

## 1Pet. 2:4-8 LIVING STONES (see also Josh. 5:14-15)

**1Pet. 2:4-8** *And coming to Him as to a **living stone** which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of Yah, you also, as **living stones**, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Yah through Yeshua Hamashiach". For [this] is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS **CORNER [stone]**, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE **STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER [stone]**," and, "A **STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE**"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this [doom] they were also appointed".*



In Hebrew a stone by itself is called a "dead stone". When dead stones are put together with other stones and mortar, they become "living stones". Once they are connected and held together they became very strong, the basis for a good foundation. The mortar is the holy spirit. The holy spirit is the living Word (Yeshua in the flesh), mortar that gives dead stones life when they are attached to one another in unity. This also applies to a man and a woman when they wed, they become living stones held together by the covenant of marriage. Take living stones and use them to make a wall around the community and you have a perfect description of the Torah. As living stones, we are the new Temple on earth (Acts 17:24). With Yeshua as our cornerstone, we can withstand anything the enemy has to throw at us. The Torah is the living word that surrounds and protects us in the community of Believers. We as "dead stones" become very strong when we are connected to and have fellowship with other "dead stones". Only when we come together, ("when two or more come together in My name, I am with them" {Matt. 18:20}), do we have the strength to withstand the enemies trying to tear us (the wall) apart. We are like the walls of Jerusalem and Nebuchadnezzar is the proclaimed church and secular world around us trying to destroy us, the living stones of the real Temple.

We can also get a fuller meaning to the "stones cry out" in regards to Luke 19:36-40, and Matt. 27:50-53 when we understand the concept of stones in the Hebrew language.

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