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# “Rightly Dividing the Word”

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- Greek: “ortho tomeo” = holding a straight course

## 2 Tim. 2:14-16

Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

To see “reality” “substance” “uniqueness”

Look at (when / how / where) Prophecy is fulfilled

Listen to the Apostles - NOT TV evangelist today

***Example:*** Who were the Jews Looking for?

**John 1:19-21**

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?"

They were looking for Christ, Elijah and The / That prophet

**WHY?**

# Who Were The Jews Looking For?

## 1. The (Seed / Messiah / Savior / Christ) Promise

### Is. 53:3-5

He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our grief's and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

- In the first century they were looking for the fulfillment of dozens of prophecies regarding the Messiah. They thought John the Baptist might be Him.

# Who Were The Jews Looking For?

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2. Elijah

## **Mal. 4:5**

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

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3. That Prophet OR The Prophet

## **Deut. 18:15, 18-19**

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,...

I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

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***Have These Promises Been Fulfilled? How?***



# Have These Promises Been Fulfilled?

## 1. The (Seed / Messiah / Savior / Christ) Promise

### ❖ Fulfilled in Christ

#### Gal. 3:15-19

Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

# Have These Promises Been Fulfilled?

## 2. Elijah

### ❖ **Fulfilled in John the Baptist, but did not realize it**

#### **Mat. 11:12-14**

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.

#### **Mat. 17:10-12**

And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished

# Have These Promises Been Fulfilled?

## 3. That Prophet OR The Prophet

### ❖ Fulfilled in Jesus

#### Acts 3:20-23

...and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

# The Law Was a Tutor

## Gal. 3:22-25

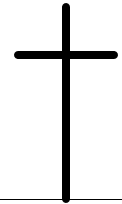
But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Garden

Promise

430 Years

Mt. Sinai



Now we will look at some very important prophecies and see their fulfillment.

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# The Kingdom

## Dan. 2:36, 38-39, 44-45

"This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ...-you are this head of gold. ...after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, ...and in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold--the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

# The Kingdom

*What kind of kingdom?*

## **Mat. 3:1-2**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

## **Mat. 10:6-7**

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

## **Mat. 16:18-19**

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

# The Kingdom

*When did it begin?*

## **Mark 9:1**

And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

- Do you see anyone around that is 2000 years old?
- What does this mean?

## **Acts 1:6-8**

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



# The Kingdom

## Col. 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,...

### *What does it all mean?*

- ✓ Daniel tells us about a “kingdom” that start during the Roman empire that will last forever
- ✓ No physical kingdom today has been around 2000 years
- ✓ The Colossians had been added to the kingdom!
  
- Look at the beast

Gold

Babylon

Silver

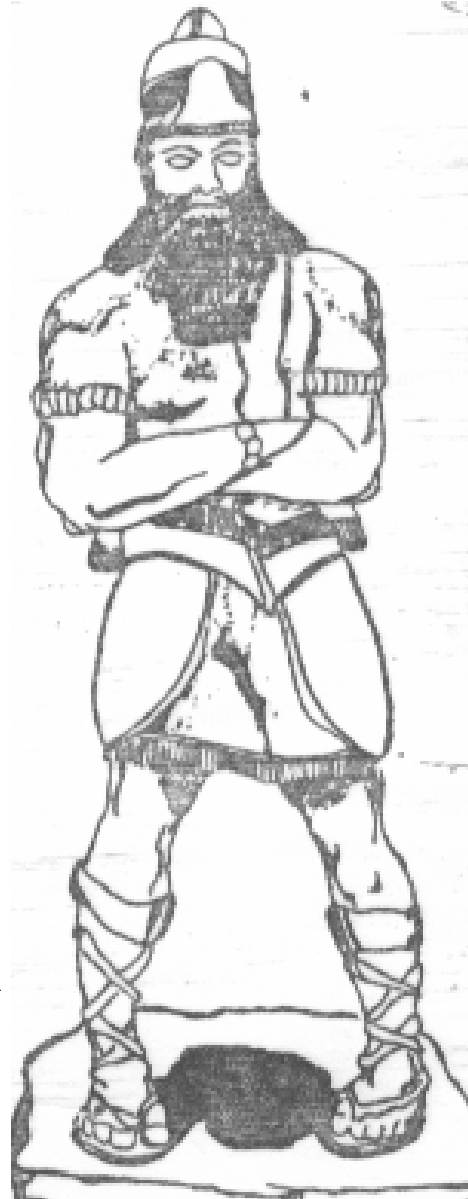
Medo-Persia

Brass

Greek / Macedonian

Iron & Clay

Roman Empire



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# The Lord's House

## Is. 2:2-3

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

***WHAT*** - LORD' HOUSE

***WHEN*** - "LAST DAYS"

***WHERE*** - FROM JERUSALEM

***WHO*** - ALL NATIONS

# The Lord's House

*What?*

## **Heb. 3:5-6**

...but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

## **1 Tim. 3:15**

...but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

# The Lord's House

*What?*

## **Mat. 16:16-19**

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

***“church” & “kingdom” are used synonymously***

# The Lord's House

*When? "the last days"*

## Acts 2:16-17

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

## Heb. 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;...

- *The Church / Kingdom / Lord's House would be established in the "last days". Peter & the writer of Hebrews said that was in the first century.*

# The Lord's House

*Where will it all begin? From Jerusalem*

## **Luke 24:46-48**

Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.

## **Acts 1:4-5**

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."



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# The Lord's House

*Who will it be for? "All nations"*

## Acts 2:39

For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

## Rom. 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

- *The church (kingdom) began in the first century, in Jerusalem and unlike the Jews being the "chosen" of God, invitation into the church was available to all.*

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# Christ As King

## Jer. 23:5-6

"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

# Christ As King

*When did we get a New King? Are we still waiting for Him?*

## Mat. 28:18-19

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,...

## Acts 2:29-36

"Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. **-NEXT-**

# Christ As King

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This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

"The LORD said to my Lord,

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"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

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## **Deut. 18:15**

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,...

*Why would the world listen to this Prophet?*

*Because He was a Prophet, a King and a High Priest*

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# The New Law

*When will / did this begin?*

## Jer. 31:31, 33-34

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

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## **Heb. 9:18-19**

Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,...

## **Acts 2:36-39**

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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*When will / did this begin?*

## Heb. 9:14-17

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For where there is a testament [will], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament [will] is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

# The New Law

*When will / did this begin?*

**Heb. 8:8, 12**

Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-

...For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

***The NEW LAW is now in effect.***

***It began in the first century.***

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# The Holy Spirit Will Be Given

*When?*

**Joel 2:28**

"And it shall come to pass afterward  
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
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Your young men shall see visions."

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## Acts 2:14-21

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

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# All Promises Made Are Fulfilled In Acts 2

(Acts 2 gives the account of events on only one day-Pentecost)

Every Scripture speaking  
of the Kingdom

**BEFORE** Acts 2 speaks  
of it as being **IN THE  
FUTURE !!**

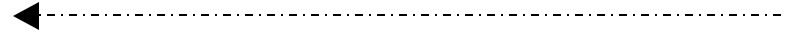
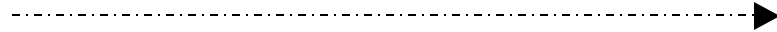
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**PENTECOST**

**ACTS 2**

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Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13-14;  
Rev. 1:9



# The Kingdom Exists Today

## Acts 2:47-3:1

...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

## Col. 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

## Rev. 1:9

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

# The Kingdom Exists Today

- Why is it that so many don't understand?
- People today make the same mistake as the Jews that killed Jesus.
- They are looking for a physical kingdom & not a spiritual one.
- The Kingdom (church) has been here 2000 years.

## **John 18:36**

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

# The Kingdom Exists Today

- ✓ **Only God can add you to His Kingdom**
- ✓ **Only Citizens are acceptable in his Kingdom.**

❖ *How does one get in?*

## Acts 2:36-38

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.