

**“STAY ALERT” Series**

Message #2 of 6

**“THE ABOMINATION”**

*God has you so firmly in His hand  
that it is not possible for His elect to be deceived.*

Matthew 24:15-25

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**1. ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION –**

*“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel ...” – v.15*

*“Abomination”* = a thing that causes disgust or hatred.

Atrocity, disgrace, horror, obscenity, outrage, curse, torment, evil, crime, monstrosity, violation, anathema

*“Desolation”* = a state of complete emptiness or destruction, barrenness, bleakness, starkness, bareness, dismalness, grimness.

*“Abomination that Causes Desolation”* — a despicable misuse of the Temple of the Lord during a time of great trouble— an event foretold by the prophet Daniel. (Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14, Daniel 11:31, 12:11)

*“The man of lawlessness will ... oppose and exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:4*

**2. DREADFUL & UNEQUALED GREAT DISTRESS –**

*“For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again.” – v.21*

*“The rebellion occurs ... the man of lawlessness ... doomed to destruction.” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:3*

**3. CUT SHORT FOR GOD’S ELECT –**

*“If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but the for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.” – v.22*

*“The secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:7*

**4. FALSE PROPHETS WITH MIRACLES & GREAT SIGNS**

*“Don’t believe it.” – v.23b*

*“The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and every sort of evil.” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:9-10*

**5. NOW YOU KNOW AHEAD OF TIME –**

*“See, I have told you ahead of time.” – v.25*

*“Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed ...” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:1-2*

*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33*

There is great assurance in the Christian life that God has prepared us for whatever comes.