warned of the ultimate demise of Israel. “But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. Cursed shall you be in the city...25 The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies.” Dt. 28:15f
- b) Jewish historian Josephus reported, “Now round about the altar lay dead bodies heaped one upon another...” [Wars 6:4:6]
- c) Josephus details one of the finishing atrocities: “ And now the Romans, upon burning of the holy house itself, brought their ensigns to the temple...and there did they offer sacrifices to them...” [6:6:1]

9. “And that which is determined is poured out on the desolate one.” Dan. 9:27

- a). “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her, how often I have slogged to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling! Look, your house is left to you desolate.” Mt 23:37-38
- b). “Therefore in one day her plagues will come: death, mourning, and famine; and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who has judged her is strong.” Rev. 18:8