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Subject: The Temple Mount

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<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2013/0923/Why-it-matters-that-Jews-are-standing-on-the-Temple-Mount>

I just read this article from the Christian Science Monitor (I know, I know...) that highlights the oft-repeated end-time phrase "...this generation will not pass away, till all be fulfilled." Luk 21:32

This verse has been used to assert that the generation that saw Jerusalem re-taken by Israel in 1967 would not pass away before seeing the return of Jesus.

[Luk 21:24, 32 KJV] 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

... 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Well, it looks like Jerusalem is still being "trodden down" by the Gentiles and the "Six-Day War" might not actually be a fulfillment of the words of Jesus in Luke 21:24.

Tons of articles have been written on just what constitutes a generation, 20 years? 40? 80?

Even if the end of the "times of the Gentiles" could be dated from 1967 (which in my opinion is dubious) isn't it possible that it could be referring to the last living survivor of that generation?

This might not be as far off as it might first appear because we have an OT example that follows the same pattern of a predicted judgement taking place upon the death of the last surviving member of a generation -- Methuselah.

[Gen 5:27 KJV] 27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

According to some his name was predictive of the flood. "Methuselah" (meaning "Man of the dart/spear", or alternatively "his death shall bring judgment") it has been determined, died on the very day that the flood began.

Anyway, back to the notion that 1967 marked the end of "times of the Gentiles..." I'm not sure that Jerusalem isn't still being trodden down by the Gentiles. I mean the reality is that while Israel is technically in control of Jerusalem they are far from actually controlling the city.

Thoughts?

Blessings,  
William

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