

Fullness of the Gentiles- Luke 21:24 times of the Gentiles

-Matthew 24

v.1-2 Jesus went out from the Temple- it is now left desolate
- refers to destruction of the Temple in 70 AD by the Romans

v.3 They ask three questions

- 1) When will this destruction take place?
- 2) What is the sign of Your coming ?
- 3) What is the sign of the end of the age ?

v.4-14 Answers third question

- persecution of Jews
- v.14 gospel preached- some say Jesus will not come until we evangelize the world- great goal but as we see in Revelation, there will be other witnesses beyond the church

v.15 abomination of desolation- (*Dan 9:25-27 NKJV*) *"Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. {26} "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. {27} Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.".....(Dan 11:31 NKJV) "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.....(Dan 11:36-38 NKJV) "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. {37} "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. {38} "But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.*

- in 170 BC Antiochus Euphianes did just this, set up a covenant, then sacrificed pig in the temple and did away with sacrifices and set up image of Jupiter to be worshipped. This was a type of the Antichrist.

Prophecies Currently Being Fulfilled

- The Jewish people will be regathered in unbelief from the four corners of the earth

Isaiah 11:11 through Isaiah 11:12 (NKJV) ¹¹ *It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.*

¹² *He will set up a banner for the nations,
And will assemble the outcasts of Israel,
And gather together the dispersed of Judah
From the four corners of the earth.*

Fulfillment: 20th Century and continuing.

- The state of Israel will be re-established

Isaiah 66:7 through Isaiah 66:8 (NKJV) ⁷ *“Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child.*

⁸ *Who has heard such a thing?*

Who has seen such things?

Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day?

Or shall a nation be born at once?

For as soon as Zion was in labor,

She gave birth to her children.

Ezekiel 37:21 through Ezekiel 37:22 (NKJV) ²¹ *“Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²²and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. Fulfillment: May 14, 1948.*

- The Jews will once again re-occupy the city of Jerusalem

Zechariah 8:4 through Zechariah 8:8 (NKJV) ⁴ “Thus says the LORD of hosts:

*‘Old men and old women shall again sit
In the streets of Jerusalem,
Each one with his staff in his hand
Because of great age.*

⁵ *The streets of the city
Shall be full of boys and girls
Playing in its streets.’*

⁶ “Thus says the LORD of hosts:
*‘If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,
Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?’
Says the LORD of hosts.*

⁷ “Thus says the LORD of hosts:
*‘Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east
And from the land of the west;*
⁸ *I will bring them back,
And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
They shall be My people
And I will be their God,
In truth and righteousness.’*

Fulfillment: June 7, 1967.

- The land of Israel will be reclaimed from its desolation, becoming once again a land of agricultural abundance

Ezekiel 36:34 through Ezekiel 36:35 (NKJV) ³⁴ *The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.* ³⁵ *So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’*

Fulfillment: 20th Century and continuing.

- The Hebrew language will be revived from the dead

Zephaniah 3:9 (NKJV) ⁹ “For then I will restore to the peoples a pure

language,

That they all may call on the name of the LORD,

To serve Him with one accord.

Fulfillment: 19th & 20th Centuries.

- All the nations of the world will come together against Israel over the issue of the control of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-3). Fulfillment: Currently occurring.

Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled

- The Arab nations of the world will attack Israel in a coordinated effort to annihilate the state (Psalm 83).
- Israel will soundly defeat the Arab alliance (Zechariah 12:6).
- Israel will dwell in security and prosperity (Ezekiel 38:11).
- A Russian coalition consisting mainly of Muslim nations will invade Israel (Ezekiel 38:1-17).
- The Russian coalition will be destroyed supernaturally by God (Ezekiel 38:18-23 & 39:1-8).
- The Antichrist will intervene and guarantee the security of Israel, enabling the Jews to rebuild their Temple (Daniel 9:27).
- At the end of three and a half years, the Antichrist will enter the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and declare himself to be God (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15-18, & 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).
- The Jews will reject the Antichrist, and he will respond with an attempt to annihilate them, killing two-thirds of them in the process (Revelation 12:13-17 & Zechariah 13:8-9).
- At the end of the Tribulation, when the Jews have come to the end of themselves, they will turn to God and receive Yeshua as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10, Romans 9:27-28, & Romans 11:25-27).

What is the defining event that marks the “fullness of the Gentiles” or “the times of the Gentiles being fulfilled”?

The Rapture- 1 Thess. 4

2 Thessalonians 2

v.1-2 Gathering together to Him- refers to the rapture from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- Day of Christ- some had been saying that tribulation had started
- don't be shaken by spirit- prophetic utterances- 1 Thessalonians 5 said not to despise prophecies but also to test all things- How can they be tested ? Only one way , the Word

v.3 Let no one deceive you- the word means not just deceive but to lead astray

- falling away- apostasia- departure from faith is the normal translation but it can also mean removal, I think this is a dual meaning that there will be a falling away from the faith when the church is removed

- Revelation 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'; and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked;

- in Revelation 17- God tells us of " Mystery Babylon ", this is in part the compromised church that is left after the rapture that is open to anything

v.3-4 man of sin/son of perdition

- see Matthew 24- Jesus makes reference to the prophecies of Daniel 9 &12

- read Revelation 13

v.6-8 He Who restrains is the Holy Spirit working through the church, when

that influence is removed, the power of the antichrist will have full reign-
see Revelation 1-4

- The Lord will consume the antichrist, not at this time but at the end
of the Tribulation period - *read Revelation 19*

v.9-10 working of Satan - with power (dunimias), same word used for power
of Holy Spirit, sign and lying wonders (illusions- *Revelation 18:23* says that
the antichrist will deceive through sorcery- pharmacia- drugs)

v.11 God sends a delusion- not in an unjust way, they have already rejected
the love of truth in previous verse- God now sets their heart

- *Isaiah 29:9* *Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind!*
They are drunk, but not with wine; They stagger, but not with intoxicating
drink.

10 For the LORD has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has
closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads,
namely, the seers.

- **BELIEVE THE LIE**

- *Genesis 3:4-5* *Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will*
not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be
opened, and you will be like God,- same lie Satan has told from the
beginning, many variations from you are god to you are not responsible to
anyone, situation ethics, etc.

v.12 They choose unrighteousness

v.13 we are chosen by God from the beginning- no is ever chosen to be lost

- *see Hebrews 7* -regarding Levi in Abraham's loins

- *John 4:42 and 1 John 4:14*- refer to Jesus as Savior of the world

- *1 John 2:2- And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins,*
and not for ours only but also for the whole world

- **1 Pet. 1:1 through 1 Pet. 1:2 (NKJV)**

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²elect according to the
foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for
obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

- both sides- God's and man's

- chosen by sanctification by the Spirit

- chosen by belief in the truth

v.14 we are called

- by the gospel- message of the cross draws people
- for obtaining glory- being used- *2 Corinthians 4*

v.15 Stand fast and hold the traditions- not just any traditions but the Word which has been delivered to us

- hold fast to the Word

v.16 God has loved us- **this is His motivation for providing salvation**

- given us everlasting consolation
- good hope by grace- “ I know the thoughts I think of you...”
- comfort our hearts and establish us in every good **word and work**

Robert Murray McCheyne a Presbyterian minister would ask people, “ Do you think the Lord is coming today?” If they answered no, he would say” Then my friend you had better be ready, for He is coming at such an hour as ye think not