

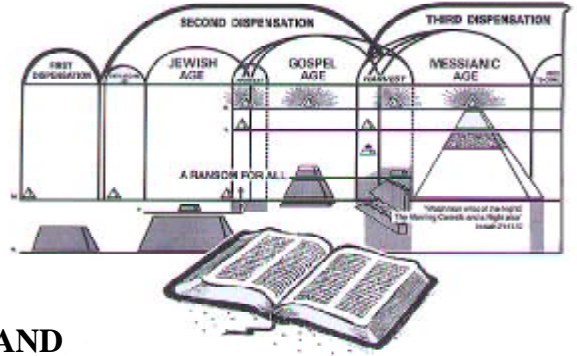


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THE TIME IS AT HAND

STUDY 4

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

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1. “Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the **GENTILES** until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” (Luke 21:24)

2. That interval between the removal of the Kingdom of Israel and the establishment of the true kingdom of God is termed, “ **TIMES OF THE GENTILES** ”. (Ezekiel 21:25-27)

3. God didn't commend the Gentile governments but did recognize their **DOMINION** for an appointed time.

4. (a) **ADAM** was originally given the dominion of earth, (Genesis 1:28) but he **FAILED** . (Genesis 3:17)

(b) Next the **ANGELS** were permitted to have the control.

(c) The promise to Abraham, was “In thy seed shall all the **FAMILIES** of the earth be blessed.” (Genesis 22:18)

5. Did the other nations have a desire to be the chief nation? **YES**

6. Did the Kings and the princes claim that God specially chose them to bless the people of earth? **YES**

7. (a) Israel hoped for the promised **DOMINION** of earth.

(b) Were the angels able to rule and bless the world? **NO** (Jude 6)

(c) Are the earthly governments able to rule the world in its present sinful condition? **NO**

8. (a) The Kingdom of Israel was typical in some respects of the **KINGDOM** of Christ.

(b) The typical Kingdom of Israel was removed in the days of **ZEDEKIAH** . (Ezekiel 21:24-27)

9. (a) The typical Kingdom of Israel was first turned over to **BABYLON** then to Medo-Per-sia, then to **GRECIA** , and then to **ROME** .

(b) God's Kingdom under Christ's administration will be the **FIFTH** universal empire of earth.

(c) The Kingdom of God is established **GRADUALLY** during a great time of **TROUBLE** . (Revelation 11:15-18)

10. The lease of dominion to the Gentiles expired in A.D. **1914** .

11-17. (a) The smiting of the Gentile image (Daniel 2:44) and then the eviction of the Gentile nations began in A.D. 1914 at the time the first World War began under the direction of earth's new ruler, King **JESUS** .

(b) The spiritual phase of the Kingdom cannot be fully set up without every **MEMBER** of the body of Christ.

(c) Since 1914 Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the **GENTILES** .

(d) Israel will be **BLIND** in part until the full number of the bride is completed from the Gentiles as well as from the Jews. (Romans 11:25)

(e) The great time of trouble, which comes in spasms (Daniel 12:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3) will culminate in a world-wide reign of **ANARCHY** .

(f) The work of the complete eviction of the Gentile nations and the testing of the last members of the

body of Christ has taken longer than was first expected, but the signs in the earth now indicate that soon the "bride" will have made herself ready and then shortly thereafter the almighty God by or through the Christ will stop the **TROUBLE** . (Zechariah 14:3; Matthew 24:22)

(g) When worldwide anarchy begins, the great **MULTITUDE** (Revelation 7:9) will first recognize that the Lord's anointed is reigning; then fleshly **ISRAEL** , at the close of anarchy, will recognize the divine intervention on her behalf (Jeremiah 30:7). Ultimately all **MAN-KIND** will recognize the presence of King Jesus. (Revelation 1:7)

18. The "times of the **GENTILES** " was a definite, fixed period of time.

19. Do those now watching know the beginning and the termination of the Gentile times? (1 Thessalonians 5:1,2) **YES**

20. (a) The "Times of the Gentiles" is a period of **2520** years, from B.C. 606 to and including 1914.

(b) The Gentile Times began at the time of the removal of the crown of God's typical Kingdom from **ZEDEKIAH** , Israel's last king.

21. (a) Jerusalem was besieged by **NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S** army and laid in ruins, and so remained for **SEVENTY** years. (2 Chronicles 36:21)

(b) Even though Cyrus restored Israel to their land and personal liberty, Israel, as a nation was subject successively to the **PERSIANS** , **GRECIANS** and **ROMANS** .

(c) At the time of our Lord's first advent, Israel was under the **ROMAN** yoke. (Luke 2:1)

22. (a) The first year of the reign of Cyrus was B.C. **536** .

(b) Seventy years prior to the first year of the reign of Cyrus brings us to B.C. **606** .

23. (a) Was the Kingdom of God set up at Pentecost? **NO**

(b) Was the Kingdom of God set up when the Roman Empire was converted to Christianity by Papacy? **NO**

(c) Those nations designated Christian nations are really "Kingdoms of this **WORLD** ".

24. (a) During the Gospel Age, the Kingdom of Christ has been subject to the **GENTILE** kingdoms.

(b) Righteousness will begin to prevail in the

earth at the time the great time of **TROUBLE** is stopped by the Christ (Head and body members). (Matthew 24:22; Psalm 46:8-10)

(c) Christians should keep separate from the kingdoms of this world, but should render to them due respect and **OBEDIENCE** .

25. The Kingdom could not be fully established until some point in time after the lease to the **GENTILES** expired.

26. (a) Our Lord and King was present in earth's atmosphere for 40 years before the lease to the **GENTILES** expired.

(b) The crown passed away in the days of **ZEDEKIAH** but the scepter did not depart until **639** years afterward when our Lord Jesus became the rightful and only heir of the long promised scepter of earth.

27. (a) God promised Abraham that "in thy seed shall all the **NATIONS** of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 22:18)

(b) Moses prophetically declared to the people, A **PROPHET** like unto me shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren. (Deuteronomy 18:15)

(c) After the promise, "The scepter shall not depart from **JUDAH** ", the other tribes who had faith in the promises in a measure clung to Judah. (Genesis 49:10)

28. (a) The Lord's promise to David, that of the fruit of his loins he would raise up one to sit upon his throne forever, had narrowed down the promise in the tribe of Judah to one **FAMILY** .

(b) The Jewish bosom swelled with hope and pride after **SOLOMON** became king.

29. After Solomon's death the kingdom was overturned and the people were carried captives to **BABYLON** . (Psalm 137:1)

30. Though the crown was removed, the scepter (the right to rule) remained until **SHILOH** came. (Ezekiel 21:25-27)

31. (a) The sect of the **PHARISEES** claimed to fulfill every particular of the law blamelessly. (Mark 7:1-5)

(b) This sect called others publicans and **SINNERS** .

32. (a) Could any of the fallen race keep the Law perfectly? (John 7: 19; Romans 3:20) **NO**

(b) Our Lord did not blame the Pharisees for being unable to keep the Law, but he did blame them for **HYPOCRISY** .

(c) Could the Pharisees have come nearer to a perfect observance of the Law than they did? **YES**

33. Did our Lord fully surrender himself to the will and plan of God? (Hebrews 10:7,9) **YES**

34. (a) By obeying the Law perfectly our Lord became the heir of all the blessings promised in that Law Covenant made with **ISRAEL** at Mount Sinai and was proved to be the **SEED** of Abraham.

(b) The great prize was won by the Lion (the strong one) of the tribe of **JUDAH**

(c) Shiloh, the great **PEACEMAKER**, not only redeemed mankind from the condemnation of death, but in due time will overthrow all wrong and evil and establish peace upon a sure basis of holiness. (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

35. Christ made an end of the **LAW** Covenant, nailing it to his cross. (Colossians 2: 14)

36. The **SCEPTER** was given to the Lion (the strong one, the highly exalted spiritual creature, the Lord of **GLORY**) from the tribe of Judah.

37. When our Lord came to his own people at the first advent, he was, **DESPISED** and rejected. (John 1:11)

38. (a) Shiloh received the scepter and "all power" at his **RESURRECTION**. (Matthew 28:18)

(b) The spiritual seed of Abraham is being selected from both **JEWS** and **GENTILES**. (John 1:12; Acts 15:14)

(c) After the gathering of the elect Church is accomplished, Israel and eventually all the families of the earth will begin to be **BLESSED**. (Revelation 22:17)

(d) Shortly after the better Mediator (The Christ, Head and body members) is complete, Shiloh will exercise his great **POWER** for the establishment of the earthly phase of the **KINGDOM**, and the Mediatorial reign will begin. (Romans 11:25,26)

39, 40. The understanding regarding the Gentile Times was concealed until "the time of the **END**." (Daniel 12:4,10)

41. Our Lord's words, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" suggest a **LIMIT** and definite period and also that spiritual and fleshly Israel has been subject to the **GENTILE** powers. (Luke 21:24)

42. (a) If Israel would obey God faithfully, they would be **BLESSED** above other nations.

(b) If Israel would not hearken to God, they were to be punished **SEVEN** times more for their sins. (Leviticus 26:17,18, 24, 28)

43. (a) Before the seven times of punishment began to count, Israel was delivered from their enemies when they **REPENTED** and cried unto the Lord. (Judges 3:9,15)

(b) When these chastisements failed, Israel, as well as the whole world was subject to the beastly powers for **7** times.

44. Did the punishment of the seven times have the designed effect of humbling them before the Lord and preparing them to receive his blessings? **YES**

45,46. (a) When a "time" or year is symbolic, the 360 symbolic days represent 360 **360 YEARS**.

(b) Seven times 360 years equals **2520** years.

47,48. (a) We know that the seven times were not seven literal years because Israel had many **CAPTIVITIES** of longer duration. (Judges 3:14; Judges 4:2,3)

(b) The seven years punishment upon Nebuchadnezzar was **LITERAL**, but both Nebuchadnezzar and his "7 times" were **TYPICAL**.

49,50. After the eviction of the **GENTILE** nations, which began in 1914, is completed, Israel, according to promise, will begin to be blessed. (Leviticus 26:44,45; Romans 11:27)

51. (a) The spies searching Canaan for 40 days typified Israel's **40** years wandering in the wilderness. (Numbers 14:33,34)

(b) Ezekiel symbolized Israel's period of adversity by each **DAY** for a year. (Ezekiel 4:1-8)

(c) Each day of the 70 symbolic **WEEKS** in Daniel's prophecy (Dan. 9:24-27) represented a **YEAR**.

(d) The 3 1/2 times denoting the period of Papacy's triumph was fulfilled in **1260** years. (Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 12:6,14; 13:5)

52. (a) Israel cannot enjoy the promised **BLESSINGS** until the elect Gospel church has been perfected as their deliverer. (Romans 11:25,26)

(b) Shortly after the deliverer is complete the New **COVENANT** will be inaugurated with **ISRAEL**. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

(c) After the New Covenant is inaugurated, a person who dies will die for his own **INIQUITY**. (Jeremiah 31:29,30)

53. (a) Israel's punishment under the dominion of the **GENTILES** was continuous from B.C. 606.

(b) Shortly after the Millennial Age began in 1874, there were marked indications that the barren

FIG tree was about to put forth. (Matthew 24:32,33)

(c) In the year 1948 **ISRAEL** became a nation among the nations.

54. The restitution of man's original **DOMINION** over the whole earth is illustrated in a dream given to Nebuchadnezzar. (Daniel 4)

55,56.(a) The remarkable tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream represented the first dominion of **EARTH** given to the human race in its representative and head, **ADAM**.

(b) When sin entered the command came to **HEW** down the tree. (Genesis 3:22-24)

57. Even though God commanded the tree to be hewn down, yet the root, God's purpose and plan of a **RESTITUTION** continued. (Acts 3:19-21)

58. (a) Since sin entered, the human heart has become **BEASTLY** and degraded. (Romans 1:21-25)

(b) God has permitted some of the **BASEST** characters to rule over man in order that the present **BITTER** experiences may prove in the future to be of lasting benefit.

59,60,61. (a) The God of heaven gave **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** a Kingdom, power, strength, and glory. (Daniel 2:37,38)

(b) Nebuchadnezzar received **7** years of punishment because of sin. (Daniel 4:25)

(c) At the end of the punishment, he was established in his kingdom and excellent **MAJESTY** was added unto him. (Dan. 4:36)

62. The degradation of Nebuchadnezzar was typical of human **DEGRADATION** under beastly governments.

63. (a) God portrayed the Gentile governments as so many wild **BEASTS**. (Daniel 7:3-7)

(b) The Kingdom of God is represented as given to one like unto a **SON** of man. (Daniel 7:13,14)

64. Nebuchadnezzar's 7 years, fulfilled on him personally, had a greater and **BROADER** significance.

65,66. (a) Shortly after the better Mediator is complete, the earthly phase of God's **KINGDOM** will be established and Israel and the world will begin to be blessed. (Hebrews 8:8-11)

(b) Then the root of promise planted first in

Eden, borne across the flood and transplanted with Israel will sprout and **BLOOM** again. (Genesis 3:15, 12:1-3)

67. By the close of the Restitution Age, man with reason restored, will be fully **REINSTATED**, with added **EXCELLENCE** and glory. (Habakkuk 2: 14; Revelation 21:4)

68. Before man comes to recognize **GOD** and his dominion, it is necessary for him to experience more trouble. (Matthew 24:21)

69. Current events are causing the hearts of the rulers and high ones of earth to fail them for **FEAR**. (Luke 21:26)

70. When the great time of trouble, now raging in the earth is stopped, the earthly phase of the **KINGDOM** will be set up. (Zephaniah 3:8,9)

71. The spiritual phase of the **KINGDOM** as represented in the resurrected body members of Christ, was set up in 1878 which was before the lease to the Gentiles expired in 1914. (Daniel 2:44; 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17)

72. (a) As a result of our Lord exercising his power and beginning his reign, **TROUBLE** results. (Daniel 12:1; Revelation 11:17,18)

(b) The resurrected saints beyond the veil as well as the prospective members on this side, are doing **KINGDOM WORK**. (Rev. 14:13)

73. The sword of our Lord is the **TRUTH** (Ephesians 6:17)

74. The setting up of the spiritual phase of the Kingdom of God began in **1878**. (1 Corinthians 15:51,52)

75. "The Great Day" of God's **WRATH** is in progress. (Joel 2:2)

76. (a) Freedom of thought and human **RIGHTS**, civil and religious are being appreciated and **ASSERTED** as never before.

(b) The trouble is preparing mankind for a fuller appreciation of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and truth, under the reign of the King of Righteousness. (Zephaniah 3:8,9)

77. (a) Eventually **JUSTICE** will be laid to the line and **RIGHTEOUSNESS** to the plummet. (Isaiah 28:17)

(b) The desire of all **NATIONS** shall come. (Haggai 2:7)