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Acts 6: 4 ASV

The Abomination of Desolation at
Mount Zion by Babylon
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- **Text:** Ezekiel 33: 29 ASV

Then shall they know that I am Jehovah, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed.

- Abomination making Mount Zion desolate are prophetic words fulfilled more than once! God doomed Solomon's temple to fire. It was burnt by the king of Babylon on 10 Av 587 B.C.

Josephus The Wars of the Jews Book 6 Chapter 4.5 (page 739)

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- **Text:** Josephus The Antiquities of the Jews Book 10 Chapter 8.1
(page 275)

The king of Babylon was very interested and earnest upon the seige of Jerusalem; and he erected towers upon great banks of earth and from them repelled those that stood upon the walls; he also made a great number of such banks round about the whole city, the height of which was equal to the walls. Those that were within bore the seige with courage for eighteen months, until they were destroyed by famine,

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and by the darts which the enemy threw at them from the towers.

- **Text:** Josephus The Antiquities of the Jews Book 10 Chapter 8.2
(page 275)

Now the city was taken on the ninth day of the fourth month, in the eleventh year of the reign of Zedekiah. Zedekiah fled out of the city with his children and his wives. Ezekiel had foretold to him, that he should be caught, and brought before the king of Babylon, and should speak to him face to face. My net also will I spread upon

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him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there (Ezekiel 12: 13 ASV). Nebuchadnezzar began to call him a wicked wretch, and a covenant-breaker, and one who had forgotten his former words. When he had used these words to Zedekiah, he commanded his sons and friends to be slain, while Zedekiah looked on; after which he put out the eyes of Zedekiah.

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- **Text:** Josephus The Antiquities of the Jews Book 10 Chapter 8.5
(page 275)

The king of Babylon sent Nebuzaradan, the general of the army, to Jerusalem, to pillage the temple; who had it also in command to burn it and the royal palace, and to lay the city even with the ground, and to transplant the people to Babylon. He carried out the vessels of God, both gold and silver, and particularly the large laver which Solomon dedicated, as also the pillars of brass, and their chapiters, with the

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golden candlesticks. When he had carried these off, he set fire to the temple in the fifth month, the first day of the month, in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. He also burnt the palace and overthrew the city. Now the temple was burnt four hundred and seventy years, six months and ten days, after it was built. It was then one thousand and sixty two years, six months and ten days from the departure from Egypt and from the Deluge to the destruction of the temple, the whole interval

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was one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven years, six months, and ten days; but from the generation of Adam, until this befell the temple, there were three thousand five hundred and thirteen years, six months, and ten days. The king commanded the heads of the high priest and the rulers to be cut off.

- **Let's praise the LORD in song:**

Disc 1 Hymn 22

WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION

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- 1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known

Join in a song with sweet ac-cord, Join in a song
with sweet ac-cord,

And thus sur—round the throne, And thus sur—
round the throne.

NEXT

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- CHORUS

We're march-ing to Zi-on, Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful
Zi-on;

We're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, The beau-ti-ful
cit-y of God.

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- 2. Let those re-fuse to sing Who nev-er knew
our God;

But chil-dren of the heav'nly King, But chil-dren of
the heav'nly King,

May speak their joys a-broad, May speak their
joys a-broad.

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- CHORUS

We're march-ing to Zi-on, Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful
Zi-on;

We're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, The beau-ti-ful
cit-y of God.

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4. Then let our songs a-bound, And ev-'ry tear be
dry;

We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, We're
marching thro' Immanuel's ground,

To fair—er worlds on high, To fair-er worlds on
high.

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- CHORUS

We're march-ing to Zi-on, Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful
Zi-on;

We're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, The beau-ti-ful
cit-y of God.

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