

1914 no longer
Why the Lord's day did not begin in 1914

Introduction

- 1914 has been the date given for beginning of the Lord's Day
- How did we arrive at this date
- Why is this not correct

Jesus Provides the marker

- In Luke 21:24 Jesus gave us this marker as the last sign of his presence
“...Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, *until the appointed times of the nations* are fulfilled”
- This period has been called the “times of the Gentiles” or the “Gentile times”

Links to seven times

- Jesus enthronement as King has been linked to the prophecy in Dan 4:10-37
- This was Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the tree being cut down and him becoming a beast.
- The link is made in particular to Dan 4:16
"Let its heart be changed from that of mankind, and let the heart of a beast be given to it, and let seven times pass over it."
- The seven times in Dan 4:16 are translated as "appointed times".

The 7 times Chronology

- According to the 7 times chronology, the kingdom was cut down from 607 BCE with the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the line of Kings
- The line was cut for 7 times or 2520 years
- This ended in 1914.

Problems with this interpretation

- Did Jesus make this connection between his words and those in Daniel chapter 4?
- No, Jesus did not mention Nebuchadnezzar or the tree
- The only link between Jesus words and Daniels prophecy in chapter 4 is the use of the words "*appointed times*"

A clear context

- Jesus words contain 3 clear elements set in a clear context
- The clear context is a time for desolating Jerusalem and meting out justice.
- There is no mention of Jerusalem or holy ones or meting out justice in Daniel chapter 4:10-37

Clear elements in Jesus' words

- Those 3 clear elements are
 - Jerusalem would be trampled
 - The trampling would be by the nations
 - This would last for the appointed times
- At best, Daniel chapter 4:16 and 25 contain only the last element but not in the same context.

Better fit

- Dan 12:7 contains the elements referred to by Jesus
 - Dashing of the power of the holy ones
 - For an appointed time, appointed times and a half
 - This is done by the king of the North – a political power
- and the same context, including the putting in place of a disgusting thing and a time of great distress

Better fit in Revelation

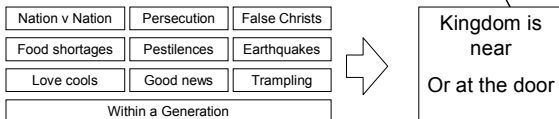
- Rev 11:2 also contains the same elements and context as in Luke 21:24 and Dan 12:7
 - the nations
 - trample holy city underfoot
 - 42 months
- The context is a time of measuring just like the “meting (measuring) out of justice” on Jerusalem.

Gentile times 3 ½ years

- This shows that Luke 21:24 “appointed times” =
- Dan 12:7 – “appointed time, appointed times and a half” =
- Rev 11:2 – 42 months (1260 days) =
- 3 ½ literal years
- NOT seven times or 2520 years

Gentile times sign of impending presence

- Jesus words at Luke 21:24 were also part of the *things* leading to the Kingdom being near.
- Reading Luke 21:29-33, a generation would by no means pass away until *all* these things occur. The sequence of events in Luke show these things *including* the trampling, occur within “this generation”.



Generation is not 2520 years

- The beginning and the end of the trampling – the whole trampling - occurs within “this generation”
- If the trampling began in 607 BCE then “this generation” would have to be 2520 years long - that is clearly not so.
- The sequence of events especially from Luke 21:20 would make no sense.
- The fig tree illustration in Luke 21: 29-30 would make no sense.
- Therefore the 1914 chronology for Christ's return is wrong.

Summary

- There is no real connection between Jesus words about the gentile times in Luke 21:24 and Daniel chapter 4.
- They did not have the same context nor the same elements other than the use of the term “appointed times”

Summary cont'd

- Dan 12:7 and Rev 11:2 provide a better fit for Jesus words and indicate the Gentile times are 3 ½ literal years
- Jerusalem is trampled for the appointed times within “this generation”. That generation cannot be 2520 years long.
- The chronology of the 7 times of 2520 years and 1914 therefore is wrong
