

II. THE PRESENT DISPENSATION IS NOT THE TIME FOR THIS STATE OF UNIVERSAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY; BUT THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES IS THE PERIOD WHEN THESE WILL BE REALIZED.

The present dispensation is that of the times of the Gentiles. While this dispensation continues, the Jews fall by the edge of the sword, and are led captive into all nations; and Jerusalem is trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. When these times are run out, the natural branches will be grafted in. Then ALL Israel will be saved, and become the means of extending the salvation of the gospel to the ends of the earth. The following passages will shew the design to be accomplished by the preaching of the gospel to all nations during the present dispensation: perhaps they are *all* that relate to the subject.

Matt. xxiv. 14. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

Mark xvi. 15, 16. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel unto every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

Luke xxiv. 47, 48. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem; and ye are witnesses of these things."

Acts i. 8. "And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Acts xv. 13—17. "And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, men and brethren hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, after this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up; that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called (or, who shall be called by my name), saith the Lord, who doeth all these things."