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He will confirm a **covenant** with many for one 'seven.' **In the middle of the 'seven'** he will put **an end to sacrifice and offering**. And **on a wing of the temple** he will **set up an abomination** that **causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him ().

Dan. 9:27

Daniel 11:31-32

Daniel 12:11

Matthew 24:15

Mark 13:14

Luke 21:20-23

2 Thes. 2:3-4

Revelation 13

“His **armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress** and will **abolish the daily sacrifice**. Then they will **set up the abomination** that causes desolation. With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated **the covenant**, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him ().

And **from the time** that **the regular burnt offering is taken away** and **the abomination that makes desolate is set up**, **there shall be 1,290 days** ().

“So when you see **standing in the holy place** **the abomination** that **causes desolation**,” spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand . . . ().”

“But when you see **the abomination** of desolation **standing where he ought not to be** (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains ().

“But when you see **Jerusalem surrounded by armies**, then know that **its desolation** has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, 22 for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people (Luke 21:20-23).

Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat **in the temple of God**, **proclaiming himself to be God** (2 Thes. 2:3-4).¹

¹ While this passage does not use the words “abomination of desolation” it fits the description perfectly (compare “on a wing of the temple” and “takes his seat in the temple of God”)

13 ¹ And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. ² And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. ⁴ And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

⁵ And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and **it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months**. ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ Also it was allowed to make **war** on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

¹⁰ If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes;

if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

¹¹ Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. ¹³ It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴ and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make **an image for the beast** that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ And it was allowed to give **breath to the image of the beast**, so that **the image of the beast** might even speak and might cause those who would not worship **the image of the beast** to be slain. ¹⁶ Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666 (Revelation 13).

² [The Holy Bible: New International Version](#) (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1984), Re 13:1.