

A Time to Gather Stones

Jesus, the Chief Cornerstone

Isaiah 28:16-18a Therefore thus saith the **Lord GOD** [*Adonai Yahweh*], Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a **stone**, a tried **stone**, a precious corner **stone**, a sure foundation: he that believeth [*aman*] shall not make haste. ¹⁷ Judgment also will I lay [*suwm*] to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. ¹⁸ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand;

- **Corner** (*pina*) a pinnacle, tower, chief. From *pen*, to turn
- **Tried** (*bohan*) testing or proving the weight of a gold coin to verify or authenticate its worth.
- **Precious** (*yaqar*) valuable, heavy, deep, and very rare because people are not seeking after it... (the word of God was precious).
- **Believe** (*aman*) to the right, or right hand, and is the basis of our definition of faith. Literally we are to commune with the Father at the right hand where we embrace our identity and are given our prophetic commands.
- **Make haste** – when we function with God in our ordained identity as a faithful partner, we will not make haste...or be in a position to panic or react recklessly. We can be confident in who we are in Him and in what we have been tasked to accomplish.

Peter Quotes Isaiah 28

1 Peter 2:4-10 To whom coming, as unto a **living stone**, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen [*eklektos*] of God, and precious [*entimos*],

⁵ Ye also, as **lively stones**, are built up a spiritual [*pneumatikos*] house, an holy [*hagios*] priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

⁶ **Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect [*eklektos*], precious [*entimos*]: and he that believeth [*pisteuo*] on him shall not be confounded.**

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, ⁸ And a **stone** of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation [*eklektos genos*], a royal priesthood, an holy [*hagios*] nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called [*kaleo*] you out of darkness into his marvellous light: ¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

- **Chosen** (*eklektos*) stems from *eklego*: to lay forth systematically. The root word *lego* is a structural term implying a systematic application of a complete plan.
- Jesus was *eklektos*: entrusted with the application and supervision of this structural plan through specific steps of obedience, which is a pattern that we must follow.
- **Chosen generation** (*eklektos genos*) the offspring of God who readily accepts our timely portion of responsibility in His structural plan.

- **Entimos** means to value and an investment into what the Father wants to do in accordance with His eternal plan, which requires an obedience to proper timing and the patience to carry out in a line upon line fashion what is needed.
- **Corner** (*akrogoniaios*) belonging to the extreme corner.
- **Akron** – the farthest bounds, uttermost parts, end, highest, extreme, of the earth, of heaven; derivative: (*acharon*) emptiness, less than nothing. Jesus, the corner, represents everything, even to the empty, undesirable, and deemed-as-less-than-nothing places. His corner is the absolute nth and supreme over everything.
- **Gonia** – an external angle; an internal corner, secret place; From *gony* – the knee; to kneel.
- **Stone of Stumbling** (*proskomma*) from (*proskopto*) to strike against. Breaking the words down, it means to lament what you have to do to go forward; to despise what is offered to go forward. To beat at your breast from grief.
- **Rock of Offense** (*skandalon*) snare; the trap to which the bait is attached. The piece of meat that the animal wants.

The Household of God

Ephesians 2:18-22 For through him [Jesus Christ] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. ¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰ And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the **chief corner stone**; ²¹ In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord [Kurios]; ²² In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

- **Grow** (*auxano*) to grow towards fulfillment of an intended identity, to increase or expand.
- **Lord** (*Kurios*) referring to Jesus as Lord, who is responsible for keeping the authority structure moving in alignment with the Throne and directing people in their place.
- Derivative *kuriotes*, the functional structure of sonship before God.

Joseph: *adon*

Psalms 105:9-17 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; ¹⁰ And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: ¹¹ Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance: ¹² When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it. ¹³ When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people; ¹⁴ He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; ¹⁵ Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. ¹⁶ Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread. ¹⁷ He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: ¹⁸ Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: ¹⁹ Until the time that his word [dabar] came: the word [imra] of the LORD [Yahweh] tried him. ²⁰ The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. ²¹ He made him lord [adon] of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

- **Dabar** word – what God has said or is saying regarding the pathway to the fulfillment of the word.
- **Imra** word – refers to anything that is said; but in this instance, it is describing the words that Yahweh was speaking to Joseph.
- This verse is literally saying: Until the *dabar* word was spoken that would bring fulfillment to the dreams that were given to Joseph, every *imra* word that Yahweh spoke to him was for the purpose of trying him.

- **Trying** (*sarap*) to refine or test. It describes the purifying process of a refiner that heats metal to remove the dross, leaving a pure substance.
- **Adon** is the root word for *Adonai*, who oversees our position and placement in the plan of God. *Adon* comes from *den*, generally indicated as judging or governing, or support for a super structure; therefore, *adon* speaks of placement in an authority structure for an individual or group.

The Headstone and Plummet

Zechariah 4:1-10 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, ² And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: ³ And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. ⁴ So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my **lord** [*Adon*]? ⁵ Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my **lord** [*Adon*]. ⁶ Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts [*Yahweh saba*]. ⁷ Who art thou, O great mountain? before [*paniym*] Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the **headstone** thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. ⁸ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁹ The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. ¹⁰ For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the **plummet** in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

- **Might** (*hayil*) means a force, strength, efficiency, wealth and an army. It is derived from the word *chuwil*, which is an internal and intrinsic devotion and commitment to the ongoing ways of God.
- **Power** (*koah*) means the capacity to endure like a stone and is equated with the prophetic declaration from the right hand of God concerning what He envisions and ordains to be.
- **Despise** (*buz*) denotes a contemptuous attitude toward God's plan, and
- **Small things** (*qatan*) means to deem something unimportant or insignificant.
- **Shoutings** (*teshua*) means thunder, explosiveness, the driving of herdsmen shouting to clear a path, a shout to control a crowd or save people. It stems from *shoa*, meaning a storm, desolation, or to bring something low. It can also mean to make free from an obstacle of opposition or to level the playing field in order to provide an opportunity and choice of movement.
- **The plummet** is a stone at the end of the line that is used to bring alignment to any structure, and it is the same Hebrew word *eben* that we have been discussing; therefore, it dictates our identity as a son and is the point of authority from which our assignment truly originates.