

Q t-i-m-e* g-e-n-t-i-l*

1 Result:

Luke 21:24

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**.

~~Ephesians 2:11 - ...Gentiles in the flesh...~~

~~1 Peter 4:3 - ...living in Gentile passions...~~

~~Other Scriptures - No direct match found...~~

The phrase doesn't appear anywhere else in scripture. There is no obvious cross-reference. This makes it a standalone challenge.

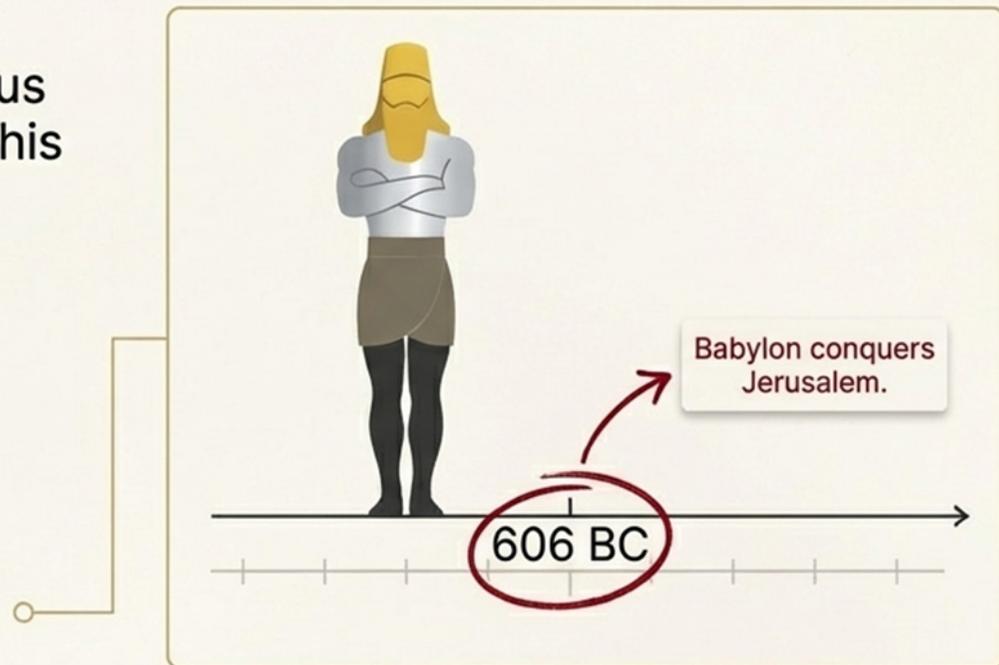
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The Traditional Hypothesis: 606 BC

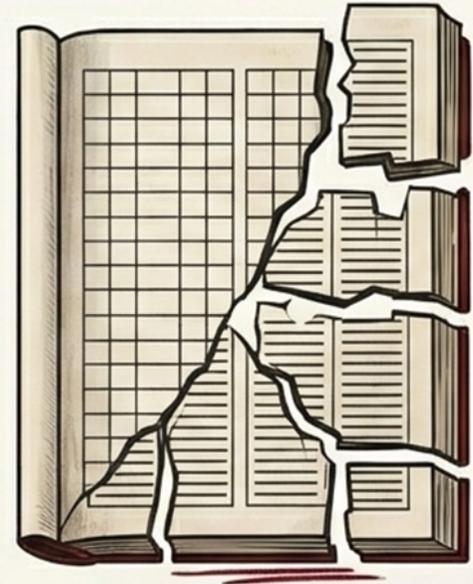
Clarence Larkin, a gifted and famous dispensational illustrator, defined this period as beginning in 606 BC.

Many teachers and commentators blindly follow this chart today.

In some sense, it seems reasonable—Jerusalem was conquered. But is it scripturally accurate?



The Flaw of the Isolated Verse

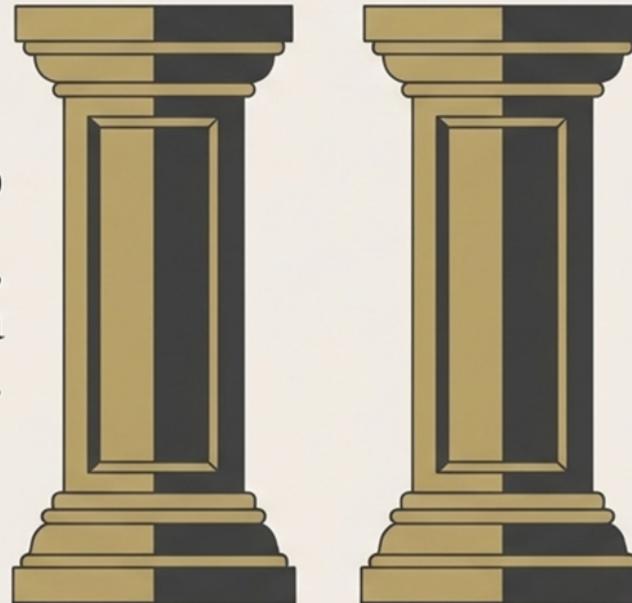


When the Holy Spirit wrote Luke, there was no “21:24”. Chapter and verse divisions were added later. To understand verse 24, we must zoom out and read the surrounding context. Taking a shortcut leads to 606 BC.

The Rules of Investigation

Isaiah 28:9-10

Precept upon precept,
line upon line... here a
little, and there a little.



1 Corinthians 2:13

Comparing spiritual
things with spiritual.

God didn't put everything into one convenient paragraph. Discovering doctrine requires deliberate, verse-by-verse cross-referencing.

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Clue #1: The Immediate Context

When you see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the Desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Investigator's Conclusion

The context describes future wrath and distress, not the historic conquest of Babylon. This points strictly to the Great Tribulation—the last Daniel's 70th week.

Clue #2: The Parallel Witness

Luke 21:20

...see Jerusalem
compassed with armies...

Matthew 24:15-21

...see the abomination of
desolation spoken of by
Daniel... stand in the holy
place...

Matthew 24 explicitly commands fleeing to the mountains only when the Abomination of Desolation is set up. This is a highly specific time reference.

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Narrowing the Timeline

The Abomination of
Desolation
(Matthew 24).

Jerusalem is NOT
trodden down.

The Great
Tribulation.



The "Great Tribulation" isn't the entire 70th week—it's strictly the last three and a half years. This is when the treading down occurs.

Hitting a Wall in the Search

<input type="text" value="Q Jerusalem"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	800 matches
(Too broad. Good for history, useless for specific timelines).		
<input type="text" value="Q Gentiles"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	129 hits
(Getting warmer, but still too much noise).		
<input type="text" value="Q Trodden"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	27 hits
(Close, but missing the definitive answer).		

Looking at the phrase 'trodden down of the gentiles,' we isolate the unique action: 'Trodden'. But a search for the past tense falls short.

The Forensic Linguistic Breakthrough

TRODDEN



TREAD

 Tread

49 hits

By shifting our search from the past tense to the root verb, a new list of 49 verses emerges. Working through this list leads directly to the definitive answer.

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The Smoking Gun

Luke 21:24

...and Jerusalem shall be trodden
down of the Gentiles...

Revelation 11:2

...for it is given unto the Gentiles:
and the holy city shall they tread
under foot 40 and 2 months.

The exact language matches perfectly. Revelation provides the missing mathematical key that Luke leaves open.

The Verdict: 42 Months

40 and 2 Months = 3.5 Years =
= The Last Half of the 70th Week



The Times of the Gentiles refers to a highly specific, 42-month period. It begins when the Abomination of Desolation is set up and lasts through the Great Tribulation. It has absolutely nothing to do with 606 BC or ancient Babylon.

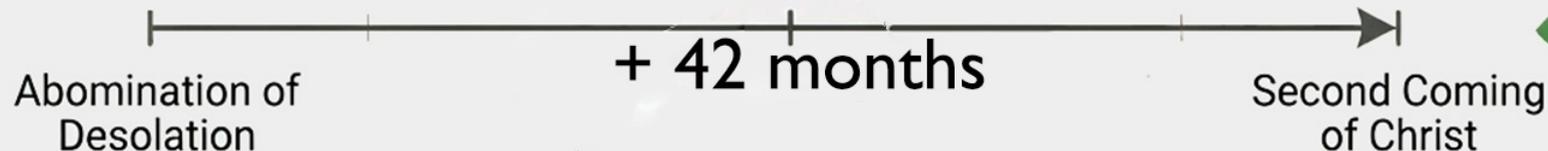


Redrawing the Timeline

The Larkin Theory

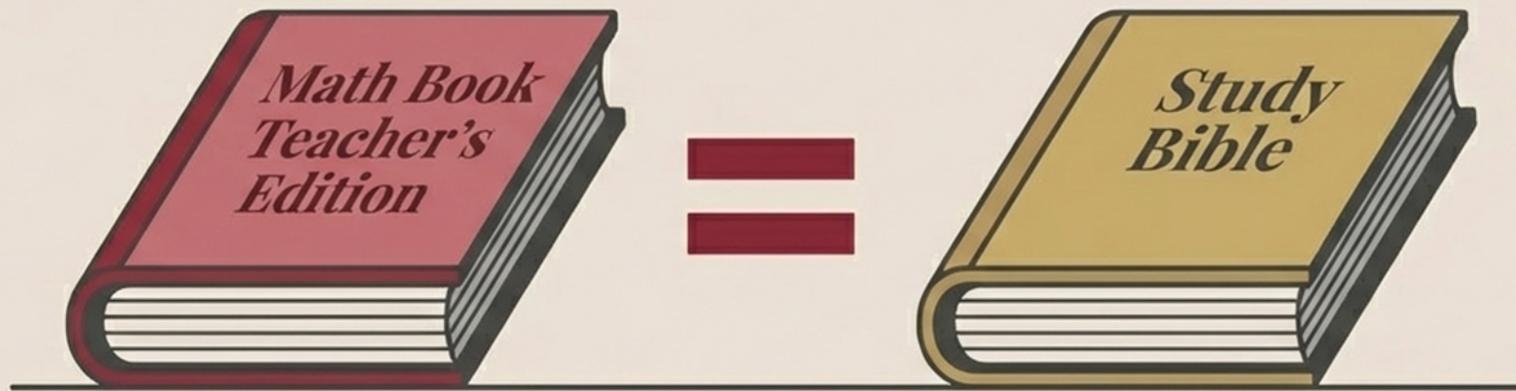


The Scriptural Truth



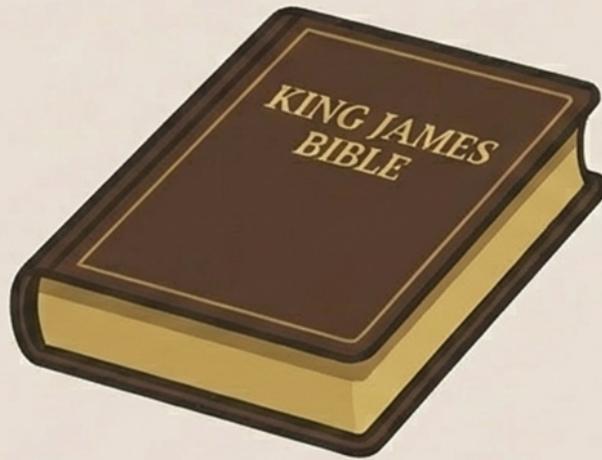
If Larkin's 606 BC start date were true, the 42 months would have ended in 602 BC. The scripture corrects the chart.

The Danger of the Answer Key



Many treat Study Bibles like a teacher's answer key—assuming the footnotes are unquestionable facts. Even brilliant pioneers like Larkin get things wrong. A study note is never the answer; the cross-reference one is. We often mindlessly repeat what we hear instead of proving it.

The Independent Student's Toolkit



You don't need commentaries to find the truth. You only need a Bible, a concordance, and the willingness to do the work. Teachers can help, but at the Judgment Seat of Christ, you are ultimately accountable for what you believe. Prove all things.