Subject: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 07 Oct 2013 05:26:29 GMT
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William brought up this phrase so I thought it would be good to look into it. Also Gillyann asked me about my `take on prophecy,` & `end time beliefs` in relation to what is happening in the world today. Thus I thought if we (those who want to) looked at God`s overview first & then later at God`s contemporary details.

Now many people bring up objections for studying eschatology -

1. Every one has there own opinion. True, but God`s word is accurate.

2. There is so much confusion. True, but God`s Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth.

3. There is so much happening now how can we keep informed with it all. Yes, the media bomb-barbs us but we are not to be driven by their agendas, but be drawn to the Lord & know His specific plans for the Nations, for Israel & for the Body of Christ.

4. Shouldn`t we be just concerned with saving people? We should be concerned with discipling & this is a major part of that for it relates contemporary events with what God has foretold.

God has revealed His purposes in His word (& how that they are unfolding) & it is for us to seek to `handle accurately the word of truth,` so that we will not be deceived or `tossed to & fro,` but to `grow up.` If we don`t know the truth in this particular area how can we discern the error.

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 07 Oct 2013 05:53:40 GMT
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`The Times of the Gentiles.`

`the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.` Luke 21: 24
`until the time granted to the Gentile nations has run out.` (Knox) `until the time of heathen domination will have come to an end.` (Norlie)

Key words: ...time granted...Gentile nations...dominion....end.

The prophet Daniel tells us that it is God who has granted the Gentile nations to have dominion & it is He who says when it comes to an end. God showed Daniel the complete overview of the Gentile nations rule, from the great empire of Babylon to the final Gentile World Rule we see forming in our day.

We all probably know of the Great image representing the World Rulers of history, but the final Gentile Rule has been misinterpreted & thus caused confusion. So let`s look carefully.

Daniel 2.
King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream of a great image standing in front of him in Babylon. He didn`t know what it meant but finally Daniel was given the interpretation by God. There are 5 body parts to the image -
The 1.head 2.chest & arms 3.belly & thighs 4.legs 5. feet & toes. Each part represented a Gentile World Ruler.

1. Head - Babylon. ((Dan. 2: 37)
2. Chest & Arms - Medes & Persians. (Dan. 5: 28 - 31)
3. Belly & Thighs - Greece.(Dan. 8: 21)
4. Legs - Rome. (Luke 2: 1)
5. Feet & Toes - The Last Gentile World Rule.

Looking closer we see that God has given another important detail. God describes the strength of these world Rulers by a metal - Gold, Silver, bronze, iron, iron & clay. These denote the declining of power from absolute authority down to a divided kingdom.

`after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you....` (Dan. 2: 39)

Thus the last Gentile World Rule will be a divided kingdom. Its ruler is called `the Assyrian,` from the area of Assyria, (Iraq, Syria & Jordan). We can see today that this is where the fighting is in the Middle East. There are two main groups there that divide this kingdom. Do we know their name?

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Gary on Tue, 08 Oct 2013 10:22:42 GMT
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Well this is correct but there is more to the Word of God then what is happening in the end times.

We can be aware of the future but don't you think day to day warfare and Walking in the Spirit is more important then dwelling on future events?

Quote: Thus I thought if we (those who want to) looked at God`s overview first & then later at God`s contemporary details.

James mentioned this in another post but I think I should share some background here.

I hope I can make this understandable in the right spirit of things, I know sometimes when you type a reply it can come out wrong. This is not to imply that we were anything at all just people who are no different then you guys over there. Its just our circumstances were a little different.

During the time Hobart Freeman was alive he did extensive teachings to the body of Christ here in the states. I must say also there was a lot of satellite churches around the states and in Germany, England, Canada, and a number of other countries.

Here is a partial list of subjects taught on:

Biblical Theology
OT Theology
NT Theology
OT Survey
NT Survey
Christian Ethics
The Major Prophets
The Minor Prophets
Hebrew
Greek
Christian Ethics
Eschatology
Book Studies on individual Prophets
Studies in the occult

Did I miss anything? I can still think of other courses that were taught almost on a college level. Most groups would go through the tapes and take notes as a group or individually. Biblical theology may have had 30 or 40 tapes for example of very detailed information. It was probably close to college level courses only this man was in constant prayer and fasting with the Baptism of the Spirit. I remember one time he mentioned he had an urgency in the Spirit to share as much Word as was possible. The Lord appeared to him a number of times concerning what was taking place. I don't remember how many years this went on but my wife and I attended church 4 or 5 times a week with just regular Bible sermons, and prayer meetings.

We were taught information that most never knew exist. It was all Bible oriented its hard to give the details in one post here it was so much.

Only telling you this so you may understand what took place, again its not that we are anything in Christ. There was a zeal to learn everything we could about the Lord. Hobart Freeman left no stone unturned when it came to the Bible. I wished you could of been there in the beginning you would have a better grasp of what I am saying, plus along with this teaching the presence of God was very present in the meetings. I would go home for days on end and the presence of God would linger on me and my wife. A precious time believe me.

After he went on to be with the Lord we had to sort through so much as individuals. A lot of this information that you speak of concerning eschatology we have been over and over it.

Its not that everyone does not enjoy talking about this but its like, Eschatology again,? I hope that comes across correctly?

I think for me unless something takes place on a mass scale in the world that gets the ball rolling it then becomes rehash again. There are a lot of signs but nothing is taking place major at this point in history. You know the antichrist revealed, people forced to take a mark, the list goes on, etc., etc..

I have never met anyone on this board but I could almost say they had a similar experience as some of them set directly under the teaching. We had a number of local ministers here and did everything by tapes as a group. Know one was required to listen to all this but we just wanted to hear from the Lord. The course on Hebrew we had a brother who knew Hebrew and he came each week and taught us the language.

I hope you can understand in a good way what I am trying to say, I wanted to give you a small look at what took place what I shared could never cover it all.

Lord Bless,
Gary

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 08 Oct 2013 23:06:52 GMT
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Thank you Gary for the good explanation.

Yes I had read about Hobart Freeman`s teaching & the wonderful meetings you had. I had a similar fellowship with great teaching & the presence of the Lord also. Aren`t we so blessed.
I went to Bible College at that church after work, when I was in my `20`s & then went full time in my `30`s to Te Nikeau Bible College in New Zealand. So I do appreciate all the subjects you have listed.

Now a couple of things to clear up. Yes I do believe that walking in the Spirit is more important than dwelling on future events. So very important to be made like Christ. So as I go to my disciples & mentor them we talk of what the Lord is doing in our lives & we pray for each other. Because they now have disciples, people they mentor in daily life, (not a formal meeting)we also discuss needs & pray for them too. We have times with a few & then just each other. I disciple 1 - 1 & have done for many years now as I can see the fruit in people`s lives.
Especially as they now have the joy of also discipling others.

The other part of your concern for me, regarding going over old topics that you know about. I certainly don`t want to do that. And because I have been able to read what you were taught in eschatology I know the parts that you don`t know & I would like you to at least be able to look at what I present so you can see if it lines up with the Bible.

If you noticed what I have already presented,- Babylon being rebuilt, the temple also already built, & the information concerning Assyria - Iraq, Syria & Jordan, these are contemporary. I know you know the future details of the tribulation but as with much of Christendom are in the dark concerning what God has said concerning right now. And I don`t just mean, earthquakes, wars etc, etc.

`Where is America in the Bible?
Is the Syrian war Ps. 83, or preparation for the Russian war or even Armageddon? etc.`

These are the questions leading to all sorts of opinions & conjecture I read by Chuck Missler, Prophecy in the News etc.
To know God`s word on what is happening now is such a good tool for helping unbelievers look into the word. I do not dwell on end-time events but if I see that people do not know & I have an opportunity to share then I will.

So I hope you`ll bear with me a little longer because I am leading up to some things that I know you have not looked at before. I just started off with some small bits of information but am leading to bigger things. However there needs to be certain things checked before we go on.

Did you notice I did not say that the last Gentile Ruler is the Revived Roman Empire? This error has lead to so much confusion & misinterpretation of scripture plus people say `It`s all too confusing,....` & thus God`s word is maligned & people are open to all sorts of error or think they have to leave the topic to the `expects.`

Be patient with me.....

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Gary on Wed, 09 Oct 2013 09:49:45 GMT
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Marilyn,

We certainly do not know everything on this topic, but I must say here that I have always thought everything must line up with what is revealed in the Bible and in many cases in the mouth of two or three witnesses.

Revelation is good but it is also dangerous as so many have new revelations that are not from the Lord. Not implying this of you but just making a statement.

I don't know if you realize but in America we have many strange doctrines floating around that totally are not scriptural. Many of the charismatic churches are in fanatisim. Like the new one James just shared about with people laying in church on the floor with pillows and blankets and they are involved in soaking prayer.

In this hour from our stand point we must always go by the scriptures concerning everything. Just explaining my thoughts here not implying again that you may be propagating this.

I went to Bible college as well. One course I studied was archeology and it opened a door for my wife and I to go to Israel and help dig on the city of Bethsaida. That is a fantastic place, my Professor would stop every so once and a while and tell us to take a look around at where you are, he would say remember this for this place is mentioned in the Bible.

Great professor and met many people who were leading authorities in their field of study while over there. We went to places that they do not take tourists. If the Lord ever opened the door I would enjoy returning to that place.

Remember everything must be looked at in the "Light" of scripture.

Gary

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Gary on Wed, 09 Oct 2013 10:02:55 GMT
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One more thing, you asked me what I thought a gentile was and I responded anyone who was not Jewish.

Who do you think the Gentiles are?

Just want to know your background on these subjects it will make it easier to understand what you

are sharing on something if you give details of where the information came from in the scriptures or your studies.

Gary

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Gary on Wed, 09 Oct 2013 20:30:02 GMT
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Be patient with me.....

It may take me some time to reply as I am not brushed up on this subject and don't know if any of the saints here will get involved.

The thing I also remembered was the scriptures are of "no" private interpretation but every thing is to be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses.

Every teaching from God will always line up with His Word but I guess your aware of this.

Have to go for now, I just found out a former friend from our old Bible group past away. I don't know any details yet. Will check back later.

Lord Bless,
Gary

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Thu, 10 Oct 2013 06:42:50 GMT
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Dear Gary,

I am sorry to hear of your loss of your friend, but for him we do know that he has been promoted to glory. I also know what it`s like to lose dear friends so my heart goes out to you & your wife.

I would also like to thank you for replying re; Eschatology even when I see you are busy. Now I totally agree with you concerning only relying on the word.

Quote:`I have always thought everything must line up with what is revealed in the Bible and in many cases in the mouth of two or three witnesses. In this hour from our stand point we must always go by the scriptures concerning everything.

Then with your next statement

[quote]`A lot of this information that you speak of concerning eschatology we have been over and over it.`[/unquote]

I would have to disagree with you as I have only brought in information that you didn`t know -Babylon being rebuilt, the Temple also built, Part of Syria & Iraq now an Islamic State together. The times of the Gentiles, I said you knew a lot of it but the last part is different (which you said you are looking into.) I am sensitive that of course you do not want some one to come here & go over old ground especially as we`re all been taught the main parts years ago.

Now if you`ll notice I am only concentrating on information that is contemporary & leading up to the information every one knows.
I am not going to write a blow by blow of world affairs but am working towards God`s `lead up events to the tribulation.` This is where we are today & people in general have not been taught it so they are speculating & conjecturing etc, etc.

I will do another thread this time on the Syrian conflict just to show how the `so-called experts` are not reading God`s word correctly but trying to fit it into the news & coming up with all sorts of error & leading many astray. My desire is to show how God`s word is very clear & simple (as you like)& makes sense to the everyday person.

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Gary on Thu, 10 Oct 2013 09:12:04 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

Our friend was a sister in Christ. We knew her in the beginning when we first became Christians. She never married but was always reaching out and helping others, elderly, etc.

Still do not know the details we got word from another friend who received a brief call about her homecoming. It seems strange so many people we knew are dying while young, in their fifties and sixties. I was just reading where Jesus told His brothers your time is always ready while my time is not yet at hand. He was talking about His death on the cross. But they did not understand.

Quote:brought in information that you didn`t know -Babylon being rebuilt, the Temple also built, Part of Syria & Iraq now an Islamic State together.

I did want to clarify one thing I did know of the rebuilding of Babylon but had not seen the video, also about the temple I have heard of this as well.

There have been a lot of books written on these subjects here in the states including on Syria and Iraq, Iran, etc.

In fact I just heard about some information on Joels prophecy, the moon turning to blood. Would share more here but don't want to get off topic. Will read other comments and reply later.

Gary

Subject: Re: `The Times of the Gentiles.`
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Thu, 10 Oct 2013 21:41:56 GMT
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Hi Gary,

Thank you for clarifying about knowing of Babylon being rebuilt. So it was just the video you had asked me for. Now I understand.
And yes I`ve heard of the `blood moons,` in relation to the Jewish main Festivals this year & next. Interesting.

Concerning why I asked about `the gentiles,` yes I also believe they are the non Jewish peoples. It was just in reference to your comment

Quote:`This will mean the gentiles will be still there until part of the tribulation. This is very

interesting as I think most think they will leave before the tribulation.`