

Abomination of Desolation

The primary passages in the Bible that address the event known as “the abomination of desolation” are:

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

The Mark of the Beast

A question I am frequently asked, “How will we know that something is or isn’t the mark of the beast?”

- Pre-tribbers everywhere that hear that question will say, “It doesn’t matter, we won’t be here.” I am less certain about that.
- Plain and simple: No beast? No mark!

The fundamental passage that tells us about the “mark of the beast” is found in Revelation 13. For the following reasons this passage runs parallel to the other biblical references to the abomination of desolation:

1. The reference to having authority for 42 months (v. 5)
2. Its reference to an image being set-up and made to speak (v. 14-15)
3. Its reference to speaking blasphemy (v. 5-6)
4. Demanding worship (v. 8, 12-15)
5. War declared (v. 7)

Why a Mark?

- The push for digital id for all people

This lack of state-issued ID presents a huge barrier to both individuals and businesses which need to know who they are dealing with.

“Without traditional forms of ID, citizens face significant challenges opening a bank account, transferring money or accessing any other type of basic financial services,” said Hartley, “Financial institutions are very reluctant to do business with citizens who lack a trusted identity. Unfortunately, this remains a far-too-common scenario in much of sub-Saharan Africa, including Nigeria and Ghana.”¹

“Digital identity is one of the most important topics of digital development if not all of development today,” said Christopher Burns, director of the Center for Digital Development at USAID’s U.S. Global Development Lab. Burns described digital ID as another layer of infrastructure: “An inclusive digital ecosystem for us, is a key component of a country’s journey to self-reliance.” With digital ID for refugees, “not only do you make the invisible visible, you give dignity to people. But more importantly, on a continent where we need to grow further we need to grow faster, we need to be able to use every brain that we have,” said Vera Songwe, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), in a video conference keynote speech to launch the event.²

- Secure health records
- Safe financial transactions

What kind of world will be open to an anti-christ?

- A world that needs to operate together and follow the same protocols.
- A world that is in a unified turmoil.
- A world that needs answers.

Questions that must be answered or facts that must be reckoned with before you can come to any good conclusion about the Rapture:

1. Nowhere does the Bible refer to the seven years that comprise Daniel’s 70th Week as “the tribulation period” or as the “great tribulation.”

2. Daniel’s 70th Week will see the wrath of man being poured out and the wrath of the anti-christ being poured out. The wrath of God will not be poured out until the Day of the Lord which will not take place until after the Abomination of Desolation and the terrible time of trouble.

¹ <https://www.biometricupdate.com/201912/how-trulioo-plans-to-help-verify-hundreds-of-millions-of-west-africans>

² <https://www.biometricupdate.com/201909/trust-and-transparency-plus-66-billion-would-bring-africa-up-to-speed-for-id-and-digital-economy>