

## October 7<sup>th</sup> – The Abominations of Desolation???

If the Second Fulfillment to the 70th Week of Daniel began in 2020, we would expect the abomination of desolation approximately three and a half years later because Daniel 9:27 simply says that it would occur “in the middle” of the 70th seven, but that doesn’t necessarily mean exactly in the middle.

Based on the first fulfillment of the abomination of desolation by Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 BC (as prophesied in Daniel 11:31), and on Jesus’s prophecy of its future fulfillment in Matthew 24:15, it is commonly expected to be another statute that will be set up on the Temple Mount, or even in a rebuilt third temple.

However, Daniel’s description of the future abomination in Daniel 9:27 is literally,

***On the wing of abominations [will come] one who destroys.***

Dr. Widener has reminded us that Proverbs 6:16-19 says:

*There are six things that the Lord hates, even seven things that are an **abomination** to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift to run to evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and a person who spreads discord among family members.*

He also suggests that the atrocities committed by Hamas in their attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, fit well with the description in the above Proverb.

It is also noteworthy that on January 14, 2024, in a speech commemorating 100 days since the attack of 7 October, Hamas’s military spokesman, Abu Ubeidah, cited Israel bringing red heifers from America in preparation for ritual sacrifice (see Numbers 19:1-10) as a **key reason** for them launching their attack when they did.

And so the abominations committed on that day were intended **to put a stop to planned Jewish sacrifices**, just as Daniel prophesied:

***But in the middle of that week, he will bring sacrifices and offerings to a halt (Daniel 9:27)***

Up until now, most prophecy scholars have assumed that the temple would first have to be rebuilt, and the sacrificial system reinstated before that could be fulfilled. However, Hamas launched their attack **to put a stop to Jewish sacrifices before they had even started!**

Furthermore, Hamas called their attack *The Al-Aqsa Flood*. Al-Aqsa is what Muslims call the Temple Mount, so the declared purpose of their attack was to protect the Islamic sanctity of the Temple Mount. And they called it a “flood,” just as Daniel prophesied 2,500 years ago when he said, **“But [the] end will come [speedily] like a flood”** (v26).

All in all, these multiple factors combine to make a compelling case for the attack of **October 7** being a **partial fulfillment of the abominations** that Daniel prophesied.

It has generally been assumed that the confirmation of the seven-year treaty would reveal (or strongly suggest) the identity of the Antichrist and that the abomination in the middle of the 70th week would confirm it. However, the end of verse 27 says,

***On the wing of abominations will come one who destroys, until the decreed end is poured out on the one who destroys*** (Daniel 9:27 – NET).

This actually implies that the Antichrist’s identity may not be revealed until some time after the abominations. In that case, we should expect a leader will emerge, very shortly i.e. the one **“who destroys”**, that is the Antichrist (1 John 2:18), the man of lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

For the 2020 to 2027 timeline to be correct the Antichrist would need to be revealed by July 2024 for there to be 42 months in his reign of terror.

For more on why Dr. Christian Widener feels that the attack on October 7<sup>th</sup> could be the Abomination spoken of by Daniel, please see his website: [EndTimesBerean.com](http://EndTimesBerean.com)

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