

## Luke 21:20-28

Fall of Jerusalem and her recapture to fulfil  
“the times of the Gentiles”.

耶路撒冷的覆亡和奪回，應驗了“外邦人的日期”。





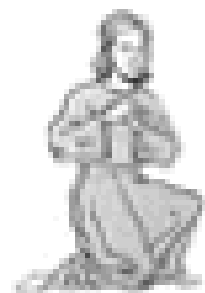
**Matt  
Lion**

Jesus as the righteous King of the Jews, the **Lion** of the Tribe of Judah. Emphasis on **righteousness**. [Spoke 18, pg 323]



**Mark  
Ox**

Jesus as the Servant and the Workman of the Lord. Emphasis on His Miracles, Strength, and **Action**. [Spoke 19, pg 331]



**Luke  
Man**

Jesus as the Great Physician and Friend of Sinners. Emphasis on His **Humanity**, Wisdom, and Mercy. [Spoke 20, pg 342]



**John  
Eagle**

Jesus as the Word of God, the Living Bread that "came down from heaven." Emphasis on His **Divinity**. [Spoke 21, pg 355]

## Luke 21:

- <sup>8</sup> And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.
- <sup>10</sup> **Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,**
- <sup>11</sup> **and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup> "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings
- <sup>18</sup> "Yet not a hair of your head will perish.
- <sup>19</sup> "By your endurance you will gain your lives.
- <sup>20</sup> **"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.**
- <sup>21</sup> **"Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave,**
- <sup>24</sup> **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.**

# Olivet Discourse – Many in Luke is fulfilled but will be partially repeated

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# The Olivet Discourse (橄欖山講話): Matthew 24-25, Mark 13 and Luke 21

## Luke 21:6

"As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."

“你們看見的這些，到了日子，必沒有一塊石頭留在另一塊石頭上面，每一塊都要拆下來。”

But Luke 21 is unique and different  
是獨特的和不同的

# 1. The disciples questions 門徒的問題

## Luke 21:7

They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what *will be* the sign when these things are about to take place?" **[no end time mentioned]**

他們問他說、夫子、甚麼時候有這事呢。這事將到的時候、有甚麼預兆呢。

## Matthew 24:3

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

耶穌在橄欖山上坐著、門徒暗暗的來說、請告訴我們、甚麼時候有這些事。你降臨和世界的末了、有甚麼預兆呢。

## 2. Specific mention of signs from heaven. 具體提到

**Luke 21:** <sup>10</sup> Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, [no rumours of war]

<sup>11</sup> and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

<sup>10</sup> 當時耶穌對他們說、民要攻打民、國要攻打國。

<sup>11</sup> 地要大大震動、多處必有饑荒瘟疫。又有可怕的異象、和大神蹟、從天上顯現。

**Matthew 24:** <sup>6</sup> "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end.

<sup>7</sup> "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

<sup>6</sup> 你們也要聽見打仗和打仗的風聲、總不要驚慌。因為這些事是必須有的。只是末期還沒有到。

<sup>7</sup> 民要攻打民、國要攻打國。多處必有饑荒、地震。

**As it relates to v10-11 in the previous page – comments by famous historians**

Warschauer gives the following summary of a number of the historical events that took place as a fulfilment of Jesus' words before the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70:

“In A.D. 61 there had been a severe earthquake in Phrygia, which had done vast damage ... in 63 an eruption of Vesuvius had laid half **Pompeii** in ruins; there had been famines in the reigns both of Claudius and Nero, the Jewish rebellion against Rome, and the war which led to the capture and destruction of Jerusalem, had begun or was to begin in A.D. 66” (*The Historical Life of Jesus*, p. 289).

Schlatter writes: “The agitation among the Jews in the years 66–70 did in fact bring forth ‘terrifying apparitions in heaven’ (warring armies and the comet) and ‘great signs’ (the opening of the temple gate, the audible departure of the celestial beings from the temple)” (*in loc.*).

Josephus in “Jewish War” (Bk. 6; Ch. 5) records a sword shaped star over Jerusalem for a year and also a special comet and he decries that they “fail to attend nor give credit to the signs that were so evident”.



# The Guardian

Upsurge in big earthquakes predicted for 2018 as  
Earth rotation slows

Scientists say number of severe quakes is likely to rise strongly  
next year because of a periodic slowing of the Earth's rotation

[Robin McKie](#)





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# Blood moon

longest total lunar  
eclipse that will  
occur in the 21st  
century.

in Earth's shadow  
for four hours.[\[8\]](#)



3. Persecutions – delivering to synagogues, prisons, kings and governors  
- no mention of gospel preach to the whole world

**Luke 21:12** "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake

但這一切的事以先，人要下手拿住你們，逼迫你們，把你們交給會堂，並且收在監裡，又為我的名拉你們到君王諸侯面前

**Matt. 24:** <sup>9</sup> "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. <sup>12</sup> "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold <sup>14</sup> "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.

<sup>9</sup> 那時、人要把你們陷在患難裡、也要殺害你們、你們又要為我的名、被萬民恨惡。<sup>12</sup> 只因不法的事增多、許多人的愛心、纔漸漸冷淡<sup>14</sup> 這天國的福音、要傳遍天下、對萬民作見證、然後末期纔來到。

#### 4. Desolation only used and not desolation of abomination 只用荒涼, 沒有, 荒涼的可憎

##### Luke 21:

<sup>20</sup> "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her **desolation** is near.

<sup>21</sup> "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;

<sup>20</sup> 你們看見耶路撒冷被兵圍困, 就可知道他. 成荒場[荒涼]的日子近了。

<sup>21</sup> 那時、在猶太的、應當逃到山上。在城裡的、應當出來。在鄉下的、不要進城。

##### Matt. 24

<sup>15</sup> "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),

<sup>16</sup> then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

<sup>15</sup> 你們看見先知但以理所說的、那行毀壞可憎[荒涼的可憎]的、站在聖地。  
(讀這經的人須要會意)

<sup>16</sup> 那時、在猶太的、應當逃到山上。

## Daniel 9:

- <sup>26</sup> "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.
- <sup>27</sup> "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."

- <sup>26</sup> 過了六十二個七、那受膏者〔那或作有〕必被剪除、一無所有、必有一王的民來毀滅這城、和聖所。至終必如洪水沖沒、必有爭戰。一直到底、**荒涼**的事已經定了。
- <sup>27</sup> 一七之內、他必與許多人堅定盟約、一七之半、他必使祭祀與供獻止息。那行**荒涼可憎的**如飛而來、並且有忿怒傾在那行毀壞的身上、直到所定的

## Ancient Sources (copy from Wikipedia)

“The people of the Church in Jerusalem were commanded by an oracle given by revelation before the war to those in the city who were worthy of it to depart and dwell in one of the cities of Peraea which they called Pella. To it those who believed on Christ traveled from Jerusalem, so that when holy men had altogether deserted the royal capital of the Jews and the whole land of Judaea..”

Eusebius, *HE*, iii.5:3

This heresy of the Nazoraeans exists in Beroea .... From there it took its beginning after the exodus from Jerusalem when all the disciples went to live in **Pella** because Christ had told them to leave Jerusalem and to go away since it would undergo a siege. Because of this advice they lived in Perea after having moved to that place, as I said.

Epiphanius, *Panarion* 29,7,7-8



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**Titus  
destroyed  
Jerusalem in  
70 AD**



# Arch of Titus



5. V24 only in Luke – captives to all nations and times of the gentiles  
被擄到各國, 和.外邦人的日期滿了

### **Luke 21:24**

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.**

他們要倒在刀下、又被擄到各國去。耶路撒冷要被外邦人踐踏、直到外邦人的日期滿了。



All the Jews call this a miracle

“In what remains one of the most incredible and inexplicable military victories in history, Israel bested its combined enemies, captured the uncapturable Golan Heights, and, most stunning of all, reunified Jerusalem. Israel was suddenly acknowledged by the world as the greatest military power in the Middle East. It had won what would be known as **“The Six-Day War”- a victory that miraculously took less than one week to accomplish.**”

Rabbi Benjamin Blech

**Jewish New Testament Commentary – written by Messianic Jews  
agrees that the age of the gentiles is over**

On Luke 21:24

On June 8, 1967, the Israeli army entered the Old City and converged on the Western (“Wailing”) Wall, liberating Yerushalayim at last.

Many regard that as the moment when Yeshua’s prophecy was fulfilled -1,897 years of Gentile rule over Yerushalayim came to an end, and she is no longer “trampled down by the Goyim,” because “the age of the Goyim has run its course”; at last Yeshua’s words have come true.

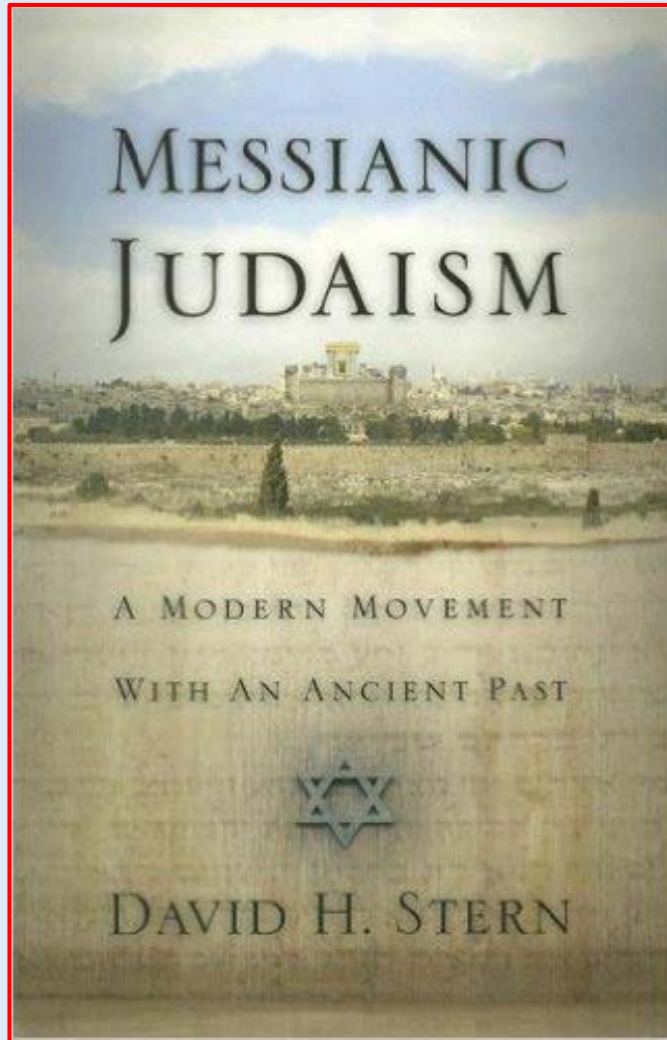
**Yerushalayim - Jerusalem**

**Yeshua – Jesus**

**Goyim - gentiles**



**Another evidence that the partial hardening is over**



**Indeed Jews are turning to Christ**  
**– “more Jews turning to Christ in last 19 years than 19 centuries put together”**

How can it be given to the nations if the Jews do not already controls it?

Revelation 11:

- 1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.
- 2 "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

- 1 有一根葦子賜給我、當作量度的杖。且有話說、起來、將 神的殿、和祭壇、並在殿中禮拜的人、都量一量。
- 2 只是殿外的院子、要留下不用量。因為這是給了外邦人的。他們要踐踏聖城四十二個月。

What is the “times of the Gentiles”?

外邦人的時代是什麼？

Then to salvation to the Jews.

Romans (羅馬) 11 – 1. the mystery is that partial hardening wil end

<sup>25</sup> For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until (achar) the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;

<sup>25</sup> 弟兄們、我不願意你們不知道這奧秘、（恐怕你們自以為聰明）  
就是以色列人有幾分是硬心的、等到外邦人的數目添滿

數目 is not in the text

## Rom 11

achri os pleroma (noun)  
until fulfillment

ethnos  
of gentiles

eischomai  
come

## Luke 21

achri os pleroo (verb)  
until fulfilling

kairos  
of times

ethnos  
of gentiles

Luke and Paul are referring to the same thing

The times of the gentiles is when Jerusalem is controlled by Gentiles

The times of the gentiles is the period when God's attention is focused mainly on the gentiles.

When it is fulfilled, God will work again on both the Jews and Gentiles

Romans 10:

<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

<sup>13</sup> for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

<sup>12</sup> 猶太人和希利尼人、並沒有分別。因為眾人同有一位主、他也厚待一切求告他的人。

<sup>13</sup> 因為『凡求告主名的、就必得救。』

# Times of the Gentiles fulfilled



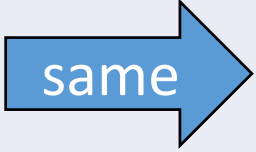
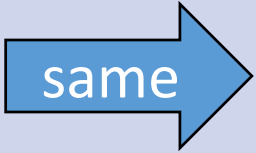
## Why the times of the gentiles are fulfilled:

1. Jerusalem is retaken by the Jews in 1967 and is not trampled by Gentiles anymore. Lu. 21:24. says clearly that the times of the gentiles are then fulfilled
2. There is evidence that partial hardening of the Jews has ended – Rom. 11:25
3. In Rev. 11:1: Jerusalem is given to the Gentiles for 3½ years – thus it must first be taken by the Jews before it can be given again to the Gentiles.
4. The Messianic Jews movement shows that the Jews are re-grafted back on their own – Rom 11:24.
5. If the Jews will only believe when Christ return, why make them jealous now? – Rom. 11:11
6. Evangelism is always a process (Rom. 10:19-15). Why should it be different for the Jews?
7. The 144,000 in Rev. 7 are mature believers already there before Christ 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. They must be emerging now and growing for this to happen.
8. God's plan is to lead both Jews and Gentiles to Christ and not mainly gentiles (Rom. 10: 11-13). Fulfilment of the times of the gentiles means both Gentiles and Jews will be believing again.
9. Why raise up shepherds to look after the flock if there is partial hardening? – Jer. 23
10. Zech. 12: 10-14 – the "look" is before Christ return in 14:4 (wav consecutive) for there is great mourning. If this is at His return - no time to mourn and there is joy and not mourning. Also there is the elimination of false prophets in 13:3-4, also needing time for elimination.



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With Luke it is clear that times of the Gentiles is before the Tribulation

## Luke 21:

<sup>24</sup> 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.**

So the times of the Gentiles is before the tribulation

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,

<sup>26</sup> men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>27</sup> "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.

The Tribulation

Thank you and Praise The Lord

謝謝,讚美主