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## The Significance of Dani'el Chapter 7 to the Times of the Gentiles



Luke describes this period of **time** when **he** wrote: **They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (to see link click [Ao - The Times of the Gentiles](#))**. This can best be defined as that long period of **time** from the Babylonian Captivity (see the commentary on [Jeremiah Gu - Seventy Years of Imperial Babylonian Rule](#)) to the Second Coming of **Messiah**, during which **time the Gentiles** have complete dominance over **Jerusalem**. This does not rule out temporary **Jewish** control of **the City** until the Second Coming. Such temporary control was exercised during the Maccabbean Period (164-163 BC), the First **Jewish** Revolt against Rome in 66 AD, and the Second **Jewish** Revolt (the Bar Cochba Revolt) against Rome (132-135 AD), and since 1967 as a result of the Six Day War.

The **Four Empires** that **King Nebuchadnezzar** saw in **Dani'el 2** were the same **Four Kingdoms** that **Dani'el** saw in **Chapter 7** represented by **four beasts** (see [Bz - Dani'el's Vision of Four Beasts](#)), which goes through several stages, with an emphasis on the last one. Both **Chapters** make it clear that the **Fourth** Gentile **Empire** began with the end of **the Third Empire** and will continue until **Yeshua Messiah** comes to set up **His Kingdom** (see [Bg - The Fifth Empire: The](#)

**Kingdom of God**). This **Fourth** Gentile **Empire** is imperialistic and will go through five successive stages (see **Bb - The Fourth Empire: Imperialism**). At some point, a one-world government will be established. According to **Dani'el 2:42** and **7:24**, the global government will collapse and break into **ten kingdoms**. During this stage, **the antichrist** will begin to rise to power. By the middle of the Great Tribulation, **he** will be strong enough to kill **three** of **the ten kings**, and **the other seven** will simply **submit to his authority**. Once this happens, the fifth and final stage of **the Fourth Empire** will begin (see **Cd - The Kingdom of Satan**). It will last for **three-and-a-half years** until the end of the Great Tribulation (**Hosea 6:1-3**). At that time, the final ruler of **the times of the Gentiles, the antichrist**, will be killed by **Messiah**.<sup>216</sup>