

Dispensationalism — Fullness of the Gentiles

Luke 21:20-24 NASB

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. [21] Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; [22] because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. [23] Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; [24] and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

What are the times of the Gentiles that would be fulfilled? The time being described in Luke is the "days of vengeance" we know what those days are because Daniel 9 clearly describes these days...

Daniel 9:24-27 NASB

"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. [25] So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. [26] Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. [27] And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Jesus also describes these days, which are in fact future days.

Matthew 24:14-16 NASB

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. [15] "Therefore when you see the abomination OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), [16] then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

Until the Gospel is preached into "all nations" which did not happen in 70AD and the Abomination of Desolation appeared in the Holy Place which also never happened in 70AD then we know that we are not in those days of vengeance.

We know that the fullness of the Gentiles will come when all the Gentiles are grafted in. Anyone who is a non-Jew who is grafted in and that is still occurring today. The Gospel is still being preached to the Goyim (Gentiles).

Acts 13:47 NASB

For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A light FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'

"The fullness here . . . must be understood in an eschatological way: the full number of Gentiles God intends to save. When that number of Gentiles has been gathered in, it will be the end of the age."

— Hoekema, Bible and the Future, 144. Cf. Moo, Epistle to the Romans, 719; and Cranfield, Epistle to the Romans, 575.

"Based on this interpretation, when the full number of elect believers among the Gentiles has come in, then Israel's hardness will be removed, and Israel will attain the promised fullness and acceptance shortly before the return of Jesus Christ."

— Kim Riddlebarger, A Case for Amillennialism, (Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013), 218.