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The Significance of Dani'el Chapter 5 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 Maccabean 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. This, too, was temporary, since **Gentiles** will **trample down the holy City** for at least another **1,260 days** (see the commentary on [Revelation Bx](#) - **The Tribulation Temple**). Therefore, any **Jewish** takeover of **the City** of **Jerusalem** before the Second Coming must be viewed as temporary and does not mean that **the Times of the Gentiles** have ended. **The Times of the Gentiles** can only end when **the Gentiles** no longer trample down **the City** of **Jerusalem**.²⁸¹

The lesson in **Chapter 5** in the context of **Dani'el's** primary theme, **the times of the Gentiles**, is that all **Gentile** kingdoms are destined to fall. In previous chapters, **Dani'el** predicted the rise of four **Gentile** empires, each succeeding the previous in turn. **He** predicted the eventual fall of **Babylon** at the hand of the second **Gentile** empire (see [Az - The Second Empire: Chest and Arms of Silver](#)), and in **Chapter 5**, this prophecy was fulfilled.²⁸² Thus, **Chapter 5** illustrates that **ADONAI** is sovereign and moves according to **His** predetermined plans. Those events also anticipate the final overthrow of all **Gentile** world powers that rebel against **YHVH** and are characterized by moral and spiritual corruption. Such a judgment, anticipated in **Psalm 2:4-6** and **Revelation 19:15-16**, will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of **Yeshua Messiah** (see the commentary on [Isaiah Kg - The Second Coming of Jesus Christ to Bozrah](#)).²⁸³