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The Significance of Dani'el Chapter 6 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 Kokhba 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**.³⁵⁵ In the context of **Dani'el's** overarching theme, **the Times of the Gentiles**, three lessons can be derived from this chapter. First, **the Jews** in the Diaspora will prosper to a degree. Second, **their** success will endanger **them** because it will cause jealousy and lead to anti-Semitic attacks and persecution. Third, in spite of the threats against **them, the Jews**, as **a people** will always survive, and **the LORD** will always preserve a believing remnant.³⁵⁶