

Cast Out the Gentiles

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Israel and the Gentiles are a major concept used by God throughout the Bible to illustrate a difference between those following Him and those that are not. Generally as types, a spiritual Jew is a believer and a Gentile is an unbeliever. Moses said, that there are *seven nations greater and mightier than you*. (Dt 7:1) Inwardly, in our propensity toward sin, we have a fulness of gentiles to defeat. Scott reminded me that the Hebrew word for 'gentile' and 'pride' come from the same root, and all that we do without Christ is rooted in pride. (Cf Strong's numbers 1471, 1347 & 1342) Another way of seeing what the gentiles represent is to look at the beast in Revelation 13 - a symbol of the sin nature, pride and unchanging heart. **1 Jn 2:16:** *For all that is in the world (nations), the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

The focus of this study is on the first two verses of Revelation 11. However, let us review chapter 10, verse one first: **Revelation 10:1:** *1. And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:* We know the Son of God is being described from **2 Cor 4:6:** *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* All humanity begins in spiritual ignorance. By means of His only Son, God has put in our hearts His ideas, opinions and judgments, and our darkness is dispelled by His light. The rainbow is a symbol of the everlasting covenant and its seven colors represent a fulness of understanding, which is in Christ Jesus.

Gen 9:13-16: *13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a [sign] of a covenant between me and the earth. 14. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.*

We understand that Revelation 10 is about the atonement, as we covenant with Christ. So, as we hear and do, our understanding is opened so that we avoid the pitfalls of the serpent. **Rev 12:15-16:** *15. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.* Noah's flood is a type of the multitude of false doctrines drowning the world. The first woman in Revelation 12 is the first group (144,000) in the last generation to ascend out of the lie and to understand, God's love. The second woman (great multitude) are those with whom the 'reed like a rod' is shared.

Rev 11:1-2: *1. And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood ⁽²⁴⁷⁶⁾, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2. But the court which is without the temple leave ⁽¹⁵⁴⁴⁾ out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.* In our discussions regarding the temple and what it means to be in it, Scott pointed out a different meaning for the two words underlined above. The Greek word for 'stood' goes back to the Hebrew word of *`amad* ⁽⁵⁹⁷⁵⁾, which also means 'remain', with the idea of 'defending'. The primary meaning of the Greek word, *ekballo* ⁽¹⁵⁴⁴⁾, is 'to cast out.' Substituting 'remain' brings into focus that it is the angel of 10:1 giving the 'message of correction.' To 'cast out' the court is the same as saying 'cast out the Gentiles.' In other words, don't accept that mind-set that tramples Christ's way of thinking (the holy city). The Father and the Son are the dwelling place (temple) and the light of New Jerusalem, (Rev 21:22-23), a heavenly way of thinking.

We have come to understand that the abomination of desolation applies to those inward things which we do to separate ourselves to God, i.e. being under the law and applying our own understanding to make self righteous. Matthew and Mark recorded Jesus' words regarding this, and made reference to Daniel, which is where we get the meaning. The parallel to these chapters is Luke 21, with which I have struggled because I always applied it to the literal destruction of Jerusalem. However, look at these parallel verses together:

- * **Mk 13:14:** *...when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, [having remained]⁽²⁴⁷⁶⁾ where it ought not . . .*
- * **Mt 24:15:** *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, [having remained]⁽²⁴⁷⁶⁾ in [a] holy place . . .*
- * **Lk 21:20:** *...when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.*

The temple: "Where it ought not" is "a holy place", or the temple in "Jerusalem." Only a priest (a minister) could enter the 1st apartment of the tabernacle. Applied spiritually, a priest is one who is hearing God, and a high priest additionally understands that He has always loved mankind and understands the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The two witnesses also represent a person with this understanding. While we dwell in the temple of God, we also are a temple of God (1 Cor 3:16). So, if only the temple, and not the court, is being measured, why would the two witnesses lie dead in the streets (mind) of a person who already knows these truths?

Roman gentiles literally surrounded Jerusalem and destroyed the city, which is a type of the mind-set of Christ being destroyed in God's people. Therefore, the 'abomination of desolation' and 'Jerusalem being compassed with armies' is saying the same thing. The abomination that makes people desolate of the spirit of God, is walking in man's or self's own understanding. Outwardly, the Gentiles are unbelievers, inwardly it is worldly mind-set trampling the way Christ thinks (heavenly Jerusalem). When we came to see that we were desolate of the true spirit, we fled from that way of thinking. In Revelation 11, this idea is expressed in the setting of the temple.

If we broaden the idea of being in the temple (God's dwelling place) to include all who profess to accept Jesus Christ, then they are considered priests, or ministers of God, and the gentiles are the people who have no interest whatsoever in serving God. Now, we can see two groups of people in the temple - the 144,000 in the 2nd apartment, and the great multitude in 1st apartment. The vast majority of people in religious organizations do not understand God, but there are sincere people in them whom God can save because they have not rejected His spirit. The message of correction measures a person's temple, but there are some in whom the beast is not yet dead. Remember, when the abyss is opened (Rev 9:2), the smoke darkens the sun and air. Some of these people recover after 3 ½ days. Eventually, the entire dwelling place of God is to be opened to all (Rev 11:19).

Gentiles: **Lk 21:24:** *And they shall fall by the edge (mouth) of the sword (cp Rev 1:16), and shall be led away captive [among all the gentiles]: and Jerusalem (a holy place) shall be trodden down [by] the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.* The times of the Gentiles are the 42 months, representing periods of darkness in which people remain (i.e. 7X6 = wickedness completed). Literally, we all fell by the sword when we took the book and began to follow a man's interpretation of it. God has shown us that the mind-set of Christ is being systematically destroyed - but, the times of the Gentiles are up. Get ready! We are on the verge of giving the gospel of the kingdom of God, CAST OUT THE GENTILE'S way of thinking. **Rev 2:26-27:** *26 and he who is overcoming, and who is keeping [until] the [completion], my works, I will give to him authority over the nations (Gentiles), 27 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron - as the vessels of the potter they shall be broken - as I also have received from my Father.* (Young's Literal translation) [meaning of original] AMEN!

