

## ***Y'SHUA – THE STONE***

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There are many places in both The Old Testament as well as for The New Testament that refer to our Messiah, The Lord Jesus Christ in various ways. Such is the case before us in Psalm 118.

In these few verses we will note the importance of symbolisms in regard to our Blessed Saviour. In this Psalm, He is designated as 'The Stone', which in Hebrew is called 'Eben'.

***118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.***

***118:23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.***

***118:24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

*The Messiah Jesus who is referred to as 'The Stone' is:*

- 1) Refused***
- 2) Remarkable***
- 3) Rejoicing***

In verse 22, we are told that 'the builders' refused The Stone, meaning, the leaders of the Nation of Israel. Indeed it was the Chief Priests, Scribes and Elders of the people that rejected Him as their coming Messiah. But, let us be clear, that the individual people within the Nation of Israel had and did take the opportunity to believe and receive The Stone, as their personal Saviour and Lord, thus, we have the Apostles, and the complete divinely inspired New Testament, all written by Jewish people that were moved by The Spirit of God, and as a result, we have today, not only The Old Testament but also The New Testament as a witness that many Jewish individuals did believe and follow The Stone. Nevertheless, as predicted in our Scripture, the builders of Israel refused and rejected The Stone, and as a result, the entire Nation has been under this tremendous calamity which is still felt and known today among the Jewish Nation, but there is hope. There is coming a day that the Jews that comprise and are alive when the Messiah returns in glory, will according to Scriptures 'be saved' (Romans 11: 26). Just imagine the multitude of Jewish individuals that have died since the days of Jesus without hope and eternally separated from God. May we compassionately

continue to share the Good News of Y'shua with the Jews that are alive today, that they might be saved and not be lost eternally.

In verse (22) and 23, we are reminded of something 'marvellous in our eyes', and that is, the very 'Stone' that has been refused 'is become the head stone of the corner'. This is indeed remarkable. We are told time and again in The Word of God, what is impossible with men is indeed possible with God. Imagine for a moment that one as Jesus, refused and rejected by the builders, in a most remarkable way, is today recognized by the entire world simply as they write and or speak of the historicity of life, they must of necessity say, this and this happened either 'before Christ', or, 'after Christ'. Every calendar in the world, regardless of inclination and or precedent set by each Nation, they must, say, today is September the 30th, 2010, and by this, they are testifying, even perhaps ignorantly, that approximately 2000 years ago, 'history', as we know it, was changed in a most 'remarkable' way. The Stone that was refused, became the head Stone of the corner, of all life and for all people. It is indeed a shame and very sorrowful that most of the people alive today accept the fact of the day and reject

The Stone (Creator) of the day!

In verse 24, we find much rejoicing, because, the triumphant Messiah our precious and beloved 'Stone', not only has become the head Stone of the corner, but indeed, for all (Jewish and Gentile individuals) that will believe and receive Him as Lord and Saviour of their lives, have immediate and complete forgiveness of their sins and are blessed with the hope of eternal life promised by The Stone Himself in John 3: 16:

*'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (The Stone), that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life'.*

Not only so, but look at the many areas of rejoicing that are ours, for example: We are told that 'This is the day', not yesterday nor the tomorrows, but rather, 'this day', today is the time to remember and rejoice how marvellous it is to have the many blessings that await us 'this day'.

Yes, we all have mountain top experiences (yesterday), as well as for valley experiences, and isn't it just so wonderful that as we walk in the light with The Stone (Our Lord and God),

we are able to sail through these times with joy and peace in our hearts. Also, the blessings of tomorrow as mentioned in The Word of God are sure and true, but, they are yet in the future, so, how about, 'this day', right now as we look forward to many blessings, 'If', you look in the right spot, and that is, with the Lord by your side 24/7, many rejoicings are ours. Hallelujah to our Lord and King.

*Revelation 17: 14, 'for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful'.*



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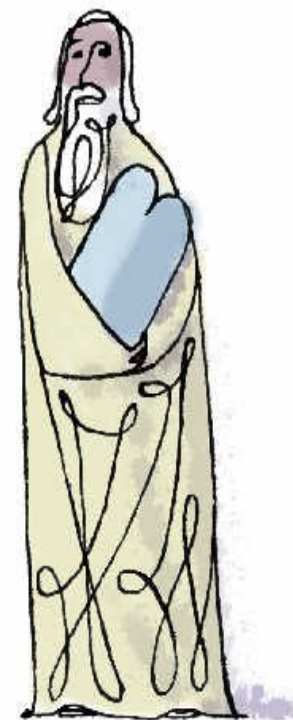
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