

## Full Time Mission Message #21

Elder / Sister xxxxxx,

Have you ever wondered about Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image and what the feet and 10 toes made of iron and clay represented? (Daniel 2: 13-46)

Daniel 2:42-44

[41](#)And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. [42](#)And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. [43](#)And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. [44](#) ***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.

That is interesting because Daniel said in his interpretation of the dream that "in the days of these kings" shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom. Have you ever wondered who those 10 Kings were or when they became Kings?

Here is a little History for you:

After the fall of the Roman Empire, Greece became part of the Byzantine Empire with its capital at Constantinople (now Istanbul). (For the early history of Greece, *see* Greece, Ancient.) The Byzantine Empire was constantly under attack, and during the 13th century Greece was annexed by the rising power of Venice. The Turkish conquest of the empire in 1453 resulted in the absorption of Greece into the Ottoman Empire. There was little economic development during the period of almost 400 years under Turkish rule. Many Greeks fled the country, and there were periodic revolts. During the 18th century, however, the Greeks began to build their own economy and develop an organized resistance to the Turks. In 1770 the people of the Peloponnesus rose in revolt, but this was quickly stopped by the Turks. In 1821 the Greeks began a seven-year war of independence, which resulted in the liberation of the country. Supported by Great Britain, France, and Russia (called the Great Powers), Greece was declared an independent country in 1829, and Prince Otto of Bavaria was placed on the throne.

And when the King of Greece was inaugurated, that made the 10th country that was made out of the two Empires that were originally Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom and had been broken up into the two legs (the Eastern Empire with a capital at Constantinople, and a Western Empire with a capital at Rome. (Can you name the names and dates of the other 9 countries?))

And if you will notice in that little bit of history the date that King was inaugurated (1829). WOW! That makes Daniel's next statement very significant about the rolling forth of the stone then, IN THE DAYS OF THOSE KINGS.... The gospel could not be restored until there were 10 countries that were a part of those two empires and were ruled over by Kings. Greece was that 10th country and had a King. So in 1830 the STONE CUT WITHOUT HANDS rolled forth from the mountain to fill the whole earth with the gospel just as Daniel said it would.

And we are living to see the fulfillment of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in our life time.



This chart may be too little for you to read so here are the 10 kingdoms and the years they were established:

| # of the 10 | Name of country | Year established | # of the 10 | Name of country | Year established |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1           | Italy           | 495              | 6           | Portugal        | 1138             |
| 2           | France          | 752              | 7           | Prussia         | 1139             |
| 3           | England         | 803              | 8           | Austria         | 1159             |
| 4           | Belgium         | 806              | 9           | Spain           | 1179             |
| 5           | Holland         | 922              | 10          | Greece          | 1829             |

The Lord had Joseph Smith officially organized the Church in 1830. That was the literal fulfillment of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Now you know

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