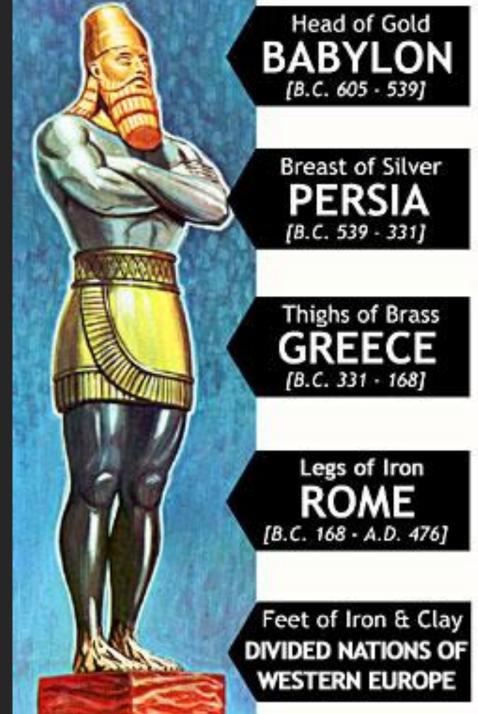




Daniel 2







1 Hearken, and lo, a voice as of one sent down from on high, who is mighty and powerful, whose going forth is unto the ends of the earth, yea, whose voice is unto men—Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

2 The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth. (D&C 65.1-2)

Kingdom

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ... is the kingdom, set up by the God of heaven, that would never be destroyed nor superseded. ... In the early nineteenth century the day had come ... [that] the Church was organized. Small it was, with only six members, compared to the stone cut out of the mountain without hands which would break in pieces other nations and which would roll forth and fill the whole earth. ... Today the stone rolls forth to fill the earth"

("The Stone Cut without Hands," Ensign, May 1976, 8, 9).



The Kingdom of God

"The ancient prophets declared that in the last days the God of heaven should set up a kingdom which should never be destroyed, nor left to other people; and the very time that was calculated on, this people were struggling to bring it out. ...

"I calculate to be one of the instruments of setting up the kingdom of Daniel by the word of the Lord, and I intend to lay a foundation that will revolutionize the whole world. ... It will not be by sword or gun that this kingdom will roll on: the power of truth is such that all nations will be under the necessity of obeying the Gospel." (Joseph Smith, History of the Church, 6:364–65.)



Definition

"Some say that the kingdom of God was not set up upon the earth until the day of Pentecost, and that John did not preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, but I say to you in the name of the Lord that the kingdom of God was set up upon the earth in the days of Adam to the present time.

Whenever there has been a righteous man on the earth, unto whom God revealed His word and gave power and authority to administer in His name, and where there is a priest of God ... to administer in the ordinances of the gospel, and officiate in the priesthood of God, there is the kingdom of God Where there is a prophet, a priest, or a righteous man unto whom God gives His oracles, there is the kingdom of God; and where the oracles of God are not, there the kingdom of God is not.' (Joseph Smith, Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 271–272).



Is The Kingdom of God the same as the Church?

Elder James E. Talmage explained the difference between these two terms:

"The expression 'Kingdom of God' is used synonymously with the term 'Church of Christ'; but the Lord had made plain that He sometimes used the term 'Kingdom of Heaven' in a distinctive sense. In 1832 He called attention to that in these words, addressing Himself to the elders of the Church: [D&C 65:1–6].

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"Such was the prayer, such is the prayer, prescribed for this people to pray, not to utter in words only, not to say only, but to pray—that the Kingdom of God may roll forth in the earth to prepare the earth for the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. That provision in the Lord's prayer, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' has not been abrogated. We are praying for the Kingdom of Heaven to come, and are endeavoring to prepare the earth for its coming.

The Kingdom of God, already set up upon the earth, does not aspire to temporal domination among the nations. It seeks not to overthrow any existing forms of government; it does not profess to exercise control in matters that pertain to the governments of the earth, except by teaching correct principles and trying to get men to live according to the principles of true government, before the Kingdom of Heaven shall come and be established upon the earth with a King at the head. But when He comes, He shall rule and reign, for it is His right." (Elder James E. Talmage, Conference Report, Apr. 1916, pp. 128–29.)

Jesus Christ and the Millennium

What will Christ do during the Millennium?	Isaiah 9:6–7; 33:22; Revelation 11:15; 1 Nephi 22:24	
Where will Christ be during the Millennium?	Zephaniah 3:15–17; Doctrine and Covenants 29:11; 45:59	
How will Christ reign during the Millennium?	Revelation 19:15; Doctrine and Covenants 38:21–22	
What effect will Christ's reign have?	Isaiah 2:2–4; 1 Nephi 22:25–28; 2 Nephi 30:10–18	



How can we apply this today?

"When Satan is bound in a single home—when Satan is bound in a single life—the Millennium has already begun in that home, in that life"

(The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, ed. Edward L. Kimball [1982], 172).

John 5:22

Matthew 12:36-37

Revelation 20:12-13

Mosiah 4:30

Doctrine and Covenants 137:9

Jesus Christ Will be Our Judge

