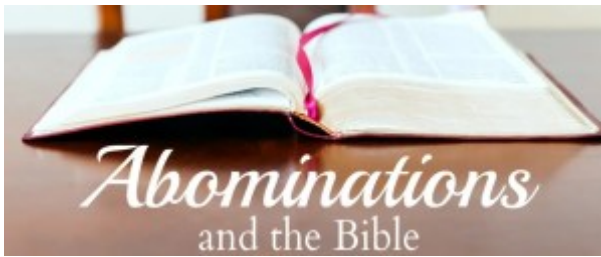


Bible Study of the Use of the Word “Abomination”



abomination /ə-bŏm"ə-nā'shən/
noun

1. Abhorrence; disgust.
2. A cause of abhorrence or disgust.
3. The feeling of extreme disgust and hatred; abhorrence; detestation; loathing.

This morning on Facebook I commented on a friend's post who says, "The Abomination of Desolation is Jewish Temple Worship." I took issue with that because the Bible doesn't explicitly say so.

The phrase, "abomination of desolation" appears only twice in the Bible.

Matthew 24:15 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:)

Mark 13:14 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:

They are both referring to the same thing, the abominable Roman army desolating Jerusalem and the Second Temple. How do I know that? Because it's a fulfillment of the latter parts of the prophecies of Daniel 9:26 and 27! Daniel 9:26 is the clearest:

Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince (Roman General Titus) that shall come shall destroy the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary (the Temple); and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war (Romans with the Jews) **desolations are determined**.

And if that's not clear enough for you what the Abomination of Desolation really means, the Gospel writer Luke makes it as clear as crystal in Luke 21:20!

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

Luke wrote his Gospel to the Greek Gentiles who did not read Daniel chapter

9. He interpreted for them the meaning of “abomination of desolation” as “Jerusalem compassed with armies,” the armies of Rome which were an abomination to the Jews! And what do armies do? Make desolation of every place they fight a war at.

This discussion inspired me to list all the verses in the Bible to see how the word “abomination” is used. In the KJV that word occurs 76 times in 69 verses in 54 chapters in 18 books. The plural of the word, “abominations,” is not included in this Bible study.

Abominations to the Egyptians

- Genesis 43:32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an **abomination** unto the Egyptians.
- Genesis 46:34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an **abomination** unto the Egyptians.
- Exodus 8:26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the **abomination** of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the **abomination** of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

It's interesting to me that the first three times the word abomination is used, it's something that was abominable about God's people to the Egyptians. In the Bible Egypt is sometimes used as a metaphor for the world, the Establishment, the Powers that Be.

Abominations to you

- Leviticus 11:10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an **abomination** unto you:
- Leviticus 11:11 They shall be even an **abomination** unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in **abomination**.
- Leviticus 11:12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an **abomination** unto you.
- Leviticus 11:13 And these are they which ye shall have in **abomination** among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an **abomination**: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,
- Leviticus 11:20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an **abomination** unto you.
- Leviticus 11:23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an **abomination** unto you.
- Leviticus 11:41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an **abomination**; it shall not be eaten.
- Leviticus 11:42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an **abomination**.

Abominations to God

- Leviticus 7:18 And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an **abomination**, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.
- Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt **not lie with mankind, as with womankind**: it is **abomination**.
- Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an **abomination**: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.
- Deuteronomy 7:25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an **abomination** to the LORD thy God.
- Deuteronomy 7:26 Neither shalt thou bring an **abomination** into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.
- Deuteronomy 12:31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every **abomination** to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.
- Deuteronomy 13:14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such **abomination** is wrought among you;
- Deuteronomy 17:1 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evilfavouredness: for that is an **abomination** unto the LORD thy God.
- Deuteronomy 17:4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such **abomination** is wrought in Israel:
- Deuteronomy 18:12 For all that do these things are an **abomination** unto the LORD: and because of these **abominations** the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.
- Deuteronomy 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are **abomination** unto the LORD thy God.
- Deuteronomy 23:18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are **abomination** unto the LORD thy God.
- Deuteronomy 24:4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is **abomination** before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.
- Deuteronomy 25:16 For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an **abomination** unto the LORD thy God.
- Deuteronomy 27:15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an **abomination** unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.
- 1 Kings 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the

Zidonians, and after Milcom the **abomination** of the Ammonites.

- 1 Kings 11:7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the **abomination** of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the **abomination** of the children of Ammon.
- 2 Kings 23:13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the **abomination** of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the **abomination** of the Moabites, and for Milcom the **abomination** of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.
- Proverbs 3:32 For the froward is **abomination** to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.
- Proverbs 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an **abomination** unto him:
- Proverbs 8:7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an **abomination** to my lips.
- Proverbs 11:1 A false balance is **abomination** to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.
- Proverbs 11:20 They that are of a froward heart are **abomination** to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.
- Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are **abomination** to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.
- Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an **abomination** to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- Proverbs 15:9 The way of the wicked is an **abomination** unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
- Proverbs 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are an **abomination** to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.
- Proverbs 16:5 Every one that is proud in heart is an **abomination** to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.
- Proverbs 17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are **abomination** to the LORD.
- Proverbs 20:10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike **abomination** to the LORD.
- Proverbs 20:23 Divers weights are an **abomination** unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good.
- Proverbs 21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked is **abomination**: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?
- Proverbs 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be **abomination**.
- Isaiah 1:13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an **abomination** unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
- Isaiah 41:24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an **abomination** is he that chooseth you.
- Isaiah 44:19 And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an **abomination**? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?
- Isaiah 66:17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the

- abomination**, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.
- Jeremiah 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an **abomination**.
 - Jeremiah 6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed **abomination**? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.
 - Jeremiah 8:12 Were they ashamed when they had committed **abomination**? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.
 - Jeremiah 32:35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this **abomination**, to cause Judah to sin.
 - Ezekiel 16:50 And they were haughty, and committed **abomination** before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.
 - Ezekiel 18:12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed **abomination**,
 - Ezekiel 22:11 And one hath committed **abomination** with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.
 - Ezekiel 33:26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work **abomination**, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?
 - Daniel 11:31 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.
 - Daniel 12:11 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.
 - Malachi 2:11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an **abomination** is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.
 - Luke 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is **abomination** in the sight of God.
 - Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh **abomination**, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Abomination to others

- 1 Samuel 13:4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in **abomination with the Philistines**. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.
- Psalms 88:8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an **abomination unto them**: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

- Proverbs 13:19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is **abomination to fools** to depart from evil.
- Proverbs 16:12 It is an **abomination to kings** to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.
- Proverbs 24:9 The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an **abomination to men**.
- Proverbs 29:27 An unjust man is an **abomination to the just**: and he that is upright in the way is **abomination to the wicked**.
- Matthew 24:15 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:)
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