

# **The Abomination of Desolation**

**Matthew 24: 15-22**

**August 13, 2023**

*the* Four Horsemen of the  
**APOCALYPSE**



**“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.**

**— Daniel 9:24 (NASB®)**

70  
Weeks...

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To bring in everlasting righteousness

To seal up vision and prophecy

To anoint the most holy place.

Daniel 9:24

**Who is the focus of the 70 weeks of Daniel?**

**ISRAEL!!**

**The Church is gone – RAPTURED!**

- The first 3 ½ years of the 70<sup>th</sup> week, the first half of the Tribulation, is called *“birth pangs”*
- The last 3 ½ years of the week are called the *“Great Tribulation”*

**THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL 9:26-27**

**The "Tribulation"**

Seven years

The First Half

"The Beginning of Birth Pangs"

The Second Half

The "Great Tribulation"

"The Time of Jacob's Trouble"

Hard-Labor Birth Pangs

**Why is the second half of the week called *the “Great Tribulation”*?**

*The antichrist is killing every Jew and every Tribulation believer he can lay his hands on*

**In the first half of the Tribulation, the one world religion is killing Tribulation saints - Revelation 17: 6**

**The great harlot’s focus is Tribulation saints, not the Jews**

**In the second half of the Great Tribulation, antichrist will target Jews and Tribulation believers**

## What is the Abomination of Desolation?

*The false prophet has an idol built of the beast and places it in the temple to be worshipped as God*

### MID-TRIBULATION EVENTS:

1) Satanic warfare



## **Revelation 12:7–9** (NKJV)

**And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

## **MID-TRIBULATION EVENTS (cont.):**

- 2) Satan is kicked out of heaven  
Antichrist' goal – kill all the Jews  
**Revelation 12: 13-17**
  
- 3) GOD will provide an escape for His chosen

**HE WILL ALSO INVADE THE  
BEAUTIFUL LAND, AND MANY  
COUNTRIES WILL FALL. BUT THESE  
WILL BE DELIVERED FROM HIS  
HAND: EDOM, MOAB, AND THE  
LEADERS OF THE AMMONITES.**

**- DANIEL 11:41**



## **MID-TRIBULATION EVENTS (cont.):**

- 4) Antichrist will have a head wound, die, and be resurrected – **Revelation 13: 3**

## The Holy Trinity



## The Unholy Trinity



Verse 15 - 20

**The Abomination of Desolation**

**This abomination links breaking his covenant with Israel, with taking over the world**

**Antichrist will sit himself in the temple demanding to be worshipped as GOD**

**“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” - 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**

**When the Jews see this event, what are they to do?**

**FLEE!**

**Flee where?**

*To the mountains; code word for Bozrah - the sheepfold*



## Verse 21

**This is the Great Tribulation**

**Satan's target in the Great Tribulation is the woman**

**The woman represents Israel, the wife of Jehovah**

Verse 22

**No flesh would be saved**

If Satan's rampage on earth continued, every Jew and every Tribulation believer would die

*“ . . . . but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened ”*

**Who are the elect?**

*The believing Church is called the elect; Israel is called the elect*

*The Church is gone; so, in context, the elect are the Jewish people*

## CLOSING THOUGHTS: *Strange Stuff!!*

This all sounds so farfetched, impossible; how could something so strange happen?

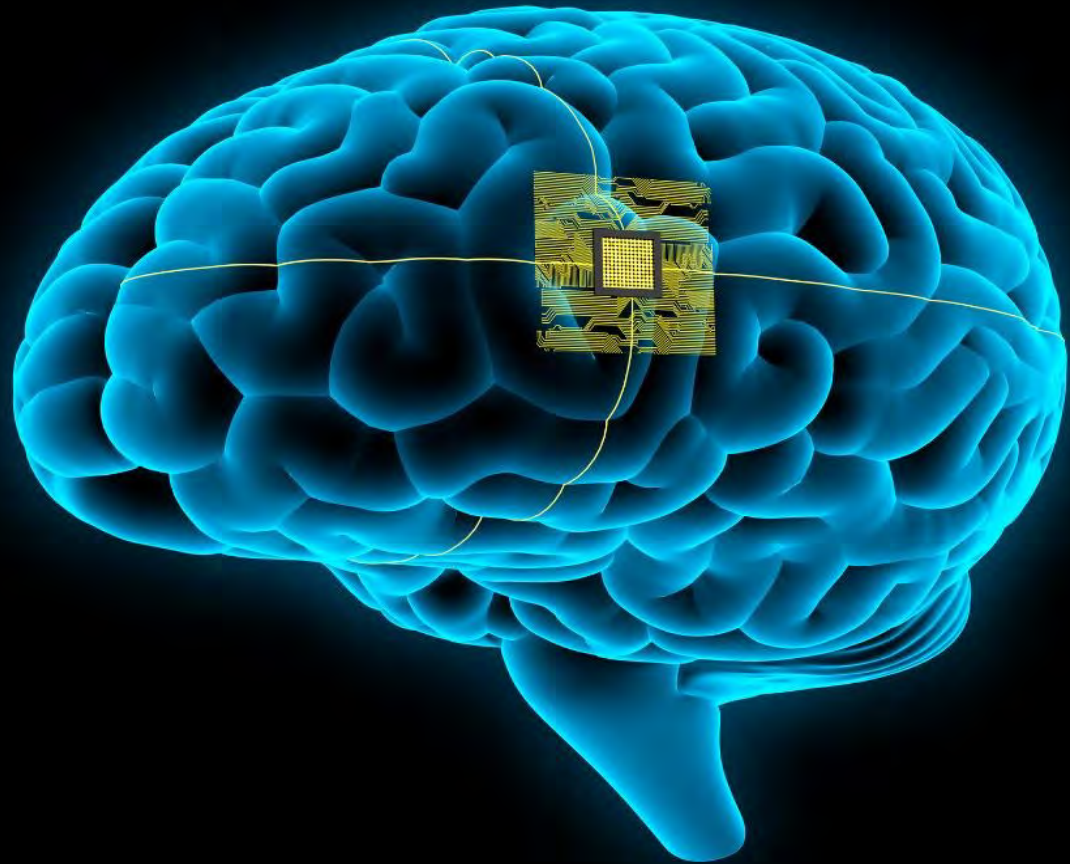
Remember: Jesus said these things will take place, a *“fait accompli”*

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**a fait accompli**

**Meaning:** If something is a fait accompli,  
it is certain to happen

Our world is ordering itself today for *strange stuff*  
*It is coming!!*



# Power up —

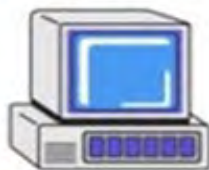
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to supercomputers  
to smartphones

Apollo 11  
Guidance Computer



12,250 FLOPS\*

CRAY-2  
1980s Supercomputer



1.9 billion FLOPS\*

Approximately  
**155,000 times faster**  
than the Apollo 11  
guidance computer

Apple iPhone 12  
Smartphone



11 trillion FLOPS\*

Approximately **5,000 times faster**  
than the CRAY-2 supercomputer  
and about **900 million times**  
faster than the Apollo 11  
guidance computer.

FLOPS: floating point operations per second



**Daniel 12: 4** tells us what to expect as we approach the end:

***“But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end; man shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”***

Never in the history of the world have humans been faced with such rapid increases in knowledge, and the incredible pace of life we see today – NEVER!!

Our brains are not equipped for the constant bombardment of *strange stuff* overload

Satan is an expert at deception and distraction!

One of Satan's end times strategies is distraction from the things of God!

In an era of distraction and *strange stuff*, **believers**, *guard your heart, your mind, your life!!*

**Be careful what you allow  
into your minds, the things  
that will affect your neuro  
circuitry**

**We are in a war for who  
will control our minds!!**



Your  
marching  
orders – from  
God to you:

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**FOR THOUGH WE WALK IN THE FLESH, WE DO NOT WAR ACCORDING TO THE FLESH. FOR THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL BUT MIGHTY IN GOD FOR PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS, CASTING DOWN ARGUMENTS AND EVERY HIGH THING THAT EXALTS ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, BRINGING EVERY THOUGHT INTO CAPTIVITY TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST,  
II CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**

**Bombard your mind with the things of God to protect you from the *STRANGE STUFF!***

**Input daily into your neuro circuitry the world of God to protect you from the *Strange Stuff!***

**When you do this, our world will think that you are *Strange Stuff . . .***

***Take this as a compliment!!***





Dear Self,

Protect your Mind  
from the Strange  
Stuff . . . . .

Read the WORD  
daily and stay  
connected to the  
TRUE GOD!!