Daniel Matters:

Just What is The Taking Away of the "Daily Sacrifice" or "Regular Offering"?

Pertaining to the six (6) verses addressing the <u>nature</u> or <u>quality of</u> the "sacrifice" / "offering" – the one which the Book of Daniel says is *taken away* ... five (5) verses (Daniel 8:11-13; 11:31; 12:11) employ the term "tamid" while one verse (Daniel 9:27) uses the terms "zebach" and "minchah."

"Tamid" emphasizes <u>continual action</u>. This word speaks to perpetual/ongoing activity, thus literal versions of the Bible translate it accordingly: "daily" (KJV; NKJV), "regular" (NASB; ESV; NRSV), etc.

"Zebach" does not speak to the durative nature of the (often animal) sacrifice while the term "minchah" is a term which frequently communicates a bloodless – e.g., grain – offering.

In light of <u>these</u> aspects of the terms used, we at Endurance Ministries offer the following exegetical option (i.e., one viable/Bible-affirming interpretive possibility) as to just what the *daily sacrifice* might be:

We propose the regular, ongoing offerings – ones that will one day be "taken away" **by** the little horn of Daniel 8:11 (also see Daniel 11:30-32 since some have become confused about this issue due to the incorrect way the ESV translates Daniel 8:11) – are the praises and prayers of both Old (i.e., Jewish) and New (i.e., Christian) Covenant members residing in Jerusalem, Israel. These *regular sacrifices*, ones which are currently being presented to God in the area of the Western Wall (specifically, but not necessarily limited to, the Wailing Wall), have been offered in this area on a <u>regular</u> basis for quite some time. We also now acknowledge this fact: Regular **Passover Lamb** sacrifices are also being offered in the vicinity of the former temple area, even prior to the building of the *end-of-days* temple.

In this way of viewing end-time events, we believe the general chronology will look something like this:

The covenant of Daniel 9:27 is made (and/or confirmed). (Note: This event is yet future to the posting of this article in January, 2020.) This covenant will include a confirming commitment to build a new temple for Jewish believers. It will also include a multiplex of buildings which, when the covenant is broken, will be used to promote the false global spirituality endorsed by the antichrist.

The beginning of this massive construction project will require the **closure** of the Wailing Wall area, indeed, closure of the entire temple area given the enormity of this project. This will also include the cessation of the offerings – the prayers and praises – which have taken place at the Wailing Wall on a daily basis now for many decades. It will also bring about the temporary cessation of the Passover sacrifice in the temple area. In sum, the temporary closure of the temple area, we propose, will actually bring about the "taking away of the daily sacrifice" (plural in light of Daniel 9:27) as described in the Book of Daniel.

As Daniel's 70th Week progresses, <u>the Jewish and Christian communities</u>, upon discerning the initial "covenant" is being replaced with a much more encompassing, eclectic project (tied to the agenda to promote a new synergistic and syncretistic world religion – one promoted by the antichrist), <u>will raise protest</u>. This will bring an escalation of persecution against revelation-believing Jews (those affirming the Old Testament) and Christians (those affirming the Old and New Testaments) and will eventually

lead to the setting up of the Abomination of Desolation ... exactly as Daniel 12:11* predicts: 1,290 days after the taking away of the regular sacrifice/offering, the Abomination of Desolation will be set up. When this Abomination of Desolation occurs, in light of the words of our Savior, even greater persecution unfolds. Yes, as outlined by Jesus Christ, the Great Tribulation begins at the time of the setting up of the Abomination of Desolation. (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21)

At this juncture in the consideration of this proposal, please view this **chronology** for other details about this time. Please note: The explicitly biblical, global "last-trumpet" rapture gathering of God's Saints in Christ Jesus (see I Cor. 15:51,52) takes place **AFTER** these events as defined by the eschatological proposal titled, "The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering" and, more importantly, by the explicit data in the Word of God as its *full Counsel* is drawn together. No wonder our LORD has said, "But the one who endures to the end will be saved." (Mt. 24:13)

May we His Church heed His clear warnings and be those who obey His Counsel: "What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake." (Mark 13:37; ESV)

This proposal is presented to His Church whereby we will be "ready" to the extent He calls us to be ... unto Gospel outreach to the lost, unto our protection (in light of the deceptions and persecutions of today and tomorrow) and, most importantly, unto His glory and praise.

Once again, feel free to contact us if you have questions tied to this proposal or if we can help in bringing further shepherding protection to your church during these most challenging days—ones filled with many God-honoring opportunities! Please invite us to come before the soon-coming war against the Saints, a war initiated by the little horn. Simply email our field director, Jon, at email@endmin.org.

For those who are His: May God continue to bless you with His provisions in Christ Jesus through this awesome time. May we be those who are wise and correctly discern and understand the times in light of God's holy, precious Word.

* "And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed *is* he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days." Daniel 12:11, 12; NKJV

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