



LESSON 137 – MARK 13:14-20

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

1. Who were those involved in giving this prophecy concerning the events of the time of tribulation on the Earth?
2. What was the trigger which would be the sign to the people of Judaea that they were to flee?
3. What is the "abomination of desolation?"
4. Where will this abomination be placed?
5. Who will cause this to happen? b. What will he be like?
6. What will happen to him at the last? This isn't in the passage in Mark. You will have to read Daniel 7:11 and Rev 19:20

Possible Answers

1. The Holy Spirit, an angel (Dan 9:20-23), the prophet Daniel, and the Lord Jesus.
2. When they saw "the abomination of desolation" standing where it should not be.
3. It is an idol, an image of the antichrist, who will proclaim himself God. People will be commanded to worship this false messiah. (2 Thess. 2:4, 8-10, Dan. 11:31, 12:11, Rev 13, Rev 13:15)
4. Mt 24:15 "The holy place" refers to the holy of holies, the innermost area of the temple. (At this present time, there is no Jewish temple in Jerusalem, but there will be one built in Jerusalem in the coming years.)
5. The man who will come up in the ranks of world leaders, and lead a global government in a league of nations. He will be what is referred to in scripture as "the first beast" of Revelation 13, the antichrist, the son of perdition. (Dan. 7:24-25, 8:24-25) b. 2 Thess. 2:3-10 In scripture, he is described as a man of sin, the wicked one, the son of perdition. He opposes God and exalts himself as God by sitting in the temple (no one ever sat down in the holy place). He will declare

that all must worship him. (Rev 13:8) His powers are from Satan to deceive and do unrighteousness. If you read Rev 13, it will describe his blasphemy of God and the saints of heaven, and his war on the saints who serve God on Earth. That passage will also describe his cohort, a religious leader and false prophet, also having powers from Satan to deceive, who will cause people to worship the antichrist, instigate the making of an image of the antichrist and order worship of it, and who will cause people to take a mark, the mark of the antichrist, the number 666, in order for them to buy anything, including food, or to sell their wares. (Rev 13:16-17) All those who turn away from God and take this mark are doomed to fire and torment. (Rev 14:9-11)

6. Daniel 7:11, 2 Peter 3:7, Rev 17:8,11, 19:20, 2 Thess. 2:8 He will be slain by the Lord Jesus, and then his body will be destroyed and he as discarnate spirit will be thrown into the lake of fire to receive eternal punishment for all the evil he will have brought on the world. This is such a serious lesson, and it is included in Jesus' teaching for several reasons. The disciples wanted to know, and so, asked Him about these things. Secondly, He wanted them to know the future, and they could educate and warn others of the things to come. Their knowledge has been passed to us and others through the scriptures. Take a few minutes to thank God for the knowledge of Himself that He has given you, and the salvation you have in Jesus Christ.

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