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## **Matthew 24:15 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore when you see the  
ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which  
was spoken of through Daniel the  
prophet, standing in the holy place  
(let the reader understand),

## **Daniel 7:1-8 (NASB)**

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he wrote the dream down *and related the following* summary of it.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel said, “I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. <sup>3</sup> And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

<sup>4</sup> The first *was* like a lion and had *the* wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.

<sup>5</sup> And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, ‘Arise, devour much meat!’ <sup>6</sup> After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

<sup>7</sup> After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

<sup>8</sup> While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great *boasts*.



## Revelation 13:5-6 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. <sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, *that is*, those who dwell in heaven.

The background of the slide is a photograph of an ancient Egyptian temple interior. On the left, a large column is partially visible, with a fire burning in a brazier at its base. On the right, a statue of a pharaoh stands in a contemplative pose. The walls are covered in hieroglyphs and have a weathered, golden-brown appearance.

Arrogant

μεγας

Meg-as

Of things which overstep the province  
of a created being. Proud things,  
derogatory to the majesty of God!

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## **2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NASB)**

<sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

## Daniel 7:9-14 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> “I kept looking  
Until thrones were set up,  
And the Ancient of Days took *His*  
seat;  
His vesture *was* like white snow  
And the hair of His head like pure  
wool.  
His throne *was* ablaze with flames,  
Its wheels *were* a burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> “A river of fire was flowing  
And coming out from before Him;  
Thousands upon thousands were  
attending Him,  
And myriads upon myriads were  
standing before Him;  
The court sat,  
And the books were opened.

<sup>11</sup> Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. <sup>12</sup> As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

## **Revelation 20:11-12 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.



<sup>13</sup> “I kept looking in the night visions,  
And behold, with the clouds of heaven  
One like a Son of Man was coming,  
And He came up to the Ancient of  
Days And was presented before Him.

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<sup>14</sup> “And to Him was given dominion,  
Glory and a kingdom, That all the  
peoples, nations and *men of every*  
language Might serve Him.

His dominion is an everlasting  
dominion Which will not pass away;  
And His kingdom is one  
Which will not be destroyed.

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## **Daniel 7:15 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> “As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.

## Daniel 7:19-22 (NASB)

<sup>19</sup> “Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

<sup>20</sup> and *the meaning* of the ten horns that *were* on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three *of them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts* and which was larger in appearance than its associates.

<sup>21</sup> I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them <sup>22</sup> until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

## **Daniel 7:25 (NASB)**

<sup>25</sup> He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.



Exhaust

בלא

Bel-aw

To wear out.

To harass constantly.

Used only in the mental sense.

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An hourglass with sand falling, and a scroll of parchment, set against a dark blue background with many small white stars.

Alter

שנא

Shen-aw

To change

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Seasons

זמן

Zem-awn

A set time.

A fixed appointed time.



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Law

דָּת

Dawth

Laws, decrees, edicts of God.

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## Exodus 33:15-16 (NASB)

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to Him, “If Your presence does not go *with us*, do not lead us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the *other* people who are upon the face of the earth?”



Presence

פנים

Paw-neem

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Presence

פנה

Paw-naw

To turn towards

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Going

הלך

Haw-lak

To go, to lead, to walk

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## Isaiah 8:9-10 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> “Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered; And give ear, all remote places of the earth. Gird yourselves, yet be shattered; Gird yourselves, yet be shattered. <sup>10</sup> “Devise a plan, but it will be thwarted; State a proposal, but it will not stand, For God is with us.”



## **1 Timothy 1:17 (NASB)**

<sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal,  
immortal, invisible, the only God,  
*be* honor and glory forever and  
ever. Amen.