

THE CITY IN THE SKY

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Revelation 21:1-7, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

Revelation 21:9-27, “And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of

the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”

Here we have a description of New Jerusalem. We need to show first that from this passage that this New Jerusalem is the Bride of Christ! We know that the Bride of Christ is the Body of Christ made up of all born again saved sinners from Christ till the Rapture! This is important because understanding that the city is made of saved sinners means that the city is being built by the Lord, and at the same time it is being built by all the saved sinners when we win another sinner to the Lord it's a stone in the city, and a stone in your crown!

1 Peter 2:4-10, “To whom coming, as unto a **living stone**, disallowed indeed of men, but **chosen of God, and precious**, Ye also, as **lively stones**, are built up a **spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, **Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the **same is made the head of the corner**, And a **stone of stumbling**, and **a rock of offence**, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. **But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”**

To understand this Living Stone, let's get some Old Testament verses:

Deuteronomy 32:3-4, "Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. **He is the Rock**, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

God is our ROCK!

Deuteronomy 32:15-18, "But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and **lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation**. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. **They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not**, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. **Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.**"

So, Our God is our ROCK that formed us! From dust! Lets see! In the passage where God made Adam this is the rocks in the land: Genesis 2:12 And the **gold** of that land is good: there is **bdellium** and the **onyx** stone. These are shown as the 3 races after Noah's sons and after the flood. **Japheth, Shem** and **Ham**; and from their generations and the migrations of the families in the earth.

Deuteronomy 32:31-40, "For **their rock is not as our Rock**, even our enemies themselves being judges. For **their vine is of the vine of Sodom**, and of the fields of Gomorrah: **their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter**: Their **wine is the poison of dragons**, and the **cruel venom of asps**. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures? To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. And he shall say, **Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted**, Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and **drank the wine** of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. **For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.**"

This is a LIVING ROCK that CREATED us from the DUST of ROCKS...

Isaiah 8:14, “And he shall be for a sanctuary; but **for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”

This Rock will be a Rock of stumbling and offence! Therefore they disallowed Him from being King over Israel. Even though the “powers that were” recognized him as the King of the Jews in three different languages.

Romans 9:33, “As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion **a stumblingstone and rock of offence**: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”

This stumbling stone and rock of offence is shown also in the gospels.

Matthew 21:43-46, “Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.** And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.”

Luke 20:17-19, “And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?** Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.”

So they were OFFENDED! Just like it was written about them.

Ephesians 2:20, “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**”

1 Peter 2:6, “Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a **chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.”

It is a “CHIEF” corner stone! There is only ONE building with a CHIEF corner! That is a pyramid. The top stone or cap stone is the chief corner stone! It is the head of the corner! Just like the passages say. The capstone of a pyramid is the same shape as the Pyramid. If you fall on this stone, you will be broken in two, it will cut you with the sharp point on top... if this stone falls on you, it will fall harder because of the wind resistance of the top, the base is flat and will grind to powder. This stone would be rejected in the building process because it is useless till its ready to be put on top!

1 Corinthians 10:4, “And did all drink the same **spiritual drink**: for they **drank of that spiritual Rock** that followed them: **and that Rock was Christ.**”

The ROCK is NOT Peter! It is Christ!

1 Samuel 2:2, “There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is **there any rock like our God.**”

2 Samuel 22:2, “And he said, **The LORD is my rock**, and my fortress, and my deliverer;”

2 Samuel 22:3, “**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 refuge, **my saviour**; thou savest me from violence.”

2 Samuel 22:32, “For who is God, save the LORD? **and who is a rock, save our God?**”

2 Samuel 22:47, “**The LORD** liveth; and blessed be **my rock**; and exalted be **the God of the rock** of my salvation.”

2 Samuel 23:3, “**The God of Israel** said, **the Rock of Israel** spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.”

Our God is our Rock... If your God is your Rock, it stands to reason that your Rock should be your God! Someone has the wrong rock! To some people they believe their music is their rock! But that rock can not save you! My Rock CAN!

Psalms 18:2. “**The LORD is my rock**, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.”

Psalms 18:31, “For who is God save the LORD? or **who is a rock save our God?**”

Psalms 18:46, “The LORD liveth; and **blessed be my rock**; and let the **God** of my salvation be exalted.”

Psalms 27:5, “For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; **he shall set me up upon a rock.**”

Psalms 28:1, “Unto thee will I cry, **O LORD my rock**; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.”

Psalms 31:3, “For **thou art my rock** and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.”

Psalms 40: 1-2, “I waited patiently for **the LORD**; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and **set my feet upon a rock**, and established my goings.”

Psalms 42:9, “I will say unto **God my rock**, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

Psalms 62:2, “**He only is my rock and my salvation**; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.”

Psalms 62:5-6, “My soul, wait thou only upon **God**; for my expectation is from him. **He only is my rock** and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.”

Psalms 62:7, “In **God is my salvation** and my glory: **the rock of my strength**, and my refuge, is in God.”

Psalms 71:1-3, “In thee, **O LORD**, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I

may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for **thou art my rock** and my fortress.”

Psalms 78:35, “And they remembered that **God was their rock**, and the high God their redeemer.”

Psalms 89:26, “He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, **my God**, and **the rock of my salvation**.”

Psalms 92:15, “To shew that **the LORD** is upright: **he is my rock**, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”

Psalms 94:22, “But the LORD is my defence; and **my God is the rock** of my refuge.”

Psalms 95:1, “O come, let us sing unto **the LORD**: let us make a joyful noise to **the rock** of our salvation.”

Salvation is of the Lord and He is a firm Rock that will give Eternal Life to whosoever will!

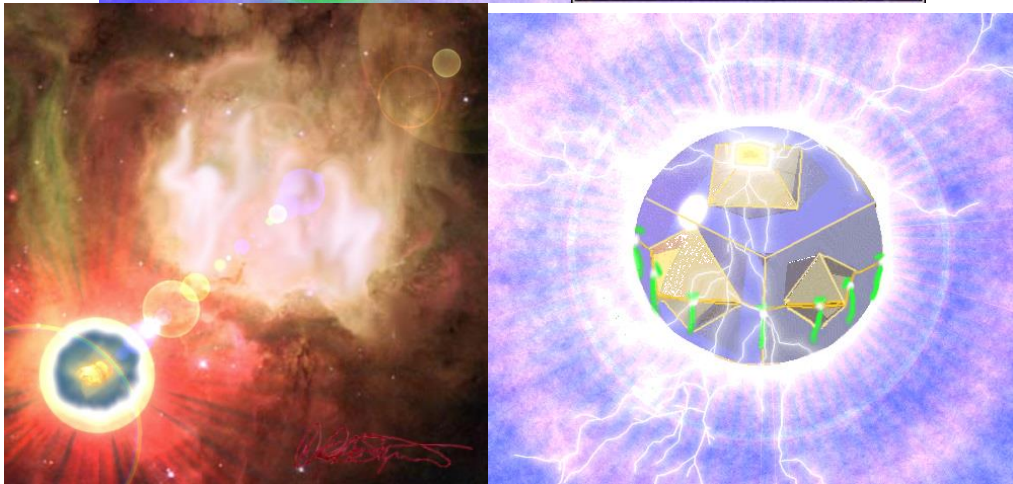
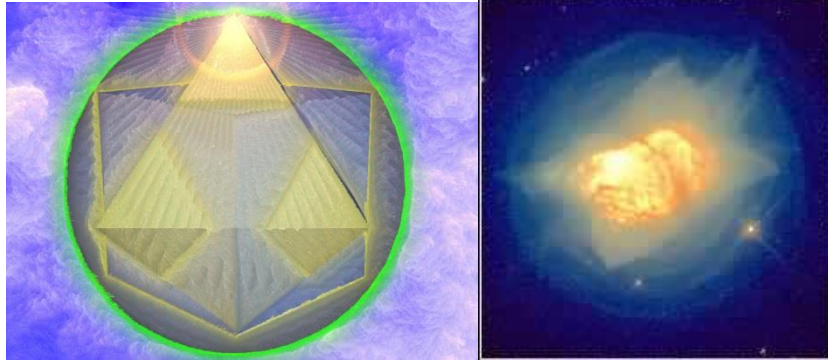
Daniel 2:35, “Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and **the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth**.”

Daniel 2:45, “Forasmuch as thou sawest that the **stone was cut out of the mountain without hands**, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.”

He is a Rock here that is cut out of a great mountain and smote the image of the beast! It was cut out of the mountain without hands!

The living Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Body of Christ, the Church, New Jerusalem...

There is a common thread here!



The GodHead
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