

the CORNERSTONE

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"The **Stone** which the builders refused has become the **Head Cornerstone**. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." (Psalm 118:22)

- A prophecy concerning the promised Messiah of Israel.

"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a **Foundation, a Stone, a Tried Stone, a Precious Cornerstone, a Sure Foundation**; he who believes shall not be hurried."" (Isaiah 28:16)

- Another prophecy concerning the promised Messiah of Israel.

"Jesus said unto them, "Did you never read in the scriptures, "The **Stone** which the builders rejected, the same has become the **Head Cornerstone**"; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?" (Matthew 21:42)(Read in context verses 33-46)

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, "You rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day are being examined about the good deed done to the sick man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him does this man stand here before you whole. This is **the Stone** which was rejected by you builders, who has become **the Head of the Corner**. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:8-12)

"For through Him (Jesus) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets - Jesus Christ, Himself being **the Chief Corner Stone**; In whom the whole building being fitted together is growing into a Holy Temple in the Lord;" (Ephesians 2:18-21)

"..and coming to Him, as unto a **Living Stone**, rejected indeed by men, but chosen of God, and **Precious**; you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, and a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ; as it is contained in the scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion **a Chief Corner Stone**, elect, precious; and he who believes on Him (Jesus) shall not be confounded." Unto you therefore who believe **He is precious**; but unto them who are disobedient, the **Stone** which the builders rejected, the same has been made **the Head of the Corner**, and a **Stone of Stumbling**, and a **Rock of Offense**," (1 Peter 2:4-8)

Cornerstone: from the Greek words *gonia* which means: "a corner, or an angle" - and *lithos* which means "a stone" - and which, when used together means "**Cornerstone**." And also from the Hebrew word *pinnah*: a corner, which in context means: "**Cornerstone**."

Stone: the Hebrew word is *eben*, which means: "**a stone**." the Greek word is *lithos* and means "**a stone**."

Cornerstone: A stone that forms the base of a corner of a building, joining two walls; and thus in a figurative sense an important quality or feature on which a particular thing depends or is founded. Also, a stone ceremonially laid usually at the corner of a foundation to mark the occasion of a building being erected.

Chief Cornerstone: from the Greek word *akrogoniaios* which means: "**at the extreme angle or corner**;" and which in context means: "**a Cornerstone**."

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Head Cornerstone: from the Hebrew words *rosh*: which means: "**head, or Chief.**" and *pinnah*: a corner, which in context means: "**Cornerstone.**" the Greek words are *kephale*, which means: "**the head;**" and *gonia* which means: "a corner, or an angle" and which in context means: "**Cornerstone.**"

Precious Cornerstone: from the Hebrew words *yaqar*, which means: "**Precious, or rare, or valuable;**" and from the Hebrew word *pinnah*: a corner (see above).

Tried Stone: from the Hebrew words *bochan*: **a testing**, which means: "Tested, or Tried." - in the sense of being proven, by testings and trials, to be worthy and qualified for the sacred calling of Messiah, and Savior of the world! And the Hebrew *eben*, which means: "**a stone.**"

Living Stone: from the Greek words *zonta* which means: "**living;**" and *lithos* - meaning "**a stone.**"

Sure Foundation: from the Hebrew words *yasad*: which means: "**to establish well, or well founded;**" and from the Hebrew words *musad*: which means: "**a foundation.**" - literally: **a well founded foundation!**

It had to be so for Jesus to be our Savior from our sin. He had to be tested, and tried, and proven, in all things and situations common to humanity; so that He would be our Precious Cornerstone. Jesus had to be tried and proven to be the sure and living foundation stone upon which all of us as living stones also, might be built up into the spiritual household of God!

Thus in the context of the scriptures, Jesus is the Precious Chief Cornerstone upon which believers salvation is founded; resulting in the building up of all believers in Jesus into a Holy Temple in the Lord; and it is marvelous in our eyes!

Jesus is...

The Cornerstone

the Head and Chief Cornerstone,
the Precious and Valuable Cornerstone!

a Tried and Proven Stone,
a Living Stone Chosen by God! ...

... In whom the whole building, the Church, that is all believers in Jesus the Christ;
are being fitly framed together and growing into a Holy Temple in the Lord...

The Spiritual Household of God!

This is Marvelous in our eyes!

Precious Lord Jesus, thank You for being the sure foundation stone of our lives!
Indeed Lord Jesus, there is no other Name under heaven in whom we might be saved!

Thank You Jesus!