

What Does the Bible Really Teach... about the Gentile Times?

| What Jehovah's Witnesses believe | What Does the Bible <i>Really</i> Teach? |
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| Nebuchadnezzar's dream about a tree had a second fulfilment | <p>The dream had a single interpretation, which is explicitly stated</p> <p>Daniel 4:24, 25: This is the interpretation, O king; it is the decree of the Most High that must befall my lord the king. ²⁵ You will be driven away from among men, and your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field, and you will be given vegetation to eat just like bulls; and you will become wet with the dew of the heavens, and seven times will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind and that he grants it to whomever he wants.</p> <p>Daniel 4:28–33: All of this befell King Neb·u·chad·nez'zar. ²⁹ Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. ³⁰ The king was saying: "Is this not Babylon the Great that I myself have built for the royal house by my own strength and might and for the glory of my majesty?" ³¹ While the word was yet in the king's mouth, a voice came down from the heavens: "To you it is being said, O King Neb·u·chad·nez'zar, 'The kingdom has gone away from you, ³² and from mankind you are being driven away. With the beasts of the field your dwelling will be, and you will be given vegetation to eat just like bulls, and seven times will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind and that he grants it to whomever he wants.'" ³³ At that moment the word was fulfilled on Neb·u·chad·nez'zar. He was driven away from mankind, and he began to eat vegetation just like bulls, and his body became wet with the dew of the heavens, until his hair grew long just like eagles' feathers and his nails were like birds' claws.</p> |
| The Gentile Times began when Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar | <p>The Gentile Times had not yet begun in Jesus' time</p> <p>Luke 21:24: And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations until the appointed times of the nations are fulfilled.</p> <p>Luke 21:24 (Kingdom Interlinear Translation):</p> <p>and they will fall to mouth of sword and they will be led captive into the nations all, and Jerusalem will be και πεσοῦνται στόματι μαχαίρης και αιχμαλωτισθήσονται εις τα ἔθνη πάντα και Ἱερουσαλήμ ἔσται being trampled by nations, until what should be fulfilled and will be appointed times of nations. πατουμένη ὑπὸ ἐθνῶν ἄχρι οὗ πληρωθῶσιν και ἔσονται καιροὶ ἐθνῶν</p> <p>ἔσονται (esontai): future indicative form of Strong's G1510 εἰμί (eimi): be, exist, happen.</p> |
| The Gentile Times was a period of 2,520 years | <p>The Gentile Times was a period of 42 months (3½ years)</p> <p>Revelation 11:2: But as for the courtyard that is outside the temple sanctuary, leave it out and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months.</p> |