

Living In Light of Eternity

“The Antichrist Takes Over” (The Midway Point of the Tribulation)

**Midway Point Event #1 – Satanic _____ in heaven and on earth.
(Revelation 12:7-17)**

Phase 1: War in _____ – Angels and Demons (Revelation 12:7-12)

Phase 2: War on _____ – Satan v. Israel (Revelation 12:13-17)

**Midway Point Event #2 – Satanic _____ in the Temple. (Daniel 9:27; 12:11;
Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14)**

What exactly is the abomination of desolation?

First, the word abomination refers to an idol or image. Second, the first reference to the abomination of desolation in Daniel 9:27 links it to Antichrist’s breaking his covenant with Israel. The phrase “on the wing of abominations” in Daniel 9 refers to the pinnacle of the Temple, emphasizing the idea of an overspreading influence. In other words, what begins in the Temple will spread throughout the world. The abomination that makes desolate then is an idol or image that desolates the Temple and spreads out from there to the entire world.

**Midway Point Event #3 – The _____ and _____
of the Antichrist. (Revelation 13:3-4; 17:8)**

The Tribulation seems to be a unique time where God permits Satan to use miracles to deceive those who are rejecting Christ’s salvation. Satan will use his power to the full extent, even bringing the Antichrist back from the dead.

Once the Antichrist has died and Satan is allowed to resurrect him it is then that Satan will indwell the Antichrist. From that point on, the Antichrist will have the power to perform all kinds of signs, wonders, and miracles and will unleash his final great work of deception.

Midpoint Event #4 – The _____ of the _____. (Revelation 13:16-18)

A big question here is, “What is this mark?”

The word “mark” appears throughout both the OT and NT. For example, in Leviticus it is used as a reference to a mark that renders a person ceremonially unclean, usually due to leprosy.

The Greek NT uses the word for “mark” or “sign” eight times, seven coming in Revelation and all seven refer to the “mark of the beast.” The word “mark” in the Greek (charagma) always means “a mark or stamp engraved, etched, branded, cut, imprinted.” With that word study it leads us to the conclusion that this mark is a literal visible mark that will be on either one’s forehead or hand, it is not something figurative or symbolic.

Conclusion:

While none of us are being asked to either pledge allegiance to the beast by receiving a mark or bow our knee to Jesus and potentially face death we are all engaged in a daily epic battle that is similar.

Daily we have to choose whether we will go along with Satan’s deception to sin and get our will done or to bow our knee to Jesus and see His will done!

You see, each of us are part of a much larger story than just our own lives. Everything we think, say, and do either reflects the greatness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, or it profanes His name and promotes Satan’s agenda! Which will you choose today?