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I did say I made an incredible discovery about the End Times. In fact, there are a few discoveries now. So, I will break it down into a series of quotes, each discussed in greater detail over the weeks.

I feel very good about the End Times as both scripturally and scientifically the Resurrection is an eschatological experience that makes so much sense of life.

And if you have ears that hear and understand, mind-blowing, because Jesus "can't seem to make sense of it any other way."

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#1: "until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."**Jesus Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem**

20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. **21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, **22** for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. **23** Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. **24** They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The 'Coming' of the Son of Man [emphasis ours]

25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, **26** people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **27** And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **28** Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Luke 24: 20-28

Is the Time of the Gentiles Fulfilled?**40 Years After Jerusalem Returns to Jewish Hands Is This the Final Generation?**

I get skittish about end time predictions and dates. The landscape is littered with those "prophets" who have falsely predicted the end based upon current events or mathematical time tables, supposedly extrapolated from scripture. Around 1,000 A.D. the western world went mad with fear and speculation, and we had our own materialistic vision of the apocalypse with the Y2K scare of 2000. I remember listening to brother Kenneth Copeland say on one of his tapes that it would all be "wrapped up" by 1999. [Jonathan Edwards' lesser known works](#) deal with his speculation that he was in the end times; not to mention the failed predictions of the [7th Day Adventist's founders](#) and the [Jehovah's Witnesses many failed prophesies](#).

However, there is one prophet I do trust, and his name is Jesus. One of the clearest sequential prophesies of Jesus is recorded by Luke. (*See full Scripture Luke 21:5-36*) When Jesus is asked about the fall of Jerusalem and the time of his return by his disciples, Jesus talks about both. He first warns about false messiahs, who say to the people "this is the end." He says that there will be wars and catastrophes, persecutions, and betrayals, but that is not the end. Then he tells of Jerusalem's destruction, the "days of vengeance" against Jerusalem for its rejection of the Covenant and of God's prophets (Luke 21:22). And then he speaks about the end times, and the great shakings that come upon the whole Earth before his Second Coming. All those prophesies are very general and not time specific. However, Jesus does give one chronological clue about the times of the end. He says, "Jerusalem shall be trampled under foot by the Gentiles ***until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.***" (Luke 21:4, NASB) And then he says something very interesting. He says, "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place." (Luke 21:32).

If I read this chronology right, Jesus says that the end of the age of the Gentiles is accompanied by the Jewish re-establishment of Jerusalem, which is followed by signs in Heaven and Earth, and, that the generation then living will not die off until the fulfillment of all things takes place. Now here is the wild part. Jerusalem was recaptured by the Jews in 1967 during the Six Day War; it is no longer in Gentile hands. And in the Scriptures, a generation is about 40 years. 1967 to 2007 is 40 years! (Remember though that Jewish numerology is not exact, but a general number.) Wow! Jesus' words form the only precise end time chronology in the New Testament. One caveat to this 40 year scenario is that, a generation now lives on average 80 years, and the entire generation won't die off, naturally, for 120 years. So if Jesus meant that the majority of the generation won't die off, somewhere between 40 to 80 years after the re-establishment of Jerusalem, we should start seeing the signs of the end in Heaven and Earth....

But as with the prophets of old, Jesus also sees and promises a future restoration of Israel and Jerusalem after the punishment and new Exile. How could it be that over the counter after 2000 years, the nation of Israel is restored?? Has any people been displaced and dispersed among the nations for such a length of time without being totally assimilated into the nations of their exile? And yet, Israel is reborn! Jesus' prophecy has come to pass! Along with Paul's prophecy about Israel's rejection of the Messiah "until the full number of Gentiles come in" (Romans 11:25-26), we have two clear prophecies about the completion of the Gentile age. Both Jews, Paul and Jesus, foresaw a time of the restoration of the promises of God to the natural children of Abraham – a promise that is not superceded by the inclusion of the Gentiles into the promise of salvation.

So, my question to you is: Is the time of the Gentiles fulfilled? And if so, what could that possibly mean? Are we now at the time of the End? I cannot make heads nor tails of this prophecy except to expect some great times of tribulation and miracles. Of course, my interpretation of Jesus' words could be off for some reason, but I can't seem to make sense of it any other way."

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