

The “Daily [*sacrifice*]”? or “The Blameless”?

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There's some mystery about “the daily” which Daniel said would be taken away (see [Daniel 12:11](#)). Many translations supply the word “sacrifice” (which is not in the original) to suggest that the Temple must be conducting Old Testament daily sacrifices, which are then ended when “The Antichrist” comes on the scene. This is problematic.

The Hebrew word ([Strong's H8548](#)) is *tamiyd* and has as its primary meaning the idea of *continuance* or *continual*. Its first mention is in [Exodus 25:30](#) in relation to the showbread. We can see how the commandment concerning the showbread was observed in Jewish history, but strangely, the meaning of the symbol is a mystery. One might think that twelve loaves of wheat bread would represent the twelve tribes of Israel, but the Jewish sages were apparently reluctant to offer such a conclusion, and certainly demurred from doing so dogmatically. Even the renowned Maimonides said, “I do not know the object of the table with the bread upon it continually, and up to this day I have not been able to assign any reason to this commandment.”*

Also, it seems odd that the translators would choose the word “daily” since the bread was always present but was replaced *weekly*, not every day.

One alternative is that “the daily” is a cryptic reference to the true believers, whose lives are seen by God as daily sacrifices (per [Romans 12:1](#)), and that the “taking away” is the rapture. Consistent with this is an insight provided by Tom Bigbee, who writes:

What if “the-daily”, *HaTamid* ([H8548](#)) was incorrectly translated from Aramaic or a scribal error changed the Mem to a Dalet and should have been a noun version of *HaTamim*, from the same root word, meaning the-blameless ([H8549](#)) (as a noun, rendered 22 times in NAS)? Then consider this translation:

And from the time that the blameless shall be taken away, it will be 1290 days until the detestable thing that causes horror.

I would suggest that it might also be “...1290 days **of** the detestable thing that causes horror.”

A reasonable inference from [Daniel 12:11](#) might be that “the daily” is taken away and the abomination of desolation is set up at the same time. That is, the structure of the verse does not suggest a time delay between the two events. However, that may not be correct, and it's possible that the removal of the blameless begins a 45-day (or so) process that culminates in the setting up of the Abomination and the beginning of the final *diaspora*. The Abomination then stands for 1,290 days.

Since this “taking away” occurs near the beginning of the final *diaspora*, it at least appears consistent with what's signified in [Revelation 12:5-6](#) where the child is caught up and the woman flees. We don't know yet; we can only wait and see.