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## The Abomination of Desolation

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This month we will look at a mysterious occurrence recorded in Daniel 9:20-27 known as the “abomination of desolation.”

*“And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. 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. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 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. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 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’s prophecy focuses on the invasion of Jerusalem and the setting up of an idolatrous image in the temple of God which is located there. Historically, we know that this invasion happened once already around 70 A.D. when Antiochus Epiphanes invaded the temple and offered up a pig to his gods on the altar. Although the prophecy was fulfilled at that time, we also recognize that Scripture portrays this as a two-fold prophecy. Jesus also referred to a futuristic event of the “abomination of desolation” that relates to the sequences of the end-time.

Daniel’s prophecy speaks of a “covenant with many for one week” that will be signed and ratified between the Jews and some other party. As you may recall, the term “weeks” in Daniel refers to years. So we then understand that the covenant between the Jews and this other group will be confirmed for seven years. Then the Bible states in Daniel 9:27, “in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice 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 (desolater)”. Daniel is now taking a look at the last seven years of history as the consummation of the

ages is taking place and this present evil age is being brought to a close. The entire timeframe given by Daniel to end the age is 490 years. We have seen 483 years of Daniel’s prophecy already pass and the last seven years are yet to be fulfilled.

Right now we live in a “parenthetical” age of grace which separates the first 483 years from the last seven years. During this period, the Lord is gathering His elect Church out of the world and receiving it to Himself as His bride. This is why the turmoil and pressures of the world have increased significantly over the past few decades. The entire planet is being prepared to receive Jesus Christ as returning Lord and King. Jesus refers to these events in Matthew Chapter 24; Mark Chapter 13; and Luke Chapter 21 where He specifically refers to “the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet.”

*“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:”*

**Mark 13:14**

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If you read carefully, you will find that each time Jesus mentions this “*abomination*” His words are preceded by a warning not to be deceived. He warns of impending persecutions and the killing of righteous saints while the Gospel message is preached throughout the world as a final witness (Matthew 24:9-14; Mark 13:9-13; and Luke 21:12-19).

We must all understand friends, that the pie in the sky messages of false prophets will prove to be meaningless as the close of this age draws near. Jesus states emphatically that we will suffer persecution and family members will cause some of us to be put to death as the great separation of wheat from tares and goats from sheep takes place. Over the years, we have seen a dramatic increase in the numbers of people that are willing to speak out against the church. Mind you, I am not referring to attacks against Roman Catholicism, Baptists, Methodists, etc. I am speaking about the true Church of Jesus Christ, which is not denominationalized nor institutionalized.

Jesus' Church is made up of a called out and chosen people selected by God Himself to fulfill His purposes. While on earth, these elect, chosen individuals are often hated, rejected, and in most cases feared because they refuse to compromise the Word of God. They will preach a clear, precise, and bold message to the masses in order to bring those who will hear it to repentance and redemption in Jesus Christ.

As I stated in earlier articles, the handwriting is indeed on the wall and we are living in the last of the last days. The focus of the world is slowly shifting back to the Middle East and ancient civilizations spoken of throughout the Scripture. Right now, wars are being fought in Iraq (Babylon) with money sent to help the resistance in Iraq from Iran (Persia). Hundreds of American troops have been killed as of this writing on May 10, 2004 and God only knows how much suffering the future holds for us as a nation and as a people.

Egypt is just to the south of Israel and they have always been enemies of the Jews. Along with Syria and Jordan to the east, they are ready to see this small Jewish nation wiped off of the planet. Friends, we are living out Daniel's prophecies and most of the church world is as blind as a proverbial bat. Why? Because the false shepherds are not warning them and preparing them for what is to come. I believe that we are about to see the United Nations play a major role in world events in order to bring peace to the Middle East and to centralize the governance of this world. I also believe that the “*man of sin*” - known as the Antichrist in the Bible - has been prepared to be seated as the next Secretary General of the United Nations. Has anyone seen Bill Clinton lately?

The national sovereignty of the United States is being undermined in order to absorb this nation into the United Nations. Once under the control of the UN, we will not be in a position to defend Israel. This war in Iraq is slowly eroding away the resolve of the American people to fight and we are hearing more of our citizens cry for peace at any cause.

Slowly, methodically the “*abomination of desolation*” is making its way to the most holy place. I believe a series of events must take place in order for this abomination to occur:

- The Jewish temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem for the last time
  - A major occurrence must take place in this country leading American citizens to finally relinquish their civil rights and give authority to the global beast system
  - Many existing communist regimes must be brought under control so as not to interfere with the globalist's plans of world domination

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Every item needed by the human race for survival will be brought under United Nations control including food, gas, shelter, clothing and the ability to buy and sell. Make no mistake about it. The end is nearer than you may think.

But even in knowing what the future holds, there is no need to be frightened because in the end Jesus Christ will return in glory and subdue all things. Who cares about this world when we have eternity with the Lord to look forward to? **I say the sooner these things take place, the better!!**

Right now is the time to prepare to be used by God in these final hours! Get ready to carry the Gospel message around the world. Bring in the harvest of souls as these end-time sequences lead people to repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This is a great and exciting time to be alive, so enjoy your salvation and keep looking up for your redemption draws nigh! Satan is defeated. God is exalted and Jesus Christ is Lord, no matter how it looks to our carnal senses right now.

Let's join together in prayer to see God's kingdom come on earth and His will done. Remember how the passage in Daniel ends, “*the final punishment will be poured out upon the desolater.*” God will have the last laugh, and he that laughs last, laughs best. Support us financially and in your prayers, for we intend to be frontline fighters in this war against Satan - God willing.

Until next time, be blessed and stay encouraged.

*“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.*

*Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.*

*For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.”*

**Luke 21:20-22**

# Awake, Thou That Slumberest!

By Maisha Hunter

*"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."* Romans 13:11

We all know that there are many passages in Scripture warning about the consequences of sleeping at a time when we ought to be awake. Jesus admonishes us to be vigilant, to be sober, to be watchful unless His return catches us unawares. I have always taken these warnings to heart...so I thought. That is, until this past week.

Let me provide a little background. I was a very religious Catholic when I heard my first tape from Omega Ministries over 9 years ago. Although I had never heard the truth of God before, somehow instinctively, I knew that what I was hearing was the truth. Immediately, I began to thirst for more. I couldn't learn enough, study enough, pray enough, etc. Other than work (and even while there) I spent my time in fastings, prayer, and study; anxious to learn more about this God that I was now beginning to see for the first time in my life. There was a new life being birthed in me that needed to be fed, and I was happy to oblige.

True to His Word, God drew nearer to me and began to reveal more of Himself to me over time. As the years flew by, the demands of life increased - my husband, children, jobs - but God saw me through it all. No siree! Out of all the problems I could have, slumbering was certainly not one of them. I had no time to slumber!

Yet, I made a big mistake. Somehow, I began to equate "slumber" with inactivity. I thought that those who were "sleeping" were basically those who were doing nothing... people who were lazy...but I couldn't have been more wrong. That is when God directed me to study sleepwalking.

Webster's defines sleepwalking as "*The act or an instance of walking or performing another activity associated with wakefulness while asleep or in a sleeplike state.*" You see, sleepwalkers are active. They are doing things. From the outside looking in, they have every appearance of being awake. However, they are technically asleep.

Please hear me when I say that this same thing can happen to you spiritually! You can walk through life with no consciousness of your real spiritual condition, in a dream-like state, believing that you are what you are not. You can be active in your church, praying, fasting, studying, and all the while be sleeping spiritually. How do I know? It happened to me.

## How in the World Did I Get HERE?

One of the common characteristics of sleepwalkers who are awakened is that they experience momentary confusion. This confusion stems from the fact that they thought they were in one place, but wake-up to find that they are actually someplace different, and with no recollection of how they got there! If you can imagine how disconcerting that is, then you have a good idea of how I felt last week, when God began to awaken me.

Until then, there were certain things that I just *knew* about myself. I *knew* that I loved the Lord. I *knew* that I wanted to serve Him with all of my heart. I *knew* that I appreciated Him for making me who I am. Don't get me wrong. I knew I still had things that the Lord was working out of me, but being part of a strong, teaching ministry, I felt equipped to move on in the Lord. Yet the problem was not with what I knew, but with what I didn't know. **DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF ALLOWING WHAT YOU KNOW TO BE CONFUSED WITH WHAT YOU ARE.**

The Lord allowed recent situations to show me the truth of where I was, and one of these incidents was a disagreement with my husband. It was in essence a war of the wills. After this incident, my husband insisted that we listen to a Derek Prince tape on demons and deliverance. So we began listening to a message that I had probably heard at least 10 times before. But this time, it was different. As I listened to Minister Prince describe the workings of witchcraft and spiritual control, I didn't see my mother-in-law...I didn't see my mother...I saw myself.

All the knowledge in the world of what I was "supposed to be" hadn't gotten rid of that spirit of rejection within me that was still vying for power, still fighting for attention. This is why the acceptance of others meant so much to me, why the slightest criticism seemed to cut to the core, why I contested authority instead of submitting to it. I wasn't functioning as a 'whole' person in Christ because I was still nursing the hurts from my past.

This began the unveiling of my sleepwalking state as God forced me to see myself in ways that I haven't before, and yes, even acknowledging things that I hadn't previously wanted to see. When I finally came to myself, I was nowhere near where I thought I was. I had been claiming victory in areas of my life where I was actually still very much in bondage. I was trying to "move on" in God without addressing the ties that held me back. The result was a spiritual stupor. I was on a treadmill running at full speed, yet my amount of activity blinded me to the fact that I wasn't getting very far. Worse, I allowed my activity to mislead me into thinking that I **was** progressing.

## How Do You Know if You Are Spiritually Sleepwalking?

There are several characteristics that the medical world uses to describe sleepwalkers, however, if you examine these in a spiritual light, you can see some parallels.

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INABILITY TO DISCERN - *"And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."* Luke 22:46

Sleepwalkers tend to display a lack of awareness, lack of responsiveness, and inability to recognize people, even though the person's eyes are open.

Sleepwalkers have their eyes open, but are unable to respond to, or perceive, their own surroundings. In the spiritual realm, this represents a loss of spiritual perception. The leading of God's Spirit is not as detectable as it once may have been, and as a result, discernment diminishes. Left unchecked, the result is spiritual blindness. You have eyes to see, but cannot see.

REPETITION - *"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept."* Matthew 25:5

Sleepwalkers can routinely perform repetitive activities such as eating, opening and closing curtains, getting dressed or undressed, etc. even while being asleep the entire time.

Do you find yourself just "going through the motions" with God? Have the things of God become repetitive to you? Instead of being THE focus of your life, God becomes just one of many things on your "To Do" list. You continue to do the mechanics, but your heart and mind is less engaged.

UNRESPONSIVE - *"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping."* Mark 13:35-36

Sleepwalkers are also typically unresponsive to attempts at arousal, and speak incoherently until awakened.

Are you de-energized when it comes to things of God? Yes, you know the times in which we live. You are aware of the level of deception being released on the world, but you just can't muster up the energy to respond. In fact, you feel sort of removed from it all. There is no real urgency about it.

NO REMEMBRANCE - *"Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number."* Jeremiah 2:32

Most sleepwalkers have no memory of the event after it is over.

Of course, sleepwalkers are not asleep all of the time. There are times when they are awake and alert, but at those times they have no remembrance of what was done while sleepwalking. It is possible that you may have moments of clarity and revelation, but be completely oblivious to the times when you are spiritually 'tuned out' to God. As a result, you may go in and out of a dazed spiritual state and be none the wiser.

FREQUENT IN TIMES OF STRESS - *"For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night."* I Thessalonians 5:7

When the body is enduring physiological or psychological stress, sleepwalking is more likely to occur.

It is in times of stress that sleepwalking is most likely to occur. I think this is why Jesus warns so much against slumbering in relation to the end-times. As the pressures of this world intensify and things grow darker, the likelihood of slumber increases. It is a form of escape from dealing with the realities of life.

### What is it, Really?

If you start to think about it, how is such a phenomenon possible? How is it possible for your body to be active and you are completely unaware? Who has control of your body at times when your mind is not consciously engaged? It is a spirit! With God, it is the Holy Spirit; outside of Him it is a demonic spirit. *"For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered."* Isaiah 29:10 Why does the Lord pour out the spirit of deep sleep? Because the people are drawing near with their mouths and honoring Him with their lips, but their hearts are not in it (verse 13).

Unresolved and unrepented sin opens the door. Unforgiveness, pride, lust, gluttony, self-consciousness, fear...the type of sin does not matter. That is why it is so important to examine ourselves to see if we be in the faith. Don't let your salvation become something you dream about, or dream away. The day of your salvation is now! Maybe you read this article and can see some of yourself in these words. Maybe you have been wondering why you are almost comatose when it comes to finding out and doing God's will for you in these last days. Maybe you are starting to feel as if you are becoming a part of that Laodecian Church. If so, I can only tell you what God has told me, "Wake Up!"

*"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."* Isaiah 52:1-2

Don't think that God will just remove this spiritual haze from your life. Cry out to God for deliverance. Examine your life and see where there may be areas of compromise with sin. God promises that when we wake-up, He will give us the light we need to be revived. *"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."* Ephesians 5:14