

July 21, 2024
Matthew 24:15-28
The Great Tribulation

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Perhaps, the greatest tell tale sign during all of these events we are reading about today comes with the **abomination of desolation**. Read **Daniel 9:27** to get more clarity on these events from the OT. This will happen in the midway point of the 7 years of tribulation. The Antichrist will be in the Temple. He will set up an image of himself to be worshipped and demand that all the people of the earth do just that.

The **Antichrist** will head a global coalition. He will pretend to be Israel's deliverer from her enemies. Daniel tells all about this. He will be victorious over those who had come against Israel and then he will reveal his true identity. He will occupy Israel seeming to be her protector and then suddenly commit the abomination of desolation. Daniel spoke of 70 weeks, 490 years and then atonement would follow. Four hundred eighty- three of these years can be accounted for to date. There has been what some call a parenthetical pause that is known as the church age that we now live in. So this last judgment and setting straight of the whole world will accomplished with this last week of years, the 7 years of tribulation. The last 3.5 years are called the Great Tribulation. The **Antichrist** is described as a **beast** coming up out of the sea in **Revelation 13:1,5**.

Don't go looking for false messiahs and listen to false prophets Jesus warns them, when He comes back, believe me, you will know it. The first use of the word "elect" in the N.T. is in **v 22**, and Jesus is the One who uses it.

Matthew 24:15 makes it plain that Jesus did not expect this to take place right away with His disciples, He said, let the reader understand.

Application: "As the modern satan-inspired alliance of Russia and many Arab nations continues to grow, it becomes evident that the prophetic picture of the end time is unfolding. When that threat to her becomes extreme, Israel will seek security and protection for a powerful ally by making a pact with the European confederacy to the west, which will also be satanically energized. Halfway through the final week of years, at the end of the first three and a half years, the deceptive leader of the western confederacy (Antichrist) will violently turn against Israel, set himself up as God, and commit the abomination of desolation that activates the Great Tribulation which brings about the intense persecution of Jews." *John MacArthur* Meditate on the words of the Apostle Peter in **II Peter 3:8-13**. Meditate on **I John 2:28-29**, child of God.