

IMAGE OF THE BEAST **= Statue = Abomination of Desolation**

Image of the Beast — In the book of Revelation we are told that “the false prophet” will order the inhabitants of the earth to make an image (a statue) of the BEAST (i.e. “the Antichrist”). Revelation 19:20, 13:14

Amazingly this statue will be able to speak (as Satan will empower the BEAST). And the BEAST will put anyone who refuses to worship it to death. (Revelation 13:4, 13:15) But God sternly warns us not to worship the BEAST or his image! And God’s punishment will be much worse! (Revelation 14:9-11)

In other parts of the Bible this “image of the BEAST” is referred to as “*the abomination of desolation.*” It will be placed in the temple (at Jerusalem) exactly 1290 days before the return of Christ (Daniel 12:11, Matthew 24:15).

Revelation 13:14-15 — NLT — And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast [i.e. the Antichrist], he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people of the world to make a GREAT STATUE of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. He was permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. *Then the statue commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.*

Revelation 19:20 — NLT — And the beast [i.e. the Antichrist] was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his *statue*. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Revelation 14:9-11 — Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and

his *image [statue]*, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. *And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his IMAGE [STATUE], and whoever receives the mark of his name.*”

Daniel 12:11 — And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the *abomination of desolation is set up*, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days [until the return of Jesus Christ].

Matthew 24:15-20 — “Therefore when you see the ‘*abomination of desolation*,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, *standing in the holy place*” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.”

1 John 2:18 — Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that *the Antichrist is coming*, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 — 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. Do you not

remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then the *lawless one* will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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