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The Cornerstone, the Stone, and the Capstone

1 Pet 2:4-8 — He is a living stone. You can look in the old testament Isa 53 and you can see how He was rejected. Have you ever been rejected? How does it feel? I have a little bit of a feeling of how it feels to be rejected, especially in Chattanooga — all my friends rejected me. You could hardly walk down the streets and not meet someone who knew you. All those who live a godly life will be rejected.

*Rejected* — that person is useless to you, you don't care about his presence, he doesn't have any glory. "We don't want you in our building, we want another cornerstone. We have another understanding of how the stone should be." They were building their own stone.

We are living stones, rocks, steadfast, immovable. He chooses us to fit perfectly into His building. We are fitted into the building through the gospel.

Isa 28:16 — The one who trusts in Him will never be disappointed, ashamed; he will never make haste, a sloppy job in what he is doing, just getting it done, overlooking something important. Later on, when the pressure gets on the building, it's going to crumble. You get in a hurry, overlook something, not being diligent. We won't go 120 mph down the freeway. We'll be careful as to how we build, careful to be filled with the Spirit every morning. That's the purpose of the minchah.

Those who aren't will be rejected. They won't fit into the building. I'm thankful that I'll be rejected if I'm not perfectly pleasing to our Abba. I want His building to be a glorious building that will never fall. They stumble because they could care less what their Creator is doing on the earth. They need to go to their appointed place where Satan and his angels go.

1 Cor 3:9-15 — The edah is the field. What's being planted and harvested is going to be here. Each person needs to be very careful how he builds — verse 10. When we come to the minchahs morning and evening, we make sure we are filled by the Spirit and led by the Spirit. No one could be careful enough to please God in the flesh, no matter how refined, how educated he is. It's not good enough.

This letter was written to the Corinthians. They read it carefully every day and night. Were they careful to build? I went over to Corinth. I saw the ruins. I saw where Paul stood. Nobody is reading it. They weren't careful. They strove for some higher works than the ones they were getting. They were striving for someone else's (another person's) work, for greater works.

Verse 16-18 — They were building His temple, and they were destroyed. They didn't heed what Paul said. They didn't see the precious value of the stone. If our hearts aren't enlightened, we'll be another building laid low.

Lk 14:27 — they started to build a little bit and ran out of fuel — faith, hope, love, care. They weren't careful. Let's not be like the ones who are our example to not be like. Let's mold ourselves after the cornerstone Yahshua.

Heb 2:1-3 — The whole letter of Hebrews was written to a drifting people, drifting away. It couldn't save them, they were already drifting.

This is the day. We are supposed to rejoice in it. The day will come when He will build that temple that won't be destroyed or left to another people. He will build according to Mal 3:1, and then the day will come when He will put on the capstone, cap it.

One time I left Germany, and I was in Holland somewhere, and our Father spoke to me that it's in the days of the ten kings, and it will go into the next age. I was raised as a Christian, and I always thought that everything will be after the time of the ten kings. But then I thought, "Why doesn't it say *after*?" Well, it says that it is in the days of the ten kings. But first the foundation will be laid. The longer it takes to build the building, the stronger the building will be. Long ago we said you have to dig down to the rock. This is the day. He is going to begin to build a kingdom on the earth.

For this morning: Pr 15:10 — Are you glad that you are going to die if you don't allow His Spirit to rectify you, correct you? Correction — rectify, make straight. We get a lot of correction from our brothers, sisters, elders, immas in order to not die. Do we need correction? Are we glad we'll die if we hate correction, if you do not love it? *Hate* means you don't love it. If you don't love correction, you spurn it and get mad at other people. Blessed are those who won't stumble over Me. Many people stumble because of Yahshua. They reject Him. They blame it on anything else — brother, sister, circumstance. I want to be blessed.

If we fall on Him we'll be broken — that rock is right here. He can't enter into our heart unless we are broken. We have to hear words that break us, pierce us — if not we will be crushed. It's so wonderful to fall on that rock.

It's going to be a glorious thing when He comes as a capstone. Mal 3:1 — He'll come suddenly. That capstone is going to fill the temple. *Capstone* is just a metaphor. You will be filled that day; you have never been filled like that before. It's going to be amazing when we are like Him. Our Father will have many sons to rule over the universe. We'll have many brothers — we'll be humble rocks.

Remember, we learned last week that to have the victory means producing good fruit. It's not necessarily not doing bad things. Certainly that can take away the victory. Our Father wants us to produce good fruit and not just not sin. We produce good fruit because we are overcoming, abiding, walking in the light. Then we judge our sin quickly.

What is good fruit? Thirty times as much as we sow, or sixty, or a hundred! If you don't produce thirty times as much as you sow, no one knows you are a disciple. Is it unreasonable to think that we would produce thirty times as much? That's a great harvest. Wouldn't you expect someone to produce that if you gave him the Holy Spirit? Good fruit is good deeds (that encourage someone to go on fighting the good fight — loving them), being patient, having joy, having peace in the midst of confusion, being a peacemaker, having faith, being faithful — all the good fruit that comes forth from us. That means we are abiding in the vine. It's not just that we are building rooms, although that is also part of bearing good fruit, but you can do that in your own intelligence. Patience is the test. No matter how intelligent people are, they still have war.

If you believe in your heart that God raised Yahshua from the dead and confess with your mouth Yahshua as Sovereign, that releases you from Satan's kingdom due to the work that Yahshua did. You have to say it with full conviction in your heart. Do you believe that Yahshua is the Sovereign, the Overall that has the power to save you from the clutches of the evil one? Do you believe that Yahshua is Sovereign, and you are no longer Sovereign? Loïc, our new French brother, said, "My Sovereign!" and, "I want to be His disciple." His name is *Reuben* now. We're going to say it in French: *Let Reuben live and not die, nor his men be few.*

Story by ha-Emeq:

*[In the story ha-Emeq was taking the children through the Bible starting with the Psalms, then on to the prophets and the gospels.]*

Long ago, way back here — you see the book goes in time. We are right in here. Long ago King David was singing songs, things were coming to him because he was a prophet. One time he said, "the stone" (Ps 118). Then he went on to many more songs. It was recorded. He didn't really know what it meant. Then a little later came Isaiah. He was also saying things he didn't really understand. Isa 28:13 — He didn't know what it meant.

Then a long time after came our Master Yahshua. This is recorded in this portion, this book. Our Master used to read and listen in the minchahs. He listened. One day He read about the stone. Then He read in Isaiah about the precious stone, and it dawned on Him what it is. Our Master got it that the building was going to be made, and there was a special stone for the foundation, but the people would throw it away. Somehow He knew He was that stone sent from God.

As the days went by He talked to people, and then He started feeling rejection. It was horrible. It is something you don't know. People don't want to be with you. He talked to people about loving each other. They didn't like it too much when He spoke to them — rejection of this really nice stone given by God for the foundation so all the other stones could be put on top, and then God will come and live in it. The people didn't like it too much when He spoke to them.

He had twelve men; Kepha was one of them, a fisherman. Our Master always talked to them. One day they walked by the temple. Yahshua was talking. Peter saw that all the leaders and head guys were over there listening. What is Yahshua going to say to them so they would repent and make Him King? Yahshua said, "Sit down. I will tell you a story."

Matthew was listening and wrote it down; Mark and Luke heard it and recorded it. It was just a short story.

Mt 21:33:44 — A man had a nice piece of land. He planted a vineyard in it, made a fence around it, put a wine press in the middle and also a tower to protect it from bad people or animals. Then he got workers to work it. They were good workers, like our boys over at the farm. I have seen them working. They are good workers.

One day the owner came. "I am going on a long trip. Take care of my vineyard. At harvest time I'll get the harvest."

"Okay, we take care of it." When the time of harvest came the men said, "I don't know if we should give the owner anything; he didn't help much — let's keep it."

Soon over the hill came the messenger of the owner. "Hey, the owner sends a message — he wants the fruit of the vineyard."

"No, we won't give it to him." They grabbed him, beat him, and threw him out. He went back to the master. "The men that run your vineyard won't give you any fruit."

"This is my vineyard. I'll send a few more." They came to the vineyard saying the owner wants his fruit. This time they grabbed the messengers and beat them very badly. They went back bleeding. "They won't give you any fruit."

"Okay." The owner looked over. There was his only son. Only you can go. They'll give it to you. As the son went they said, "Look who is coming: It's the son himself. He's going to be the heir. The vineyard one day will be given to him. Let's kill him — then the vineyard is ours." They started beating him till he lay dead and threw him out of the vineyard.

Then our Master looked over to the men listening, and said, "What will the owner do?"

"He will bring those bad guys to a very bad end and give the vineyard to others who will give them the fruit at the right time."

"Ah," said our Master, "have you ever read in the Scripture?" Funny question, here were the head guys — they always read. "Did you ever read what David said? The stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief cornerstone. This came about from the Sovereign, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it. And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

Instead of saying, "Oh no, I don't want the vineyard to be taken away from me," they hated what He said. They put their hands over their ears, "We have to kill Him." But the people thought what our Master said was really wonderful.

Peter was in the back, listening. He loved that story. He could see the vineyard. "Who was that Son who came from the Father? It was the story of Yahshua. When He came to get the fruit, they would kill Him," Peter thought.

Do you think they killed the Son? The stone will be the headstone. Peter didn't forget it. Time went by.

Pretty soon the mean men did what our Master said. Peter saw it. Just like our Master said. Can't they see it? Peter got his courage. The brothers all got their courage. They went back to the same place. They saw themselves standing before the same men. The leaders heard that Peter talked about Yahshua everywhere. Peter stood right in the same spot. "We heard that you talked about Yahshua. You even healed someone in His name." Peter wasn't afraid, "You rulers and leaders, I'm speaking in the name of Yahshua, the Messiah whom you crucified and who was raised. I'm speaking in His name. That is the stone you rejected."

Their mind went back — it was just what Yahshua had told them. Now they are standing in front of Peter and he says the same thing. "The stone you rejected has become the most important. But you are not part of this building. A new building is being built, a new stone." Peter understood it.

*Then comes Peter almost at the end of the book. He wrote 1 Pet 2:4. You are living stones, and more rows of stones are added.*

Yahshua is not only the stone on the bottom, but He will come when the building is built up. He will cap it up. The first and last. Our Master is building us up and up. Even tonight He put one stone into the building. One more stone got in the wheelbarrow and was put into the building.

The day is going to come when He will come back, when the building is finished. He's the author and finisher of our faith.

Yoneq, in response to the children sharing after the story: I'm thankful for our children. They are so wonderful, standing in front of everybody and speaking. They are like we need to be — good examples for us.

Do you see the revelation of this story? Mt 21:34-45 — These are about ten verses. They tell us specifically that He took the kingdom away from the Jews. They weren't producing the fruit. He will give it to another nation. The first edah was that nation. They produced the fruit for a while. But then something happened to the vineyard. Isa 1 talks about that. It lay desolate for 1,900 years. There has to be a restoration. We are the beginning. We are that restoration if we see

twelve tribes emerging and within those twelve tribes is peace, love, joy, unity — meaning Yahshua is enthroned in our life, and the enemy is cast out.

Down through history there have been many trees, and many people said things, but you will see by the fruit. We are that tree, that Stone Kingdom, and you have to be baptized into it if you want to be saved.

These wretches were brought to a wretched end. They started eating their own children — the worst thing you could ever do. When Titus surrounded Jerusalem they were starved for a year or so. Only a few lived, and they were scattered. Many got killed in Germany. Most live in New York. Many don't know they are Jews; they were ashamed. They changed their name.

Our Master said, "Father, forgive them." He didn't forget. We take their place. We are going to destroy the enemy for them. We are going to drive the enemy out for them — something they were supposed to do and never did. The enemy is worse than ever now. It's terrible. It's Satan. He wanted the earth, he wanted the inheritance. He worked through the Jews to kill Yahshua.

We bring about the promise God made to Abraham. We are fighting for them. They don't know. They fight with guns. The enemy is worse than ever over there. They will get the land, but in the next age — from the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, all that's been promised. The border will be extended down south the Arabian peninsula. If He isn't going to do it, He will be cursed, abdicate the throne of heaven, be cut into pieces. We are working for the hope of Israel. We love them, are their friends; we war for them. We are fighting for them in this age, and then Yahshua will return, and the land will be given to them in the next age.

Our Master said He came to cast a fire on the earth. He was compelled; He had a baptism to undergo. That fire will light up the whole world — *Eish* is fire. This fire is going to show the whole world who serves Him and who not. It's going to divide.

We have a couple of people in our midst named *field*, like *cultivated field*. Cultivated field is *shedemah*, fields that produce. Rafael's name is *fields* — He is Rafael; we won't take his name away. But the Holy Spirit cultivated his field. Rafael was looking for Him. It produced his son. His son is a spreader of light. When you see him you see light. Paul said we are a field. *Shedemah* — a field of light, a spreader of light. Another way of saying field is *spread*.

*Shedeor* — *or* is light, to make luminary, the break of day, dawn. It also means *kindle*. *Shedemah* produced *Shedeor* — a cultivated field produced a field of light. The produce of the cultivated field is light.

[Rafael from Shimon and Luis his son received the names *Shedemah* and *Shedeor*.]

In the world we were unworthy. But now we are worthy. We have to assume we are worthy because our Father sent His Son to die for us. We were worthy of His death for Him.

A wall is only as good as the concrete that holds it together.

Our new brother Reuben is now coming into the new covenant. He doesn't understand too much now. Babies don't understand too much when they receive milk, but when they grow up by it, pretty soon they eat meat. When he drinks from the cup he will make a covenant with our Master to love Him as He loved him.

You were so important — our Master told the story of the coins: nothing could be done until there were ten. Our Master can't even rule the universe without you. He can't go on, bring the next age, until every sheep is in the fold. He wants you to rule a portion of the universe.

Phil 1:29 doesn't say believe and have no more problems — no; but then all the suffering comes. Isn't that wonderful?

In the millennium there will be trillions of people (now there are six billion), because there won't be deserts and uninhabitable poles. Everything is going to be fertile, people will be living everywhere, having babies, and no one is going to die at a young age. They will go to Jerusalem, always going; I don't know how. "Hello Yahshua. I've been hearing all about you over here in France from Shomer." We tell people about Yahshua and that Satan will be released at the end. Everyone knows that if they don't go it won't rain on their particular garden. It tests people. So many people, an innumerable number like the sand on the seashore and the stars in the heavens, will follow Satan. They were only pretenders. People in the next age will still have the flesh. Only those who love Yahshua will go on into the age after the next age.

You will be apostles in the next age, converting them, speaking to them. It's going to be the age of the new covenant, not only to Israel, but to the whole world. Even though the Holy Spirit is going to be given to people, He won't be given to all. Not all would cut with their life 100%. Our Father is just. They are living for themselves. They are only concerned that it would rain on their land. Our Father is testing mankind. Today we test the world. The way they treat us is how they treat God — Gen 12:3.

We have to be true representatives. It is so important that we understand our Father's ways. When we go astray in our hearts it is because we don't understand His ways. Israel went astray — they didn't understand. We think we know more. I don't know if this is right. We need to know He's leading us. We have no reason to complain and murmur, but only to give thanks. There is nothing else you can do. Paul said if we don't give thanks, we already have gone astray.