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1 – Revelation 11:1, 2 - the Apostle John was told, ***“Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles:”***

During the time of the Old Testament, the true worship was in the temple of Jerusalem and it was considered as the habitation of God. The patio of the Gentiles was not measured because it was not part of the true temple.

2 – Let's read **Ephesians 2:19-22**. But with the establishment of the Church of Christ, the church was now considered as the temple of God; so the commandment to John refers to the church. The **court which is without** refers to the apostate church of Rome, which was not the true church.

3 – John was told to **measure the temple**, that is to say, the true church. Such measurement will serve as a description of the original Church of Christ. It is to give us a **model of the true church** for the future. This description is found in the Holy Bible and the Book of Mormon, which were not available in the days of the Apostle John. He was also told to measure **those who worship therein**. This would show **what constitutes true membership** in the Kingdom of God.

4 – We have already seen that the original church fell into apostasy. The authority of its priesthood was taken back into heaven. The church was given two wings of an eagle that would carry it into the desert. It was no longer to be found in the world. The two wings represented the Roman Church and the Orthodox Church, whose doctrines and ordinances carried the church into apostasy.

5 – However, valiant and sincere men, although greatly persecuted by the Catholic Church, began a **Reformation**, or a modification of the Roman Catholic Church. In the year 1517 A. D. those changes began with Martin Luther's efforts. These reformers understood that a man-made reformation was not enough to perfect the church. We shall read the words of three of these Protestant reformers:

a. Sir Isaac Newton – ***“About the time of the end, in all probability, a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the prophecies, and insist upon their literal fulfillment in the midst of much clamor and opposition.”*** (Newton, *Lectures on Daniel*, p. 201.)

b. Roger Williams – ***“He conceived that the apostasy of the anti christ had so far corrupted all that there can be no recovery out of the apostasy til Christ shall send forth new apostles to plant churches anew.”*** (*Struggles and Triumphs of Religious Liberty*, pp. 238, 239)

c. John Wesley – ***“The times that we have reason to believe are at hand – if they are 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 loveGod's arising to maintain his cause, and set up his kingdom over all the earth.”*** (Wesley, *The Signs of the Times*)

From their own words we can see that these reformers were waiting for a total Restoration of the apostolic church. How long should the world have to wait? Let's read what the prophet said about this restoration. In **Daniel 2: 28**, he said to the king of Babylon, ***"But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days."***

6 – By the power of God this mystery was revealed to the king of Babylon, and only by the power of God will the Restoration of the church be accomplished. It is not a work that can be done by the children of men, no matter how fine their intentions and motives. We will read four passages relating this divine work:

a. Revelation 14:6 This prophecy could easily refer to the messenger, John, who restored the ministry to Joseph and Oliver Cowdery (See **Malachi 3:1** and **Matthew 11: 7, 10**) (Revelation 19:10 tells of such angelic administration.)

It could also refer to the angel, Moroni who appeared to Joseph Smith: revealing the Lord's plan and the Book of Mormon.

b. - Isaiah 11:10 - 12 (an ensign – "a flag or banner raised for a certain end." In v. 10, that banner is Christ. Him ***"...shall the Gentiles seek."*** In v. 11 I believe it refers to His Word, restored in the latter day. In **II Nephi 12:44** it says, ***"And my words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth, for a standard unto my people, which are of the house of Israel."***

c. I Nephi 3:214 - 217 (p. 39) This prophecy speaks of the restoration of the church and coming of the Book of Mormon. This is the ensign around which Israel shall be gathered out of the nations. All who come to it shall be Israel by adoption.

d. I Nephi 4:16 - 19 (p. 44) This prophecy relates primarily to the indigenous people of America, but verse 19 shows the only way Israel can be restored to God. They ***"...shall come to the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved."***

7 – Now, we shall analyze the revelation of God to the king of Babylon, interpreted by the prophet, Daniel. The dream itself is found in **Daniel 2:31-35** (Read it.)

In **Daniel 2:19** we read, ***"Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision."***

a. - Daniel 2:36 – 38 The parts of the image refer to the kingdoms of the ancient world. The **head of gold** referred to the empire of **Babylon**. This empire dominated the world B.C. from 747 to 539 B.C.

b. - Daniel 2:39 The **chest and the arms** were made of **silver**, a metal that is not so valuable as gold. It identifies **Media Persia** which dominated the world among 539 B.C up to 334 B.C.

c. - Daniel 2:39 His **belly and thighs** appeared as **brass**, an inferior metal to silver. This referred to **Greece**, a kingdom that dominated the world from 334 B.C up to 197 B.C.

d. - Daniel 2:40 The **legs of the image** were made of **iron**, because the fourth kingdom was as strong as iron. It refers to **Rome**, a kingdom which dominated the world. from 197 B.C until her destruction in 570 A. D.

e. - Daniel 2:41-43 The ten toes are made of iron mixed with clay. This speaks of the ten nations that will arise out of the ruins of the Roman Empire when it shall be destroyed. Some of these ten nations today are England, France, Germany and Spain. Others have disappeared.

f. - Daniel 2:44 This verse says, *"In the days of these kings..."* This dream of the king showed us 14 different Kingdom." (count them!)

Also, **verse 31** said that the great image *"was standing"*. We know that it could not be standing until all the parts were present. Therefore, when all fourteen kingdoms exist and their governments are recognized, then **verse 44** tells us, *"will 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."*

In the history of the world the only time when these fourteen nations all existed at the same time was during the years 1829 and 1830, when the Book of Mormon came forth and when the Church of Christ was organized.

(Verse 45.) This speaks of the Restoration of the Church of Christ.

