

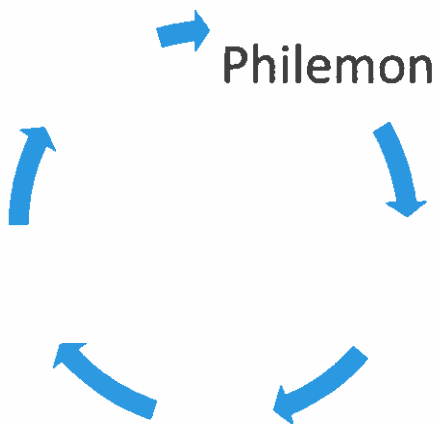


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Directions: Name five Books that should be in this category.

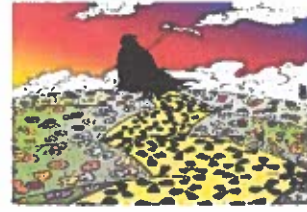
Law Books	Paul's letters to the church	General Epistles	Old Testament History Books	Minor Prophets

Follow the order. What comes next?





## It's Almost Midnight



**Scriptures:** Matthew 24 and 25

The Destruction of the Temple: Signs of the End of the Age

**Warning:** "Watch out that no one misleads you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will mislead many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Make sure that you are not alarmed, for this must happen, but the end is still to come.

1. For nation will rise up in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
2. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these things are the **beginning of birth pains**.
3. Persecution of Disciples will be handed over to be persecuted and killed.
4. You will be hated by all the nations because of my name.
5. Many will be led into sin, and they will betray one another and hate one another.
6. Many false prophets will appear and deceive many. And because lawlessness will increase so much, the love of many will grow cold.

But the person who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole inhabited earth as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.



## The Abomination of Desolation



**Abomination**- the thing that causes disgust or hatred. It is mainly used to denote idolatry, and in many other cases it refers to inherently evil things such as illicit sex, lying, murder, deceit, etc. an abomination offends God because it is offensive on religious grounds. The translation of the Hebrew word for abomination is actually the translation of three different levels or kinds of abominations in terms of severity *toebah*, *shekez*, and *piggul*. Abomination refers mostly to violations of the Mosaic Law, specifically violations of the mitzvot on the worship of God in Judaism, it also includes some violations of the moral law (lying, perversion, etc.).

**Toebah** is the highest level or worst kind of abomination. It includes the sins of idolatry, placing or worshiping false gods in the temple, eating unclean animals, magic, divination, perversion (incest, pederasty, homosexuality and bestiality), cheating, lying, killing the innocent, false witness, illegal offerings (imperfect animals, etc.), hypocritical offerings (seeking atonement without repentance), and offending the religious sense of another people (for example, the Israelites sacrificing cattle, eating bread, and shepherding sheep were abhorrent to the ancient Egyptians). Some of the listed sins warranted the death penalty, under specific conditions in Judaism until the death penalty was effectively abolished in Judaism by or at the time of the destruction of the second temple. Gen. 46:34; Ex. 8:26; Proverbs 6:16-19; Deut. 7:25; 13:14;

Ezek. 36:26; 16:22, 58; Ezek. 22:11; 33:26; I Kings 14:24; Jer. 32:35; Prov. 12:22; 16:5; Deut. 14:3.

Shekez is the middle level or kind of abomination. It includes the sins of idolatry and eating unclean animals. Oftentimes in the Bible shekez is used interchangeably with toebah.

Piggul (unclean or putrid) is the lowest level or least kind of abomination. In the Bible it refers to the sin of illegal offerings. It refers to the sin of hypocritical offerings.

Proverbs 6:16-19 lists seven things which are also abominations:

1. Haughty eyes
2. Lying tongue
3. Hands that shed innocent blood
4. A heart that devises wicked schemes
5. Feet that are swift in running to mischief
6. A false witness who utters lies
7. One who spreads strife among brothers.