



## Upon This ROCK... I will BUILD MY CHURCH..

Jesus said to Peter, "...*thou art Peter, and UPON THIS ROCK I will BUILD MY CHURCH; and the gates of Hell SHALL NOT PREVAIL against it*" (MATT. 16:18).

### Who is "THIS ROCK?"

Was Jesus referring to the apostle Peter? His name does mean "*a rock*." Could it be that the foundation of the church is Peter?

Those who have been born again **KNOW BETTER**, for *we* "...*have an UNCTION [THE ANOINTING, WHICH IS, THE HOLY GHOST] from the Holy One, and {WE} KNOW ALL THINGS*" (1 JOHN 2:20).

The "*Holy One*" is the "*Holy One of Israel*" mentioned 31 times in the Old Testament. The Holy One **IS** Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

When the children of Israel complained of a lack of water in the wilderness, God told Moses, "*I will STAND BEFORE THEE there upon the ROCK in Horeb; and thou shalt SMITE THE ROCK, and there shall come WATER out of it, that the people may drink*" (EXODUS 17:6).

But when the people grumbled for water the second time, God told Moses, "...*SPEAK YE unto the ROCK before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water OUT OF THE ROCK*" (NUMBERS 20:7-8).

Sadly, in his anger towards the people, Moses disobeyed God, and **SMOTE** the rock a second time, and lost his opportunity to lead the children of Israel into the promised land (NUMBERS 20:9-13). God requires *obedience*!

The *smitten ROCK* represents **CHRIST** crucified, in that "...*he died unto sin ONCE*" (ROMANS 6:10). He was not to be *smitten* again!

Jesus said to the Jews who sought to kill him (JOHN 5:18), "**SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES; for IN THEM ye THINK ye have eternal life: and they are they WHICH TESTIFY OF ME**" (JOHN 5:39). And they **DID** speak of him!

David spake these words: "*The God of MY ROCK; in Him will I TRUST: He is my shield, and the horn of my SALVATION, my high tower, and my ref-*

*uge, my SAVIOUR; thou savest me from violence...for WHO IS GOD, save the Lord? And WHO IS A ROCK, save our God*" (2 SAMUEL 22:2-3;32)?

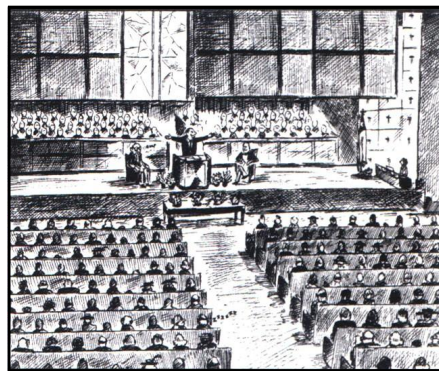
*This "ROCK" is the SPIRITUAL ROCK "that followed" the children of Israel, "...and THAT ROCK was CHRIST*" (1 COR. 10:1-4). Out of this "**SPIRITUAL ROCK**" came forth "**LIVING WATER**" (JOHN 4:10).

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus **BUILT HIS CHURCH** upon this **SPIRITUAL ROCK**, when the people **HEARD THE WORD**, and **LIVED!**

*The foundation of the church IS NOT PETER, but Jesus Christ HIMSELF! "For OTHER FOUNDATION can no man lay than THAT IS LAID, which is Jesus Christ*" (1 COR. 3:11), "...*and his NAME is called the Word of God*" (REV. 19:13).

Since that day, the Lord has "...**ADDED TO THE CHURCH daily SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED**" (ACTS 2:47), "*Nevertheless the foundation of God STANDETH SURE, having this SEAL, the Lord KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS*" (2 TIM. 2:19)!

But because men and women "...*of CORRUPT MINDS, and DESTITUTE of the TRUTH*" (1 TIM. 6:5), and "...**NOT KNOWING the scriptures, nor the POWER of God**" (MATT. 22:29), have created a horrific **UNGODLY SYSTEM** that holds *the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes* (REV. 2:15), *millions are being deceived!*



Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, had a dream that disturbed him, yet he couldn't remember it once he awoke. But God revealed the dream to Daniel, along with its' interpretation for the future!

The King saw a **great image**, whose brightness was excellent.

The **HEAD** of the image was of *fine gold*, the **BREAST AND ARMS** were of *silver*, its **BELLY AND THIGHS** were of *brass*, its **LEGS** were of *iron* and its **FEET** were of *part of iron and part of clay*.

And there was a **STONE** cut out without hands, and it smote the **FEET** of the image, and the **ENTIRE** image was "*broken in pieces*" (DANIEL 2:31-34).

"...*the STONE that smote the image became a GREAT MOUNTAIN, and FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH*" (DANIEL 2:35). Remember the parable of the *mustard seed*, "...*when it is sown in the earth...growth up, and becometh GREATER than all herbs*" (MARK 4:30)?

This **STONE** is the **KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST**, and the **LAST KINGDOM**. Christ is "*a STONE of stumbling, and a ROCK of offence, even TO THEM which STUMBLE AT THE WORD, being DISOBEDIENT*" (1 PETER 2:8; ISAIAH 8:14) in their **UNBELIEF**.

"*Unto YOU THEREFORE which BELIEVE HE [THE SON OF GOD] is PRECIOUS [VALUABLE]: but unto THEM which be DISOBEDIENT, the STONE which the BUILDERS [THE JEWS] DISALLOWED [REJECTED], the SAME is made the HEAD of the comer*" (1 PETER 2:7).

This **WARNING** today is for **YOU** to, "...**COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM [THE UNGODLY SYSTEM] and BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord**" (2 COR. 6:17).

"**COME OUT OF HER, my people, that YE be not partakers of HER SINS, and that YE RECEIVE NOT of HER PLAGUES**" (REV. 18:4).

