

# Three Desolations of Jerusalem



In the history of Jerusalem there are three desolations. They are often called the abomination of desolation because the people's sins (the abomination) leads to the the corruption or destruction of the temple (desolation).

## First Desolation

In 586 B.C the Babylonians destroy Jerusalem, and destroy the temple, trying to take all it's gold. The people of Jerusalem are taken into captivity in Babylon.

*Jeremiah 6:8, 15*

*2 Chronicles 36:14*

*Ezekiel 5:11, 14*

*Daniel 9:17*

## Second Desolation

In 186 B.C. Antiochus IV, in his fury against the Jews, brings several persecutions upon them. One of which is he goes into the Holy of Holies, where only the high priest could go once a year, sets up an altar to Zeus, and sacrifices a pig (an unclean animal) to the pagan god.

*Daniel 8:13*

*Daniel 11:31*

## Third Desolation

In 70 A.D. Titus, the Roman general, comes to Jerusalem and lays siege to the city. Eventually he destroys the entire city, and razes the temple to the ground.

*Daniel 12:11*

*Daniel 9:27*

*Matthew 25:15*