

The Olivet Discourse 3: The Abomination of Desolation
Matthew 24:15-28

I. Introduction: *Who is the Antichrist?*

II. Jesus prepares his disciples for great tribulation (vss. 25-26)

A horrible flight (vss. 16-20)

A call to leave behind the things of earth and flee to Christ

III. Great Tribulation (vss. 21-22)

In 70 A.D. and in the latter days (Revelation 13-18)

Trials are God's means of building trust, character and hope (Ps 34:19, 2Tim 3:12, Jn 16:33, 15:20, Rev 2: 10-11, Ja 1:2-4, Ro 5:3-5)

The subtlety of the false teachers in the last days (vss. 23-24)

The test of a false prophet: Do his words come to pass? (Deut 18:22)

IV. The Abomination of Desolation (vs. 15)

Spoken of by the prophet Daniel (Dan 9:26-27, 11:31-32, 12:11)

Fulfilled in 167 BC by Antiochus Epiphanes

Future Fulfillment (Revelation 13:1-14, 2 Thes 2:1-12)

V. The Return of the Christ (vss 27-28)