

# Matthew 24:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation,  
spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,  
(whoso readeth, let him understand:)

## Analysis

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This text illustrates key Reformed principles: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, and sola fide. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

## Historical Context

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This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?
2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

## Interlinear Text

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Ὅταν	οὖν	ἴδητε	τὸ	βδέλυγμα	τῆς	ἐρημώσεως
<b>When</b>	<b>ye therefore</b>	<b>shall see</b>	<b>the abomination</b>	<b>of desolation</b>		
G3752	G3767	G1492	G3588	G946	G3588	G2050
τὸ	ῥηθὲν	διὰ	Δανιήλ	τοῦ	προφήτου	ἐστὸς ἐν τόπῳ
<b>spoken of</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>Daniel</b>	<b>the prophet</b>	<b>stand</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>place</b>
G3588	G4483	G1223	G1158	G3588	G4396	G2476 G1722 G5117
ἁγίῳ	ὁ	ἀναγινώσκων	νοεῖτω			
<b>the holy</b>	<b>(whoso readeth</b>	<b>let him understand</b>				
G40	G3588	G314	G3539			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Daniel 9:27** (Parallel theme): And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

**Daniel 12:11** (Parallel theme): And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

**Mark 13:14** (Prophecy): But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

**Luke 21:20** (Parallel theme): And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

**Daniel 11:31** (Parallel theme): And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

**Luke 19:43** (Parallel theme): For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

**Revelation 1:3** (Prophecy): Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

**Daniel 9:23** (Parallel theme): At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

**Hebrews 2:1** (Parallel theme): Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

**Daniel 9:25** (Parallel theme): Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.