

Jesus' prophecy of the abomination of desolation

Books of magic from the dark ages have demons being conjured up and told, "I conjure you by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ that is daily in the chalice". This invokes the power of the Catholic Mass where bread supposedly becomes Jesus' body and wine becomes his blood when the priest commands them to. This shows that the current notion that crosses and wafers scare off demons which comes from the horror films is just a recent fantasy. Tradition says different. That marks the sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus as heavy occult in principle and often in practice.

James Calphill who followed Calvinism stated, "the vilest witches and sorcerers of the earth" were the Catholic priests. John Canne warned in 1634 against priest style use of the sacraments as charms and sorceries. The sacrament of confirmation was referred to as "plain sorcery, devilry, witchcraft".

The book of Daniel and the apocryphal books of the Bible seem to talk about Antiochus dedicating the Jewish Temple to Jupiter. He put harlots to work in it. He sacrificed a pig on the sacred altar and the pig was a forbidden animal. That was the abomination of desolation. However many think that prophecies can have dual predictions. So if Daniel meant Antiochus it does not follow he only meant him. They only say that for Jesus treated Daniel's prediction as pending.

New Testament prophecy mentions a religious abomination that appears after the sacred sacrifices of the Jews are prevented. This can be understood to refer to the Mass which appeared after the end of Jewish sacrifices. The temple cult ended in 70 AD. The abomination lasts until the end of time.

The majority view is that the prediction refers to the violent and degrading end of the Temple. Some feel it is about an earlier attack on the Temple but Christians cannot accept that view for it contradicts Jesus.

It is clear that Jesus got his information from the book of Daniel. Here is the prophecy.

And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27 (ASV)

And forces shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt-offering, and they shall set up the abomination that maketh desolate.

Daniel 11:31 (ASV)

And from the time that the continual burnt-offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand and two hundred and ninety days.

Daniel 12:11 (ASV)

It is possible to argue that Jesus himself was the abomination.

Here is Daniel 8.

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.

12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

Let me repeat some things.

Jesus predicted the coming of the abomination that causes desolation. He was referring to Daniel 11:31 which says it will take place during a time of distress that is so severe that its like has never been seen. It says too that it will happen after the sacrifices end in the Temple of Jerusalem. These sacrifices ceased in 70 AD after Jesus' time. Mark 13:14 tells the reader of Jesus' saying to understand it meaning he can look it up in the Old Testament book of Daniel. So we are talking about the greatest abomination ever.

It is supposed the abomination refers to the sacrilegious murder of Jesus Christ the Son of God. But Jesus' death did not take place in the time of the worst suffering. And Temple sacrifices did not cease with the death of Jesus.

The abomination in Daniel is described in the context of something blasphemous and idolatrous being done to God's shrine and his religion. The Catholic Mass which purports to make the killing of Jesus present took place in times of great suffering and is done in places consecrated to God and by a religion supposedly founded by God. It is the real candidate for being the abomination of desolation. And even more so when the climax of the abomination was the slaying of a pig as sacrifice on God's altar in the Temple. The Mass and the pig are parallels. The Bible says that the abomination will be destroyed by God and the saints will then rise from the dead. It is talking about something that happens between the ending of sacrifice in 70 AD and the end of the world when the saints rise. The Mass is the best candidate and the best fit for the data.

APPENDIX

Caligula had his statue put up in the Jewish Temple about 40 AD. Is that the abomination? Paul writes of the man of sin who sits in the Temple to be worshipped as a God. Do we want to think Paul predicted that the Roman Emperor would sit as a god in the Temple? Caligula did not claim to be an all-powerful god who knew the hearts of his people. Thus he was really a symbolic god. He was more like a saint - a being who has powers but within strict parameters.

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www.infidels.org/library/modern/jim_lippard/fabulous-prophecies.html

The Fabulous Prophecies of the Messiah by Jim Lippard

This site argues that Daniel's prophecy if punctuated by the Masoretic method gives a totally different meaning from the one Christians want it to have and which eliminates all attempts to make the prophecy predict the year of Jesus' death. It shows how Gleason Archer misrepresented a verse from Jeremiah as referring to Judas betraying Jesus for money and left out bits that proved that it did not refer to that event. For example, he deliberately hides the fact that Jeremiah said 17 shekels while Jesus was betrayed for 30 shekels. The Christians now say that Isaiah 7:14 was fulfilled in Ahab's time but was meant to be a double-fulfilment prophecy meaning that it predicted Jesus' virgin birth as well or that it could be applied to Jesus' birth too and was meant to be. That is ridiculous. You could say that Isaiah 53, where the suffering and death of Christ is allegedly predicted, is geared towards a double fulfilment too. And how could either it or Isaiah 7:14 be double prophecies when they each speak of only one event? The double-fulfilment idea is just imagining prophecies of Jesus where there are none and ignoring the wording of Isaiah. The site also tells us how silly the claim that the contradictory genealogies in Matthew and Luke that were given for Jesus that they can be reconciled is. The Catholic Church claims that both lists are accurate but the differences are down to levirate marriage. Levirate marriage is when a childless man dies his brother is obliged to take his wife and impregnate her with babies that are considered to belong to the dead man. So each gospeller just chose different people as part of the line. This is garbage for they differ in the number of ancestors. And my comment is that there would not have been that many levirate marriages.

www.infidels.org/library/modern/farrell_till/prophecy.html

Prophecies: Imaginary and Unfulfilled by Farrell Till

This site points out that in the original Hebrew, Micah 5:2 says that the Messiah will come out of the house of Ephrathah in Bethlehem meaning the clan or family of Ephrathah. Matthew thought it meant land. Since there is no evidence that Jesus came from this family, there is therefore no evidence that the prophecy was about him though the Gospel of Matthew tries to make out that it was. Therefore it is an abuse of scripture to say that the prophecy means Jesus. Also Matthew misread Zechariah and thought he said that the king would ride on both an ass and her colt. My comment is that for Jesus to fulfil that he had to be a proper king anointed and enthroned but Jesus was never anointed or sat in a throne. He claimed to be a king but that was not much to go on. Otherwise anybody would do as a fulfilment as long as they claimed to be king. God also promised the land to the Israelites no matter what evil they did on account of his having promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Deuteronomy 9:3-6) and indeed gave them the land though he considered them totally undeserving (Exodus 33:1-6). His promise was unconditional and yet many times they lost the land. My comment is that in the last millennium the Jews were no better or worse than any other nation and were good enough people and still their land was not theirs any more. God broke his promise or the Bible is slandering him. But with Christians the Bible will come first.

www.mindspring.com/~bab5/BIB/lessons.htm Daniel 9:17-27 Seventy Weeks of Years

This page argues regarding Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy that since the author of Daniel knew Jeremiah pretty well and how Jeremiah's prophecy that Israel would be exiled for 70 years proved false for it was 48 years that he probably assumed that the 70 years were not literal and so he might have not meant his 70 weeks to give a specific time span. It also points out how the conservatives often add the before the word anointed in verse 25 to make it seem that Jesus is being referred to and even go as far as to pretend that the seven weeks and the sixty-two weeks add up to sixty nine weeks when they could be running concurrently and indeed must be for the writer could have written 69 weeks instead of 7 and 62 weeks. It shows that the Jewish year was not 360 days long for they had reason to add on a month every three years which means that Jesus would have died about 38 AD which Christians cannot accept for Pilate was axed in 37 AD.

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