

THE STONE THAT STRIKES THE IMAGE BECOMES A GREAT MOUNTAIN

There is a **STONE** that **BECOMES A GREAT MOUNTAIN (KINGDOM)** and it fills the whole earth; **Daniel 2:31-35**; Isaiah 2:2-3; Revelation 11:15

1. This Stone is a **ROCK** (immovable, stable, eternal) cut out “without hands”. Jesus Christ is the Stone that the builders rejected; Ps. 118:22; Mark 12:10. This spiritual **ROCK** is with God’s people in the Wilderness, providing spiritual food and drink; Num. 20:10-11; 1 Cor. 10:3-4

2. This “Stone”, the Lord Jesus Christ, strikes and crushes the “statue”, the image of men’s kingdoms; Daniel 2:34-35; Psalm 2:8-9; 110:5-6.

- a. The antichrist kingdom (“against Christ, in place of Christ”) shall be broken to pieces
- b. The Seed of the Woman (Jesus Christ) bruises the head of the serpent (“nachash”); Gen. 3:15
- c. Goliath (a type of antichrist) is the champion of the Philistines; he mocks God’s people, but receives a deadly wound when he is **struck in the head by a rock**; 1 Samuel 17:4-51
- d. The kingdom of the giants is coming down. David killed Goliath, but his “seed” was still in the land; 2 Sam. 21:16-22. Jesus, the “son of David” defeated Satan at the Cross. The enemy was mortally wounded, but his “seed” still remains in the Earth.

3. The “anointed cherub” who walked in the midst of the “stones of fire”, upon the holy mountain of God is fallen. Iniquity was found in him, therefore he is cast to the ground and brought to ashes upon the Earth; Ezekiel 28:13-17; Isaiah 14:13-14. His kingdom shall fall.

4. We must willingly “fall on the Rock” allowing the Lord to break up the fallow ground of our hearts; Hosea 10:12; Jer. 23:29. When the “Stone” falls on those who reject Him, they are crushed into powder, scattered like dust; Matt. 21:42-44; nations shall be broken; Rev. 2:26-27

5. God’s Kingdom is at hand; Mark 1:15; it will be fully realized when Jesus returns. (He removes some things and adds other things; 2 Pet. 1:5-8); **Jeremiah 1:8-10**; 23:29. He comes to:

- a. **ROOT OUT** - He is “plucking up by the roots” anything planted which opposes God’s nature and Kingdom; any deep entrenchments or attachments planted by the enemy must be “rooted out”; the axe is laid at the root of the tree; Deut. 29:28; Luke 3:9
- b. **PULL DOWN** - anything built which is man-made: fashioned from man’s own will or “tool” (device) must come down; Exodus 20:25; 32:4; Jeremiah 18:7
- c. **DESTROY** - He will destroy that which opposes God’s nature, character or design; Jer. 12:17
- d. **THROW DOWN** - word means “to pull down in pieces; to break” the influence of all false images, false concepts and idolatry, “altars” (what people bow to)
- e. **BUILD** - the new creation is constructed “within”; it is fashioned according to the image of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, the biblical pattern; Hebrews 8:5; Romans 8:29
- f. **PLANT** - His vineyard, His people in their land; Amos 9:14-15; Zech. 6:12

6. The Chief Corner Stone Builds A Temple Of Living Stones; 1 Peter 2:4-8

- a. Some “stones” are raised up and others are thrown down; those who do not recognize their “day of visitation” are brought to desolation; Matt. 24:1-2; Luke 3:8; 19:41-44
- b. **God’s altar and city are built with stones;** 1 Kings 19:31-32; Rev. 21:19; in contrast, man’s tower and city (Babylon) are formed and built with “bricks”; Genesis 11:3; Isaiah 65:3

c. The temple religious authorities were corrupt and blind; Matt. 15:14; they looked for someone to get rid of the unjust civil rulers (the Romans), but instead God got rid of them; Matthew 21:43; 23:13. **Jesus cast some stones away and gathered others together**; Eccles. 3:5

d. Sons of God are as “the stones of a crown”; Zech. 9:16; **the overcomer is given a white stone** (a symbol of acquittal) with a new name written in it; Revelation 2:17

7. When the Living Word enters the Temple, He explains the scriptures. He makes a distinction between His first and second comings; a gap of time is described in Isaiah 61:1-2:

a. When Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah, He describes His first coming, when God showed “favor”, the grace of God through the forgiveness of sins (salvation), obtained through His sacrifice and conquest of death; Luke 4:17-19. He read only the first part of Is. 61, verse 2.

b. The “vengeance of our God” described in the second half of the verse in Is. 61:2 was not read by Jesus that day because it pointed to a future day: the Day of the Lord; Joel 2:1; Zechariah 12:10; Revelation 1:7

8. The Restrainer (Who is the Holy Spirit) will cease to “restrain”; 2 Thess. 2:6-7; there will be a “shattering of the power of the holy people”; Daniel 12:7. He will always be within the hearts of God’s people, Hebrews 13:5, but He will no longer restrain (prohibit) the full expression of evil: the power of Satan, which allows the Antichrist to obtain power and position; Rev. 13:5-7

9. The Age of Grace will come to a conclusion; God will shift His emphasis back toward Israel and the Jews. **At this point, God’s dealing with man will be like the Old Testament emphasis upon divine judgments where God’s grace is revealed to individuals, not the world.**

10. It is the return of the Lord that delivers the final victory to the saints: “**The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet**”; Rom. 16:20. It is not the “woman”, but the SEED of the woman who crushes the head of the serpent; Gen. 3:15 (only the King can bring in the Kingdom)

11. The language of “seismology” and “obstetrics” describe the upheaval and travail prior to Christ’s return; Matt. 24; Rev. 6. Jesus brings all things into divine order NOW within His people then LATER in the Earth. He will displace, disrupt and dismantle the government of man.

12. The government will be upon His shoulders; Is. 9:6-7. God’s people, being a temple of living stones, a kingdom of priests; 1 Pet. 2:9, are given new bodies, completely sanctified unto God; they will rule and reign with Christ in the Millennial Kingdom; Rev.1:6; 2:26-28; 3:21; 20:4

13. This will be **the complete fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles**; Leviticus 23:42; Zechariah 14:16-18; Revelation 20:4 (Peter was an “eyewitness”; 2 Pet. 1:16-18, but did not understand the timing of the fulfillment of “Tabernacles”); see Matthew 17:3-4; 16:13-18

14. The Lord Jesus Himself will bring peace and righteousness to the Earth; Isaiah 11:6-9; Satan the serpent (deceiver) and the dragon (persecutor) will be bound for 1,000 years; Rev. 20:1-3

15. Prior to the return of Jesus to the Earth to establish His Messianic Kingdom, the indignation must run its course; Isaiah 26:20; Daniel 11:36

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