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The Testimony of Messiah, and Writers of the Gospels



When examining any issue, whether it is doctrinal or critical in nature, **Yeshua's** view is of the greatest importance. Strong evidence for the traditional view of authorship and date comes from the testimony of Messiah Himself. In Matthew 24:15 and Mark 13:14 our Lord stated: So when you see the abomination that causes desolation standing in the Most Holy Place spoken of through the prophet Daniel, let the reader understand. Four very important points concerning Messiah's assessment of the authorship and date of Dani'el's prophecy may be observed from this statement. First, Messiah demonstrated His belief that Dani'el was a real, historical person who was an instrument of divine revelation. Second, our Lord held that the prophecies contained in the book of Dani'el came from **Dani'el** himself, not from a later anonymous person. **Third**, **Yeshua** assured us that this prophecy describes future events, for the context shows that the abomination that causes desolation, to which Messiah referred to is in the future (see Revelation, to see link click Dr - The Abomination That Causes Desolation). This means that arguments based on the premise that the prophets never foretold the far eschatological future are invalid. Fourth, apparently the only view vogue during the time of Messiah for the setting of the prophet **Dani'el** was the sixth century BC; thus, **Yeshua** treated **Dani'el** as a historical person, so **He** also assumed the sixth-century date.

In Matthew 26:64 (also see Mark 14:62 and Luke 22:69) Messiah alluded to Dani'el 7:13-14, when He said: I tell you that one day you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Powerful One (or *Ha'G'vurah*, a common substitute for the actual name of God) and coming on the clouds of heaven. Again, Yeshua treated Dani'el as



speaking in **the far eschatological future** by indicating that the passage in **Dani'el 7** refers to **Himself** and **His** future Second Coming (see **Revelation** <u>Ai</u> - Look, He is **Coming with the Clouds**).¹⁰