

PART 2

THE FOUNDATION STONE

AND THE ROCK OF OUR

SALVATION

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May 's promises
ever fill your days
and bring to remembrance
what love The Father has for you
Amen.

Those who trust in YHWH are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
so YHWH is round about his people,
from this time forth and for evermore.

For the scepter of wickedness
shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong.

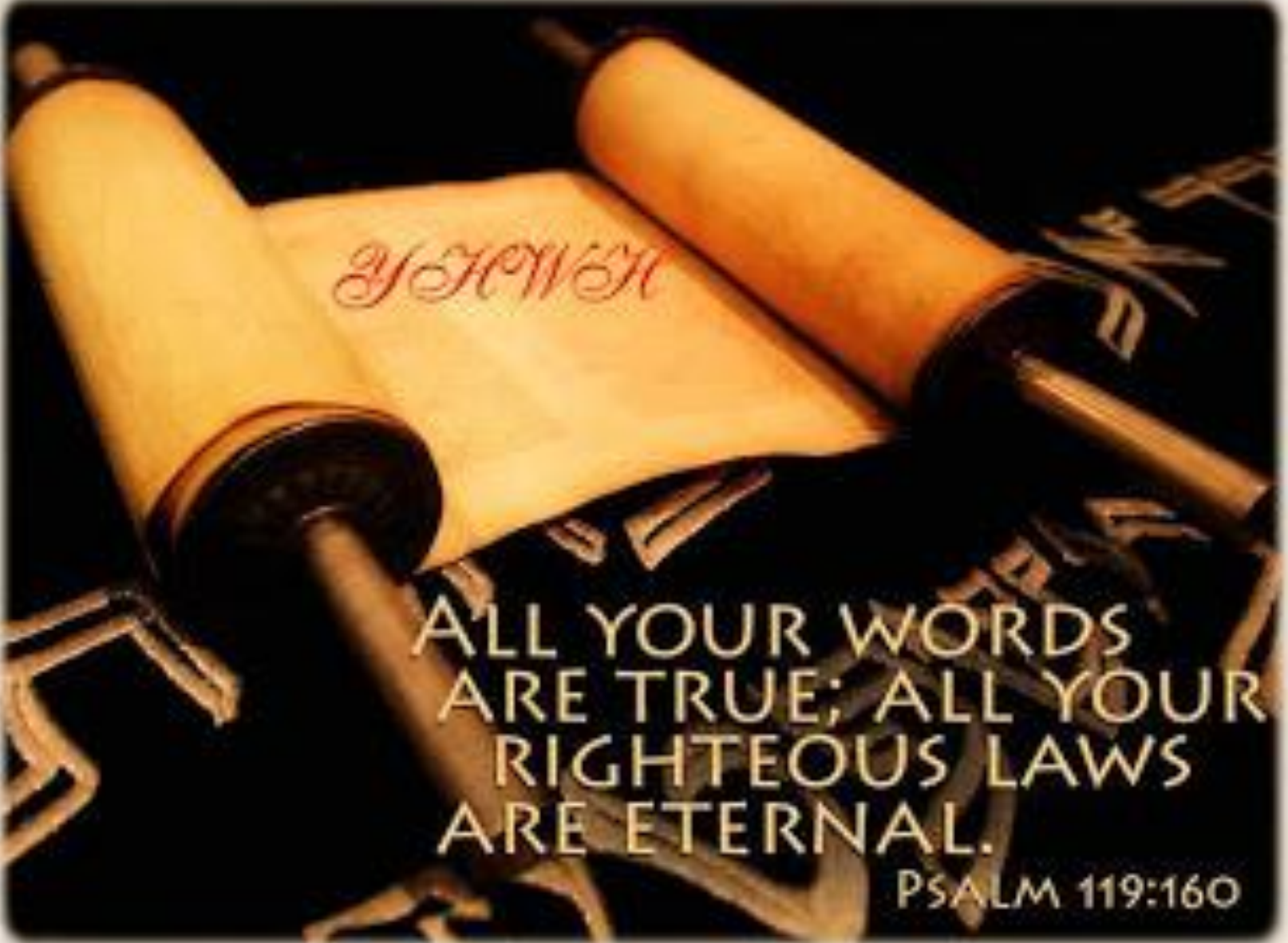
Do good, O YHWH, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!
But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways
YHWH will lead away with evildoers!

Peace be in Israel! Psalm 125. A Psalm of David.

A QUICK REVIEW OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

The term even ha-shetiyah (Foundation Stone) was understood in two ways during Talmudic times: "the stone (or rock) from which the world was woven" and "the foundation stone." Both meanings are based on the belief that the world was created from the stone located in the Holy of Holies of the Temple in Jerusalem, thus forming the centre of the world. This concept is closely related to the image of Jerusalem and the Temple as located at the "navel of the world."



The image features two rolled-up scrolls, likely made of parchment or leather, resting on a dark, textured surface. The scrolls are unrolled slightly, revealing Hebrew text written in a cursive script. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the scrolls and the contrast with the dark background. The overall composition is artistic and evokes a sense of ancient wisdom and divine revelation.

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ALL YOUR WORDS
ARE TRUE; ALL YOUR
RIGHTEOUS LAWS
ARE ETERNAL.

PSALM 119:160

That stone is called in Hebrew even ha-shetiyah — the Foundation Stone. Some of the wise men of Israel say that this stone was called shetiyah, which in Hebrew also means "drinking," because beneath it is hidden the source of all the springs and fountains from which the world drinks its water.



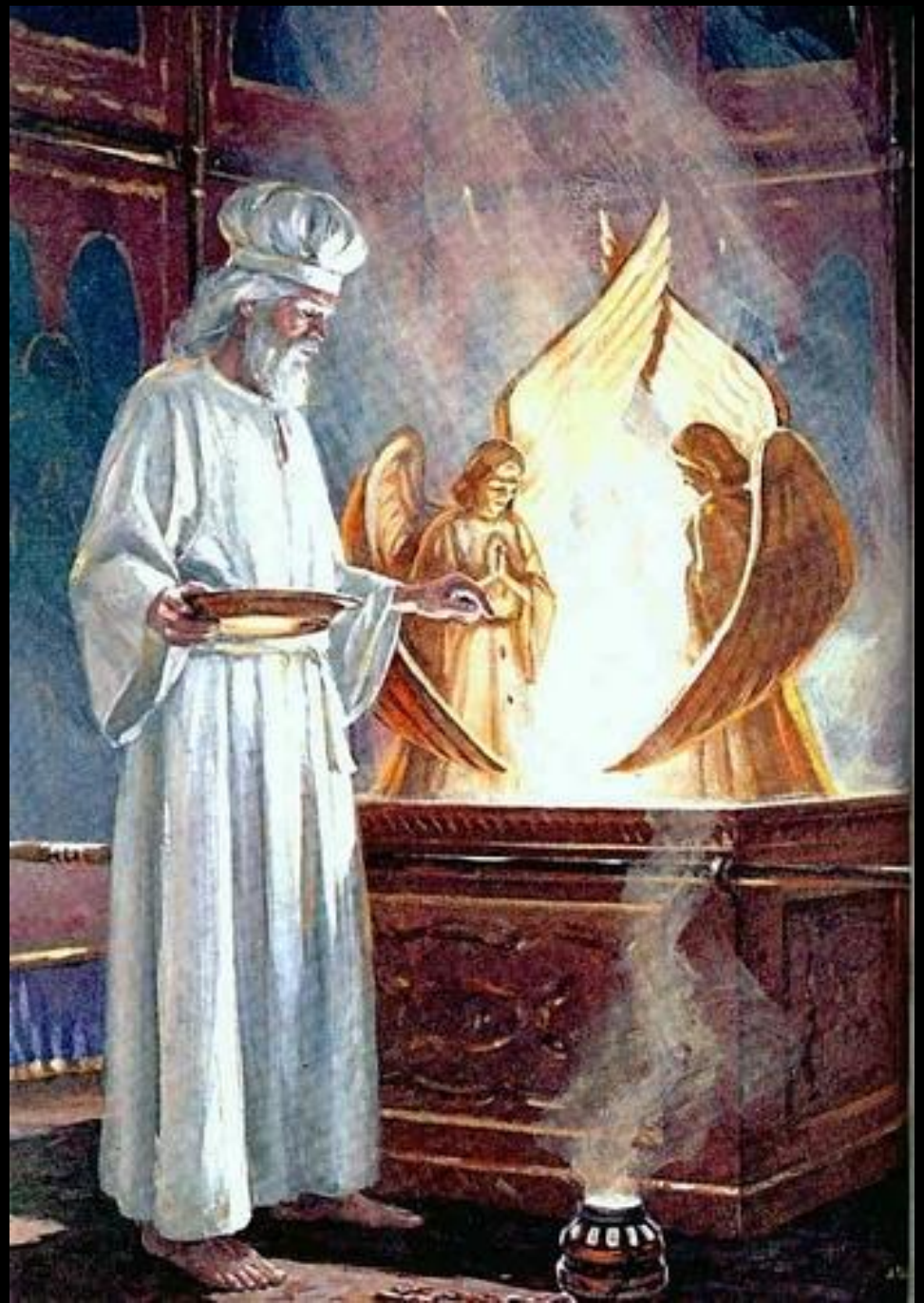
YAHSHUA IS THE FOUNTAIN OF WATER WHICH WE CAN FREELY DRINK FROM

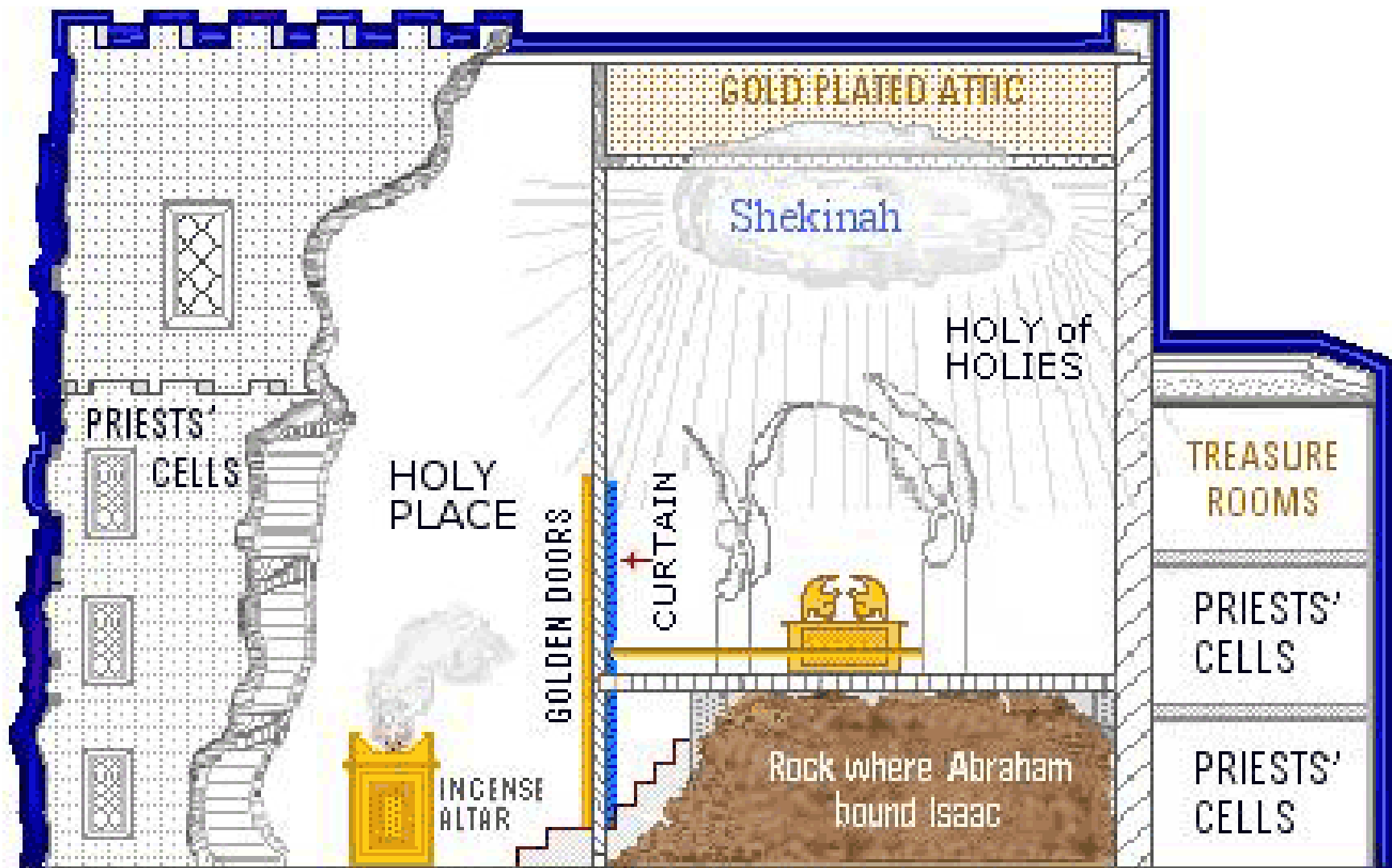
*But whoever drinks of
the water that I shall
give him will never thirst.
But the water that I
shall give him will become
in him a fountain of
water springing up into
everlasting life.*

John 4:14



The Holy Ark was placed on this rock, and during the Second Temple period, the high priest, upon entering the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur, placed the fire-pan on it.





The bright cloud is the Presence (Shenkinah) and above is the Golden Attic, while the Ark in the Holy of Holies has its poles extended toward the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place. The stairway leading upward to Holy of Holies relates to "Jacob's ladder" at Bethel, Genesis 28:12.

There is a Hebrew legend that the divine Name, YHWH, was inscribed on the Foundation Stone.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes it is said: "He has made everything beautiful in its time; also He has set the world in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that YHWH has done from the beginning, even to the end."

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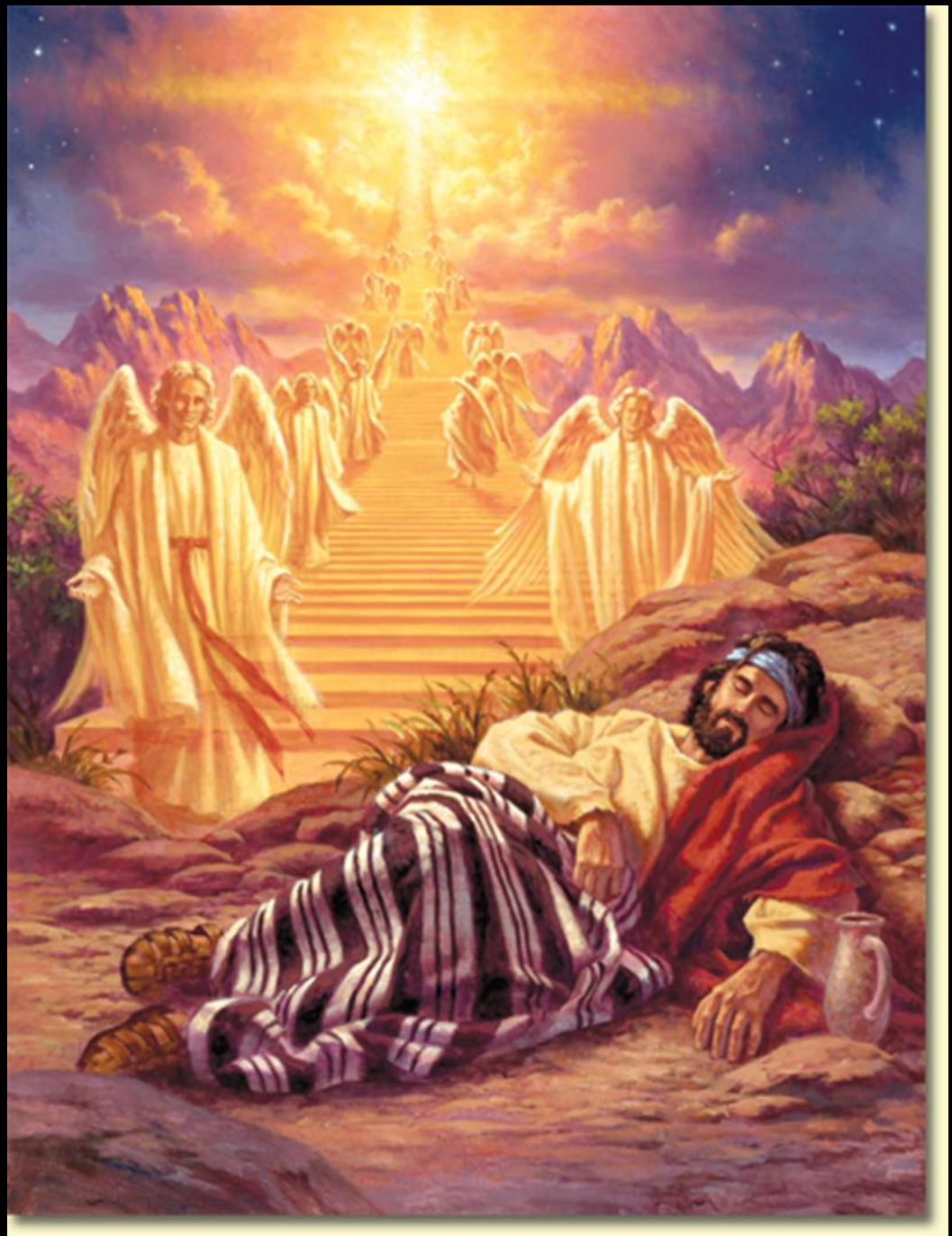
He shall be

YHWH APPEARED TO YAACOV AT THE TOP OF THE SULAM/LADDER

12 And he dreamed, and behold a sulam/ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of YHWH ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, YHWH stood above it, and said, “I am Adonai, the YAH of Avraham your [grand]father and the God of Yitz’chak. (your father).

The land on which you are lying I will give to you and to your descendants. 14 Your descendants will be as numerous as the grains of dust on the earth. You will expand to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south.





By you and your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed. 15 Look, I am with you. I will guard you wherever you go, and I will bring you back into this land, because I won't leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”



THE GATE OF HEAVEN

16 Ya'akov awoke from his sleep and said, "Truly, Adonai is in this place — and I didn't know it!" 17 Then he became afraid and said, "This place is awesome! This has to be the house of YHWH! This is the gate of heaven!"

What leads Jacob to identify this as 'the gate of the Heaven'? The vision of the ramp, the sulam of course! It is set in the earth with its top reaching the heavens, with angels gliding up and down upon it.

"He was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of EL; this is the gate of heaven." (28:17)

He is frightened (yārē').⁵ The word "awesome" (NIV, NRSV), "dreadful" (KJV) is also the verb yārē', "to fear," but this time, in the Niphal stem. In this form the word is "frequently used to describe things as terrible,' awesome,' or terrifying."

The phrase "house of EL" in Hebrew is "Beth-el," the name which he gives the city in verse 19. Beth-el is from bayit, "house" + 'el, ("El" is a shortened form of "Elohim.")

- Yeshua Messiah Is the Gate of Heaven (Gen. 28:17)
- Yeshua called himself the “door” to the sheepfold (John 10:7,9).
- Yeshua is the door of salvation (John 10:9).
- Yeshua is the door to eternal life (John 10:10).
- Yeshua is the way, the truth, the life and no man comes to the Father but by him (John 14:6; Eph. 2:18)

JACOB NAMED THE PLACE BEIT EL

18 Ya'akov got up early in the morning, took the stone he had put under his head, set it up as a standing-stone, poured olive oil on its top

19 and named the place Beit-El [house of YHWH]; but the town had originally been called Luz.



Hundreds of years later, after the tabernacle had been built and the people settled in Canaan, such pillars were not allowed (Deuteronomy 16:21). They were too easily confused with the heathen Baal worship which occurred on the high places, in contrast to the true worship of Yahweh.

But in Jacob's time, the setting up of such a commemorative stele or pillar seemed an entirely appropriate way to honour and remember YHWH's revelation of himself in this place.

Yahshua Was the Anointed Rock

As Jacob Anointed the rock at the base of the ladder with oil (Gen. 28:18), so Yeshua was the anointed spiritual Rock of Salvation.

Who was anointed in Scripture?

- A king was anointed upon coronation.
- The High Priest was anointed (a picture of Yahshua).
- The Pillar Rock of Our Salvation was anointed with the gifts and graces of the Set-apart Spirit of Elohim.

YAHSHUA WAS THE ANNOINTED ROCK IN THE WILDERNESS



We see here from the Book of Numbers that YHWH provided water for His Chosen People as they sojourned through the desert for 40 years.

Numbers 20:7 "and YHWH said to Moshe, 8 "Take the staff and assemble the community, you and your brother Aaron, and in their presence order the rock to yield its waters. From the rock you shall bring forth water for the community and their livestock to drink."

1Corinthians 10:1 "I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, 2 and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 All ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Yahshua."

YHWH LAYS A FOUNDATION STONE IN ZION – HIS SON YAHSHUA

14 Why hear the word of YHWH, you scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. 15 Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing whip shall pass through, it shall not come to us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: 16 Therefore thus said YHWH ELOHIM, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believes shall not make haste. ...

- Yeshua Is the Stone at the Base of the Ladder (Gen. 28:8)
- Yeshua is the Chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:20).
- Yeshua is the Head of the Corner (Matt. 21:42; 1 Pet. 2:7).
- Yeshua is a Stone of Stumbling (Isa. 8:14).
- Yeshua is a Foundation Stone (Isa. 8:16).
- Yeshua is the Foundation Stone of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:14).
- Yeshua is the Rock in the wilderness that gave water to Israel (1 Cor. 10:4).
- Yeshua is the Rock that the wise man built his house upon (Matt 7:24-27).



MATTHEW 7:24-27

THEREFORE WHOSOEVER HEARETH THESE SAYINGS OF MINE, AND DOETH THEM, I WILL LIKEN HIM UNTO A WISE MAN, WHICH BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON A ROCK: AND THE RAIN DESCENDED, AND THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW, AND BEAT UPON THAT HOUSE; AND IT FELL NOT: FOR IT WAS FOUNDED UPON A ROCK. AND EVERY ONE THAT HEARETH THESE SAYINGS OF MINE, AND DOETH THEM NOT, SHALL BE LIKENED UNTO A FOOLISH MAN, WHICH BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE SAND: AND THE RAIN DESCENDED, AND THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW, AND BEAT UPON THAT HOUSE; AND IT FELL: AND GREAT WAS THE FALL OF IT.

A ROCK OF OFFENSE

But there is the other side too: the Stone is not only a Rock of salvation to those who believe, but also a Rock of offence to those who continue in their unbelief! To those who are disobedient to the word He is a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offence (1 Pet.2:7).

In the Gospels YHWH had already announced this. The rejected Stone has become the chief cornerstone of YHWH's house. Whoever falls on that Stone will be broken. For the time will come that He will fall on His enemies and grind them to powder (Matt. 21:40-45; Luke 20:16-19).

This reminds us of the scene described by the prophet Daniel in his explanation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Dan. 2). The kingdoms of the world will be crushed together by a Stone, cut out without hands, which will displace all these kingdoms and fill the whole earth.



Messiah Yahshua is now waiting at the right hand of YHWH until all His enemies are made His footstool. When He suddenly appears, without man being involved in any way, He will judge His enemies and establish an eternal kingdom, of which He Himself will be the great and glorious Centre.

His authority will be recognized everywhere. All things will be gathered together in one in Messiah (Eph. 1:10). Then too, the believing remnant of Israel will find rest in Him, the Stone which is laid in Zion for a sure foundation - just as Jacob the patriarch found rest on the stone that he had put at his head at Bethel.

YHWH IS THE ROCK

Isaiah 51:1 "Listen to me, you who pursue justice, who seek YHWH; Look to the rock from which you were hewn, to the pit from which you were quarried;
2 Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth; When he was but one I called him, I blessed him.

Deuteronomy 32:18 "You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you, You forgot the ADONAI who gave you birth."

King David refers to YHWH as his:

- Rock of Salvation (Ps. 62:2,6)
- Strong Rock (Ps. 31:2)
- Rock Fortress (Ps. 18:2)
- Rock to set my feet on (Ps. 40:2)
- Rock that is higher than me (Ps. 61:2)
- Rock of Refuge (Ps. 62:7; 94:22)

Daniel 2:35

"He took twelve stones, for the number of tribes of the sons of Jacob"... 1 Kings 18:31-32
"He built an altar...with the stones"

"You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you,
You forgot the God who gave you birth." Deuteronomy 32:18

1 Kings 18:31-32

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Eph. 2:20

YA'ACOV MAKES THIS PLEDGE IN 'THE PLACE' – MT MORIAH

20 Ya'akov took this vow: “If YHWH will be with me and will guard me on this road that I am traveling, giving me bread to eat and clothes to wear, 21 so that I return to my father's house in peace, then Adonai will be my YHWH;

22 and this stone, which I have set up as a standing-stone, will be YHWH's house; and of everything you give me, I will faithfully return one-tenth to you.”



THE STONE WILL BE YHWH'S HOUSE

What an amazing statement! THIS STONE WILL BE YHWH'S HOUSE!!

Having poured oil... a form of anointing ... on the Stone, it would become a special treasure to Ya'acov and his descendants.

Yaa'cov/Jacob had to leave the Stone at Bethel, for it would be too heavy to carry. He continued his journey to Haran, to his mother's brother, Laban.

A TITHE TO YEHOVAH YIREH – THE YAH WHO PROVIDES

"... Of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."
(28:22)

Why does Jacob promise to tithe, that is, give one tenth of all that YHWH gives him? His grandfather Abraham had tithed to Melchizedek, king of (Jeru)salem and priest of EL ELYON (14:18-20), so there is some family tradition. But what does tithing mean in this context?

TITHING IN THE NEAR EAST

Tithing was known outside of Israel in the Near East. For example, we hear of tithing among the Egyptians, Syrians, Lydians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and in Ugarit and Carthage. But these tithes were not all religious; some were taxation by the king.

So Ya'acov says:

"... Of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."
(28:22)

Ya'acov's faith is both that YHWH will supply -- and that the resources are ultimately YHWH's. His tithe is a recognition of that. Ya'acov's vow to tithe all that YHWH gives him is both a statement of faith that HE will meet his needs, and a vow of loyalty and submission to YHWH as his King and Provider.

A parallel can be drawn here between Jacob and the people of Israel. Just as Ya'acov's found rest on this stone, the nation that would descend from him would find rest in YHWH, their Rock, their Refuge and their Shelter (Ps. 61:2,3; 62:2,6-8).

JOSHUA MADE THE SAME DECLARATION TO A STONE

Joshua made a covenant with the people that day. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of YHWH, and took a **GREAT STONE**, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of YHWH. Joshua said unto all the people:



Joshua 24:27 "Behold, THIS STONE SHALL BE A WITNESS UNTO US; FOR IT HAS HEARD ALL THE WORDS OF YHWH WHICH HE SPOKE UNTO US: IT SHALL THEREFORE BE A WITNESS UNTO YOU, LEST YOU DENY YHWH."

This statement of Joshua's is as remarkable as Jacob's declaration that "THIS STONE WHICH I HAVE SET FOR A PILLAR SHALL BE YHWH'S HOUSE."

YHWH COMMANDS YAA'COV TO RETURN TO BEIT EL

'The Place' evidently had profound importance to YHWH, because 20 years later, after Jacob had spent that time working for his Uncle Laban, and had married Leah and Rachel and had prospered greatly, the angel of YHWH came to him and said

(Genesis 31:13) "I AM the YHWH of Beth El, WHERE THOU ANOINTEDST "the" PILLAR AND WHERE THOU VOWEDST A VOW TO ME: now arise, and get thee out from the land, and return to the land of thy kindred."

YHWH reminded Jacob of the pillar he had been anointed. So Jacob obeyed YHWH, and fled from Laban with all that he had, and crossing the river Euphrates, and headed for the hill country of GILEAD. (Genesis 32:1)



YHWH caused Esau to greet Jacob with kindness, and he later left Esau and went to Shechem. At Shechem, YHWH told Jacob, "Go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make an altar unto YHWH that appeared unto thee when you fled from the face of Esau." - (Genesis 35:1).



Genesis 35:5 Jacob came to Luz, and all the people that were with him, and he built there an altar, and called the place EL-BETHEL (the EL of Bethel).

YHWH appeared unto Jacob again and said to him:

Genesis 35:9-15 "Thy name is Yaa'cov/Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but ISRAEL shall be thy name: and He called his name Israel."

YHWH said unto him: "I am EL SHADDAI: be fruitful and multiply; A NATION AND A COMPANY OF NATIONS SHALL BE OF THEE, AND KINGS SHALL COME OUT OF THY LOINS: and the land which I gave to Abraham. and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land." - (Genesis 35:9-12)

ALL THE LAND PROMISED TO THE DESCENDANT OF AVRAHAM

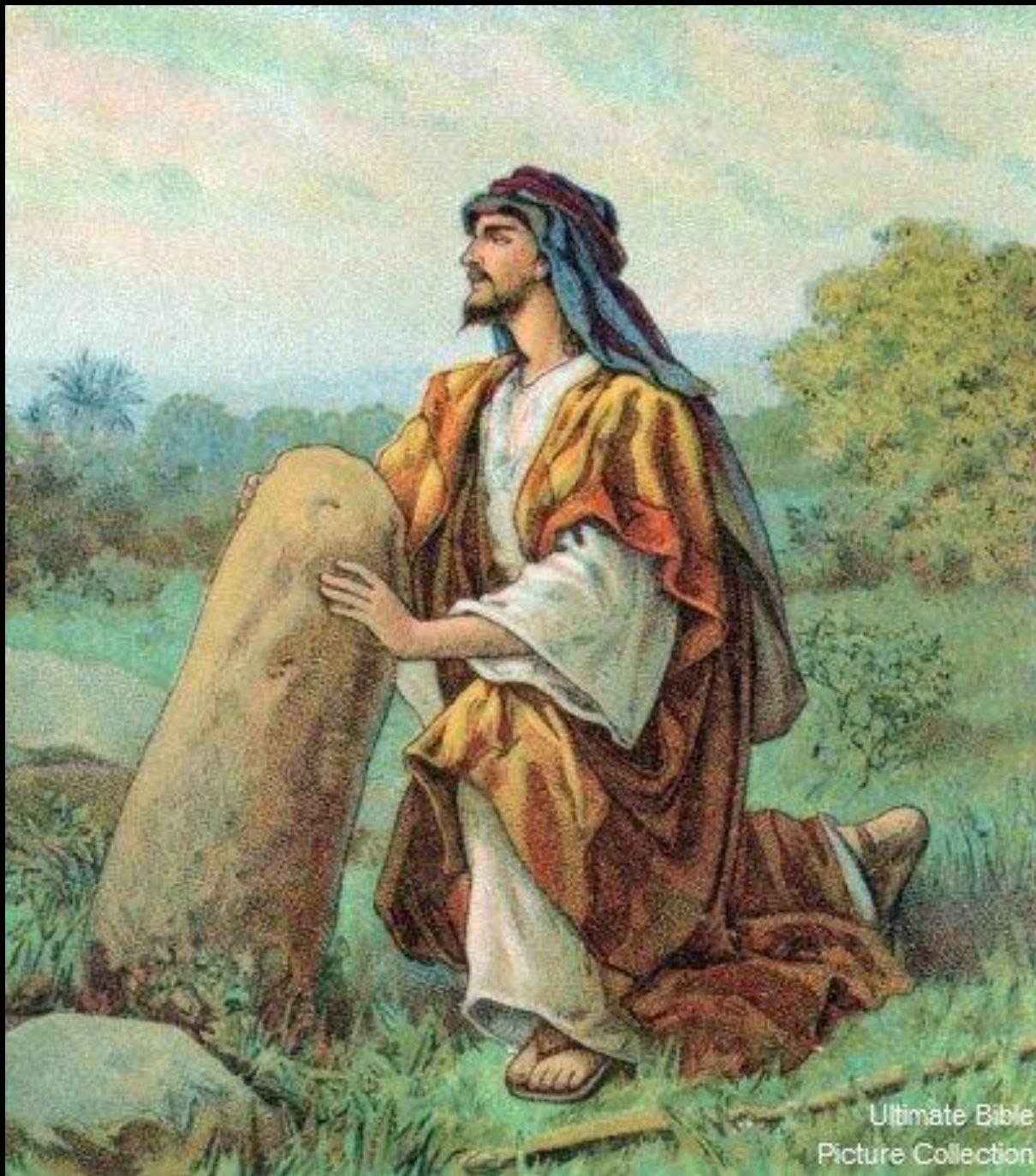


YHWH WENT UP FROM HIM

'THE PLACE'

13 Then YHWH went up from him in the place where He talked with him. 14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where YHWH spoke with him, Beit El.



WE WILL NOW RETURN TO GENESIS
28:11 TO EXPLAIN THE DEEPER
MEANING OF THE STONES YA'ACOV
SLEPT ON.

“The Stones” (Plural) Miraculously Become “The Stone” (Singular)

In verse 11 of Genesis 28, we notice that Jacob arranged the stones (plural) around himself.

Latter, when Jacob awakes from his dream the stones (plural, v. 11) are now a single stone (v. 18).

What happened here? The Jewish sages offer various opinions on this subject.

From ArtScroll Bereishis we quote, “Pirkei d’Rabbi Eliezer adds that Jacob took these twelve stone from the altar upon which his father [Isaac] had been bound. When these stones—which indicated to him the twelve tribes would descend from him—coalesced into one stone, he perceived that all the tribes were destined to become one people [i.e., indivisible and unique] on the earth, as it is said [1 Chron. 17:21] ‘And who is like your people Israel—a nation that is one on the earth’” (p. 1221).

12 STONES - 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

For these reasons, it is probable that the stones Jacob arranged around his head were 12 in number, and became one even as the two sticks in Ezekiel's prophecy representing the two houses of Israel became one in the hand of YHVH (Ezek 37:15–19).

This will occur at the coming of the Messiah at the end of this present age and at the beginning of the Messianic Age or Millennium (Ezek 37:20–28).



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JUDAH



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ASHER



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ZEBULON



JOSEPH



BENJAMIN

The Pathway to the Kingdom of Elohim and the Heavenly Jerusalem

Jacob's ladder leads to heavenly Jerusalem (Heb. 12:22)

What does Scripture say about New Jerusalem?

- The New Earth and New Heaven—a set-apart/kadosh city from heaven—is the tabernacle/sukkah of Elohim and is where he shall dwell with men (Rev. 21:1–3).
- The New Jerusalem descends from heaven from YHVH having the glory of YHVH (Rev. 21:10).

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living ELOHIM, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to YHWH the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Yahshua the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.



What is New Jerusalem?

It is literally a giant, square block of stone approximately 1200 cubic miles in size (Rev. 21:16) with Yeshua as the Chief Cornerstone and the twelve apostles leading the twelve tribes of Israel as the foundations and gates to the city (Eph. 2:20; Rev. 21:12,14).

Each gate is made of a single stone or pearl (Rev. 21:21).

In this giant block of stone are twelve gates named after the twelve tribes of Israel. There is no Gentile gate. Those Believers who claim they are Gentiles will be hard pressed to find a gate bearing their name? It does not exist! His way into New Jerusalem is through the tribes, nation and covenants and Messiah of Israel. There is no other way.

There is no Gentile gate! So to which tribe do you belong??

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12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

12 GATES OF NEW JERUSALEM

New Jerusalem has twelve gates corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel/Jacob. Each gate is made of a single pearl stone (verse 2) This represents Yeshua as the Gate to the sheepfold (John 10:7).

He is also the Stone of Israel, the Chief Cornerstone and the Rock of our salvation (Isa. 8:14; Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet. 2:8; 2 Sam. 22:47; Ps. 89:27; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 1:6).

Only redeemed Israelites will be able to enter into the New Jerusalem, for there is no “Gentile” gate (Rev. 21:12). All who have placed their trusting faith in Yeshua the Messiah are Israelites (Rom. 4:16; 9:8,11; Gal. 3:7,9,14,28,29).

Galatians 3:7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that YHWH would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Heaven is more beautiful than we can ever imagine. The Apostle John said, “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from YHWH out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” (Revelation 21:2)





The world has never seen a city like this one for the builder and maker of this city is YHWH Himself. John describes it as having “the glory of YHWH.” John wrote, “...her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates...

The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.” (Revelation 21:11, 12, 18)

This city is made of pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the city are covered with all manner of precious stones. There are twelve gates, and each gate is a huge, beautiful pearl. Even the street of the city is pure gold!



WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM?

Many people have wondered about the size of the city of ELOHIM . The Bible tells us that it is square and that it is approximately 1,500 miles in each direction. That is a lot of territory! Millions and millions of people will be there, yet no one will ever be hungry or lack anything. The Bible says,

“They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore...for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.” (Revelation 7:16-17)

The most wonderful thing about Heaven is this: YHWH Himself will dwell with us.

“Behold, the tabernacle of YHWH is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and YHWH Himself shall be with them, and be their ELOHIM.” (Revelation 21:3)





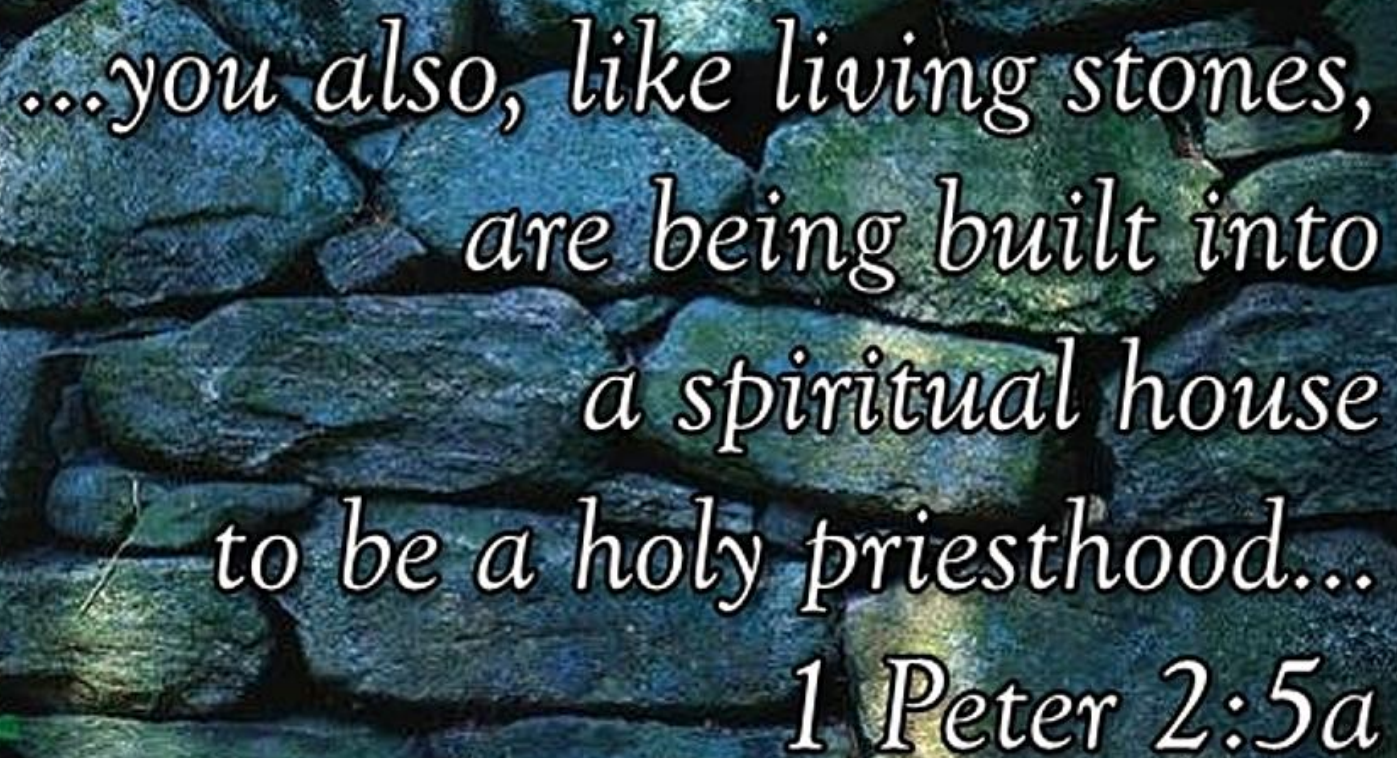
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Open my eyes,
that I may behold
wondrous things
out of thy
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Psalms 119:18



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*...you also, like living stones,
are being built into
a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood...
1 Peter 2:5a*

Rev 2:17 He that has
an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says
unto the ekklesia;

To him that overcomes
will I give to eat of the
hidden manna, and will
give him a white stone,
and in the stone a new
name written, which no
man knows saving he
that receives it.



“Stone” – psephos

1. a small worn smooth stone, a pebble
2. in the ancient courts of justice the accused were condemned by black pebbles and the acquitted by white ones.
3. a vote (on account of the use of pebbles in voting)

As we can see, so far, Yahshua is declaring us as light (as in a light to the world), bright brilliant, exalted, having the garments of angels, innocent and pure.



Even though we belong to YHWH, in this world, we are condemned, called forsaken and desolate.

Isa 62:1 ¶ For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp [that] burns.

Isa 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of YHWH shall name.

*** “new” = chadash = new, new thing, fresh, repaired, renewed, same root as holy

*** “name” = nakav = to pierce, perforate, bore, appoint

Isa 62:3 Thou shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of YHWH, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy YHWH.

Isa 62:4 Thou shall no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shall be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for YHWH delights in thee, and thy land shall be married.

*** Hephzi-bah = “my delight is in her”

*** Beulah = to marry, rule over, possess, own, be married.

Isa 62:5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall thy ELOHIM rejoice over thee.



At the moment of our marriage to our spiritual bridegroom, we, as the Bride of Messiah, find ourselves with a new name, and our bridegroom rejoices over us.



What kind of name will we get?

What is the name of the bridegroom that we will share in as His Bride?

Rev 3:12 Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my YHWH, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my ELOHIM, and the name of the city of my ELOHIM, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my ELOHIM: and I will write upon him my new name.

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