

“WORD OF LIFE”

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40. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (20) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N 63. The **Stone** Falling on the Gentile Kingdoms and Scattering Them as **Chaff**

Hymns: #199 / #223 / #28

✚ “...the **words** which I have spoken to you are **spirit** and are **life**.” (John 6:63b)

[Prophecy]

Dan. 2:34 - You were watching until a **stone** was cut out without hands, and it **struck** the image at its feet of iron and clay and **crushed** them.

Dan. 2:35 - Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were **crushed** all at once, and they became like **chaff** from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found ...

[Fulfillment]

Matt. 21:44 - And he who **falls on this stone** shall be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it shall **crush** him to powder and **scatter him like chaff**.

✚ “...to come to the **full knowledge** of the **truth**....” (1Tim.2:4b)

❖ Christ is the **stone** falling on the Gentile kingdoms and scattering them as **chaff**

➤ This is **prophesied** in Daniel 2:34-35.

- Christ comes the second time, He will be a **stone cut** without hands falling from the heavens upon the **great image**.
 - The great image **signifies** the worldly powers from Babylon down to the ten kingdoms of the restored Roman Empire,
 - which will exist at the time of Christ’s coming back.
- Christ will be the **smiting stone** that will scatter all the broken nations as **chaff**.
- **Then** He will become a **great mountain**—the kingdom of God on earth.

➤ In Matthew 21:44 the Lord, says that “*on whomever it falls, it shall **scatter him as chaff***.”

- To the **believers**, **Christ** is the **foundation stone**, the **building stone**, in whom they trust (Isa. 28:16);
- to the **unbelieving Jews**, He is the **stumbling stone** (Isa. 8:14; Rom. 9:33); and
- to the **nations**, He will be the **smiting stone**.

✚ “...Pursue **love**, and desire earnestly **spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may **prophecy**.” (1Cor. 14:1)

✚ Christ at His coming back will be a **stone**.

- ✓ We, the **believers**, experience Christ as the **building stone**.
- ✓ But the **Jews** who reject Him and are stumbled by Him will experience Him as the **stumbling stone** and be broken to pieces.
- ✓ Eventually, the unbelieving **Gentiles** who fight against God will know Christ as the **smiting stone**, for He will smite them and scatter them like **chaff** driven by the wind.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament **Ch. 40**, letter N – point 63)
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Hymn 199

1 Thou art the **Rock** everlasting,
Spiritual **Rock** cleft for me;
Drinking of Thee as the **Spirit**,
Thus I become **one with Thee**.
Thou art the **Rock** never shaken,
'Tis on this **Rock** we are **built**;
Joined unto Thee thru **redemption**,
Nothing can shake us thru guilt.

Chorus:

Lord, how we treasure Thy **value**,
All that Thou art is for us;
While here in loving **remembrance**
We share Thy wealth glorious.

2 Thou art the **Stone** tried by many,
Precious to **God**, dear to us,
Thou art so sure and **trustworthy**,
Thy strength is so marvelous.
Thou art the **Stone** that is **living**,
Chosen of **God**, made our own;
So energetic and pow'rful,
With endless life to us known.

3 Thou art the **Stone** of **Foundation**
Laid by our **God**, safe and sure;
It is by this sure **foundation**
Safety fore'er we secure.
To us no other foundation
Of any kind man can lay;
Thou art the **only foundation**
Which we have now and for aye.

4 **Lord**, for God's spiritual **building**,
Thou art the Chief **Cornerstone**;
Both of the **Jews** and the **Gentiles**
By Thee are **built into one**.
Lord, Thou art also the **Topstone**,
Brought forth in measureless grace;
Thou art our cover and glory,
Moving our hearts in Thy praise.

Hymn 223

1 On the **table** of Thy love,
With the **bread**, the **cup** is spread.
By partaking of these **signs**,
We with Thee are richly fed.
How we thank Thee for this **cup**,
For the **cup of blessing**, Lord,
Cup of Thy Salvation full,
Cup of all Thou dost afford.

2 'Tis the **blood** Thou **shedd'**st for us,
That our sins may be forgiv'n;
'Tis the **cov'nant** made for us,
That Thy blessings may be giv'n.
Thou didst **drink** the **cup of wrath**,
Thou hast tasted **death** for us,
Thus the **cup of blessing** bought,
As the **portion** gained for us.

3 In this **portion** we have **God**,
Whom we lost thru Adam's fall;
By the **shedding** of Thy **blood**,
God becomes our all in all.
In this **portion** all we have—
Life and peace, **redemption** sure;
All that **God** has planned
and willed,
In this **portion** we secure.

4 An eternal **portion**, 'tis,
Overflowing **cup** divine;
Heav'nly taste do we enjoy
In this **cup** of God's design.
Here in love we **drink** this **cup**
In **remembrance**, **Lord**, of Thee;
Thus in spirit we partake
All Thy **work** on **Calvary**.

Hymn 28

1 The **love** of **God** is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair,
bowed down with care,
God gave His **Son** to win;
His **erring** child He reconciled
And **pardoned** from his sin.

Chorus:

O **love** of **God**, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

2 When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones
and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills
and mountains call;
God's **love**, so sure,
shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.

3 Could we with **ink** the **ocean** fill,
And were the **skies**
of **parchment** made;
Were every **stalk** on earth a **quill**,
And every **man** a **scribe** by trade;
To **write** the **love** of **God** above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll
contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.