

but it is often difficult to see in advance of their fulfillment the precise meaning of prophecies of the distant future. Since the probable time of fulfillment is the same as that involved in Jesus' statement, it impresses me as highly probable that this verse is the one He had in mind in the verses quoted above. Various guesses have been made as to the precise form of the predicted "abomination that causes desolation." In line with the original use in 1 Maccabees, some have suggested that it meant the placing of Roman religious signs or statues in the temple. If the reference is to the time of Antichrist it could point to something of similar nature.

The inserted words "of the temple" are a guess and precise interpretation of this part of the verse is difficult. If the events predicted are still future the exact meaning should become clear at the time of their fulfillment. It is difficult to relate the last part of the verse, "until the end that is decreed is poured out on him," to anything that happened to the Roman conquerors of Jerusalem, unless the NIV marginal reading, "it," is adopted, in which case it could point to the destruction of the temple or of the city.

Notes

^{^1} See pp. 166-168.

^{^2} Keil, p. 359-362; Leupold, p. 427-428.

^{^3} S. R. Driver, *The Book of Daniel* (Cambridge University Press, 1900), 139; J. A. Montgomery, *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Daniel* (New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1927), p. 381; Arthur Jeffery, "Daniel" in *The Interpreter's Bible*, Vol. VI (New York: Abingdon, 1956), p. 496; Norman W. Porteous, *Daniel* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1965), p. 142.

^{^4} Josephus, *Wars of the Jews* trans. by Wm. Whiston, Book VI, Ch. 4, sec. 6,7 (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1960) pp. 580-581.

^{^5} Montgomery, p. 383.

^{^6} Gen. 6:17; 9:11, 15.

^{^7} Gen. 13:10; 19:13, 14.