

## The Image of Daniel 2

Re Dan 2 “I know all about the Image that Daniel interpreted. The question is the little stone cut out without hands. I believe that refers to Christ. I believe our church believes if I am right is the coming forth of the CHURCH OF CHRIST. I have heard another version that the Image is the image standing in the last days as the Revised Roman Empire and then When Christ Comes to earth He will destroy all the nations and as Daniel 9 (2-DLT) tells He will set up his kingdom which will never be destroyed or left to other people. If you have time how does our church stand today on Daniel.”

**Although I’m not aware of any official stand of the Church, (meaning in the Articles and Covenants or Referendums) our church membership would recognize this passage foretelling the restoration of Church of Christ in 1830 as you say. Even Protestant founders would say that the little stone that subsequently filled the whole earth was Christ’s Church (kingdom). In recent times however, the prevailing new interpretation is that this Kingdom will not be set up until the “millennial kingdom” when Christ returns. The Image remains standing until Christ’s government breaks it up and consumes these world governments. This is yet to take place. In this study, we will discuss your question “little stone cut out without hands” as well as this prophecy in greater detail.**

### Little Stone cut out Without Hands

[Daniel 2 : 28, 31-34, 44-45](#) But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the **latter days**. . . Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, **stood before thee**; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. **Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands**, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the **stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth**. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. . . and in the days of these kings shall the **God of heaven set up a kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to



other people, but it shall **break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall stand for ever. **Forasmuch** (Lexicon :: Strong's H3606 - kol (Aramaic – BECAUSE DLT) as thou sawest that the **stone was cut out of the mountain without hands**, and that it **brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold**; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

[1 Peter 2 : 7](#) Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the **stone which the builders disallowed**, the same is made the **Head of the corner**,

**Verses 44 and 45, God gives the interpretation to what the stone is and what without hand means. I.E. God (Jesus Christ), and not man establishes His Kingdom (stone) which starts with the Head of the corner and increasing to fill the entire earth. I don't believe there's much of any dispute over that part. Let us now look at scriptures when God say he set sets up (establish Lexicon :: Strong's H6966 - quwm (Aramaic) Kingdom.**

## **The Kingdom of God, the Church, Established**

[Matthew 16 : 18-19](#) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**: and whatsoever **thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven**: and whatsoever **thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven**.



[Luke 22 : 29](#) And I **appoint unto you a kingdom**, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

[Colossians 1 : 13](#) Who **hath delivered us** from the power of darkness, and hath **translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son**:

[Hebrews 12 : 28](#) Wherefore **we receiving a kingdom** which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

[1 Nephi 3 : 227-228](#) Nevertheless, I beheld that the **church of the Lamb**, which were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth; And **their dominions** upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great whore which I saw.

**Question for the group: If Jesus Christ set up His Kingdom on earth in the first century, why did He have to reestablish it again in the last day? (Daniel 2:28)**

## At Their Time, Early Protestant Founders believed that the Christ's Church was Soon to be Restored

### BAPTIST:

"There is no regularly-constituted church on earth, nor any person authorized to administer any Church ordinance: nor can there be, until new apostles are sent by the great Head of the Church, for whose coming I am seeking." - **Roger Williams** (1603-1683) founder of the first Baptist Church in America (Picturesque America, or the Land We Live In, ed. William Cullen Bryant, New York: D. Appleton and Co., 1872, vol. 1, p. 502.),



"The apostasy... hath so far corrupted all, that there can be no recovery out of that apostasy until Christ shall send forth new apostles to plant churches anew." (1603-1683) (Underhill, Edward, "Struggles and Triumphs of Religious Liberty", cited in William F. Anderson, "Apostasy or Succession, Which?", pp. 238-39)

"A religious reformation is afoot, and at heart it is the endeavor to recover for our modern life the religion of Jesus as against the vast, intricate, largely inadequate and often positively false religion about Jesus. Christianity today has largely left the religion which he preached, taught and lived, and has substituted another kind of religion altogether. If Jesus should come back to now, hear the mythologies built up around him, see the creedalism, denominationalism, sacramentalism, carried on in his name, he would certainly say, 'If this is Christianity, I am not a Christian.'" Dr. **Harry Emerson Fosdick** (1878 – 1969)

### CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) and Church of Christ:

**We argue that all Christian sects are more or less apostatized from the institutions of**



**the Savior;** that by all the obligations of the Christian religion, they that fear and love the Lord are bound to return to the ancient order of things in the spirit and truth. (**Alexander Campbell** (1788 – 1866) founder of Disciples, *Christian Baptist*, vol.. 5, p.402)

"some new revelation or some new development of the revelation of God must be made, before the hopes and expectations of all true Christians can be realized, or Christianity save and reform the nations of the world. **We want the old gospel back, and sustained by the ancient order of things.**" - **Alexander Campbell** (1788 – 1866)

The Christian System, pg 250.

"The worshipping establishments now in operation... are not the Churches of Jesus Christ, but the legitimate daughters of that mother of harlots, the Church of Rome."

**Alexander Campbell** (1788 – 1866) (see Rev. 17:5) - Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, pg 796.

"The **primitive gospel in its effulgence and power is yet to shine out in its original splendor to regenerate the world.**" **Alexander Campbell** (1788 – 1866)- Hayden's History of the Disciples, pg 36.

### METHODIST:

**We seldom hear of them [manifestations of the gifts] after that fatal period when the Emperor Constantine called himself a Christian .... From this time they almost totally ceased. .... The cause of this was not (as has been vulgarly supposed) because there was no more occasion for them, because all the world was become Christian. This is a miserable mistake; not a twentieth part of it was then nominally Christians. The real cause was, the love of man, ... was waxed cold. The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ, than the other heathens..... This was the real cause, why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian church; because the Christians were turned heathens again, and had only a dead form left. (John Wesley (1703-1791) founded Methodis, (Wesley's Works, vol. 7, 89:26, 27))**



"..Please send forth new apostles, let the last prophet come..." -Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, in a hymn of prayer. **John Wesley** (1703-1791) founded Methodis

"**The times which we have reason to believe are at hand, (if they have not already begun,) are what many pious men have termed 'the latter day glory'; meaning the time wherein God would gloriously display his power and love... yet the wise men... can see no signs at all of God's arising to maintain his own cause, and set up his kingdom over the earth!**" - **John Wesley**, Sermon 71; Wesley's Works

## Lutheran:



"If the primitive gospel would come again God would have to speak from heaven." -**Martin Luther** (1483-1546) Founder of Lutheranism, (History of the Reformation, Vol. 2, P. 111).

"I cannot tell what to say of myself, perhaps I am Philip Melancthon's forerunner. I am preparing the way for him like Elias in spirit and power. Martin Luther "...Luther perceived that the ancient and primitive church must, on the one hand, **be restored** in opposition to the papacy by which it had been so long oppressed." D,Aubigne's History of the Reformation, vol. 2, p. III; vol. 3, p. 80.

## CONGREGATIONAL:

"...I read, that before the bridegroom came, there was a cry made, 'Behold the bridegroom cometh,' which cry doth not seem to me to be the ordinary cry of the ministers of the gospel, but a cry that was effected by some sudden and marvelous awakening, the product of some new and extraordinary revelation." **John Bunyan** (1628 – 1688) - Tomlin's Interpretation, pg 516.



## EPISCOPALIAN:

The reverend **William Ward** taught that the end of the 1260 days (years) as mentioned in **Revelation 12:16**, would bring us to 1830, and that this year would be "a year of spiritual revival and triumph, the greatest year in the calendar of the world." - Rev. **William Ward** between 1810 and 1820. Prophetic History, Vol 5, pg 18,32,68,74; Vol 5, pg 266-267.

## Others:

"...The genuine and simple religion of Jesus will one day be restored; such as it was preached and practiced by Himself. Very soon after His death it became muffled up in mysteries, and has been ever since kept in concealment from the vulgar eye..." - **Thomas Jefferson**, in 1820

"...we must not expect to see the Church of Holy Scripture actually existing in its perfection on the earth. It is not to be found, thus perfect, either in the collected fragments of Christendom, or still less in any one of these fragments. . . ." (**Dr. William Smith**, Smith's Dictionary of the Bible, Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1896.)





**The old time gospel and the gifts thereof are lost.** False doctrines prevail in all the churches on the face of the earth. All we can do is exhort the people to be just, fear god, shun evil, and pray. Prayer and purity may cause an angel to visit some deep depressed soul. But I tell you that **within one hundred years, God will have spoken. He will restore the church again.** I see a little band of people led by a prophet and a faithful leader. Some will be persecuted and burned out and murdered. From every nation shall true believers be gathered by speedy messengers. And then shall the Almighty God speak to the disobedient nations with thunder and lightning, and destruction such as men have never know before. **(Christophilus Gratianus,** leader of Swiss Pietism, Die Hoffnung Zions (i.e. Zion's Hope), 1732, University Library of Bazel, Switzerland)



“There must be a **stone cut of the mountain without hands,** before it can fall on the toes of the Image, and become a great mountain and fill the earth. An Angel must fly through the midst of heaven with the everlasting Gospel to preach to all nations, before Babylon falls, and the Son of man reaps his harvest. ...But if the last age, the age of opening these things, be now approaching, as by the great success of late Interpreters it seems to be, we have more encouragement that ever to look into these things. **Isaac Newton,** Observations on the Prophecies, pg 250-251.

"These words prove to us that when the kingdom of Christ shall first be established upon earth, there shall be found a representative of each of the four empires existing, each in its proper place....**And it is remarkable that we are now, at this moment, getting into the very position which the prophecy demands before it can be fulfilled.** We have had for many ages three of these four empires represented upon earth - Persia representing the second; Turkey (as the possessor of Chaldea) representing the fourth. But there was not, for many ages, a representative of the third, or **Grecian Empire.** But the nature of the prophecy require four empires, and not three, before the time of the end; and so it has actually occurred, **for about the year 1830,** the Greek Empire re-appeared again upon the scene, and was established by the great powers of Europe, as a separate and distinct government under Otho, of Bavaria...**so that nothing now remains but the establishment of the fifth empire - the eternal kingdom of God, not in heaven, but upon the earth.- The Last Vials,** pp. 5, 6, May, 1847" (ibid., p.141).

"But in consequence of Roman power being now limited to its own original territory, and other powers having sprung up within the territories **of Babylon, of Persia and of Greece,** **the image stands complete in its gold, its silver, its brass, its iron and clay...**So that we can say within **these three months, 1829, what never could have been said before that the whole image in its fourfold state,** is at this time in distinct existence. These observations are important. - An Apology, etc., p. 26, **Reverend W. W. Anderson,** Literalist, vol. 1 (ibid., p. 141).

## Latter Days- Christ establishes His Church among the Gentiles

[Daniel 2 : 28, 31-34, 44-45](#) But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the **latter days**

[I Nephi 4 : 16,19,27,28](#) And now, the thing which our father meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural branches through **the fullness of the gentiles**, is, that in the **latter days**, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea, for the space of many years and many generations, after that the Messiah hath manifested himself in body unto the children of men, then shall **the fullness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed;...**

**Wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer, and the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved**...And he meaneth that it shall **come by way of the Gentiles**, that the Lord may shew his power unto the Gentiles, for the very cause that he shall be rejected of the Jews, or of the house of Israel: Wherefore, our father hath not spoken of our seed alone, but also of all the house of Israel, pointing to the covenant which should be **fulfilled in the latter days**;



[Rom 11: 24-26](#) For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that

blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved**: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

[III Nephi 10 : 1](#) But if they will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, **I will establish my church among them**, and they shall come in unto the covenant, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob;

[Isaiah 29:14,17,23](#) Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a **marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid**... Is it not yet a very little while, and

Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?... But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

[Isaiah 49:22](#) Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will **lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people:** and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

[Rev 14:6](#) And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, **having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth,** and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people

[1 Nephi 3 : 198-201](#) And the time cometh that he shall manifest himself unto all nations, both unto the Jews, and also unto the Gentiles; And the **last shall be first, and the first shall be last.** And it shall come to pass, that if the Gentiles shall hearken unto the Lamb of God in that day that he shall manifest himself unto them in word, and also in power, in very deed, unto the taking away of their stumblingblocks, if it so be that they harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God; and if it so be that they harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God, **they shall be numbered among the seed of thy father; (though Baptism DLT; see Gal 3:27-29)**

[Jacob 3: 125-127, 136-141](#) Wherefore, go to, and **call servants,** that we may labor diligently with



our mights in the vineyard, that we may prepare the way, that I may bring forth again the natural fruit, which natural fruit is good, and the most precious above all other fruit. Wherefore, let us go to, and labor with our mights, **this last time;** for behold the **end draweth nigh:** and this is for the **last time** that I shall prune my vineyard. Graft in the branches; begin at the last, that they may be first, and that the first may be last, and dig about the trees, both old and young, the first and the last, and the last and the first,

that all may be nourished once again for the **last time...** And the bad shall be cast away; yea, even out of all the land of my vineyard; for behold, only this once will I **prune my vineyard...** And it came to pass that the **Lord of the vineyard sent his servant;** and the **servant went and did as the Lord had commanded him, and brought other servants; and they were few.** And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto them, Go to, and labor in the vineyard, with your mights. For behold, this is the last time that I shall nourish my vineyard: for the end is nigh at hand, and the season speedily cometh; And if ye labor with your mights with me, ye shall have joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto myself, against the time which will soon come. And it came to pass that the servants did go to it, and labor with their mights; and the Lord of the vineyard labored also with them; and they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard, in all things. And there began to be the natural fruit again in the vineyard; and the natural branches began to grow and thrive exceedingly;



[I Nephi 3 : 190-191](#) And it came to pass that I beheld the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also the book of the Lamb of God, which had proceeded forth from the mouth of the Jew, and I beheld that it came forth **from the Gentiles, unto the remnant of the seed of my brethren**; And after it had come forth unto them, I beheld other books which came forth by the power of the Lamb, **from the gentiles** unto them, unto the **convincing of the Gentiles, and the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also to the Jews**, which were scattered upon all the face of the earth, that the records of the prophets and of the twelve apostles of the Lamb are true.

[III Nephi 9 : 91-92](#) therefore, when these works, and the work which shall be wrought among you hereafter, shall **come forth from the gentiles** unto your seed, which shall dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity; For thus it behooveth the Father that it should **come forth from the gentiles**, that he may shew forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause, that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts, **that they may repent and come unto me, and be baptized in my name**, and know of the **true points of my doctrine**, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel:

[I Nephi 3 : 221-222](#) The **one is the church of the Lamb of God**, and the **other is the church of the devil**; Wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the **church of the Lamb** of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations;

## When Exactly?

[Daniel 2 : 28,30,44](#) what shall be in the **latter days...** This great image, whose brightness was excellent, **stood before thee;...** and **in the days of these kings** shall the **God of heaven set up a kingdom**



[III Nephi 9 : 105](#) Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles, except they repent, for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots, and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds; And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands; And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, shall be done away.

Chart 9. The Great Image of Nebuchadnezzar's Night Vision, Daniel Chapter 2.

# The GREAT IMAGE OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR

## FOUR WORLD POWERS

DANIEL 2:31-35

