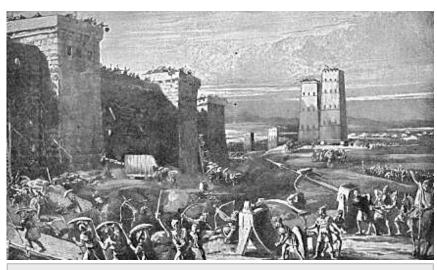
#1480 The Abomination of Desolation – The subject of the demise of the Temple in Matthew 24:2, which points to the fact that Jesus Christ would be building a Temple of living stone believers in the New Testament age, also points to the fact that the Abomination of Desolation in Matthew 24:15 is speaking of the Abomination of Desolation of that New Testament living stones Temple

Key Question: The key question is this . . . Is the Abomination of Desolation of Matthew 24:15, which is attached to the desecration of the Temple, speaking of and/or referring to a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem – a third Temple that would follow Solomon's Temple and Zerubbabel's/Herod's Temple, that is, a Temple made with hands and dead stones, which was the primary meaning of "the Temple" in the Old Testament – or is it speaking of the living stones Temple of the New Testament, that is, the Church of Jesus Christ as the living stones Temple of the living God?

Key Understanding: *The Abomination of Desolation of the living stones temple*. The subject of the demise of the Temple in Matthew 24:2, which points to the fact that Jesus Christ would be building a Temple of living stone believers in the New Testament age, also would seem to point to the fact that the Abomination of Desolation in Matthew 24:15 is speaking of the Abomination of Desolation of that New Testament living stones Temple built by Jesus Christ – and thus is not necessarily pointing to a new (third) Temple of dead stones made with hands.

Matthew 24:1-8, 15 (KJV) And Jesus went out, and departed from <u>THE TEMPLE</u>: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of <u>THE</u> TEMPLE.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one [dead] stone [of the Temple] upon another [dead stone of the



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Temple], that shall not be thrown down.

- 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?
- 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am
Christ; and shall deceive many.
6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars:
see that ye be not troubled: for all these
things must come to pass, but the end
is not yet.
7 For nation shall rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom: and
there shall be famines, and
pestilences, and earthquakes, in
divers places.
8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

- 15 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:)
- 2 Corinthians 6:16 (KJV) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV) <u>you also, like LIVING STONES</u>, are being built into A SPIRITUAL <u>HOUSE</u> to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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