

Jesus the Rock

1. David referred to Jesus as a stone hundreds of years before He came to earth, Ps. 118:22. David prophesies that the builders (Israel's spiritual leaders) will reject Christ as worthless, but that Christ will become the chief cornerstone on which the whole building stands.
2. David states, that God making the stone that was deemed worthless the one upon which everything will be built, is marvelous in our eyes, Ps. 118:23. When we think about Jesus, do we marvel at His majesty and might? Does He truly inspire confidence in us that He can support us through anything? Is Jesus marvelous in your eyes?
2. In Ps. 118, David contrasts the weakness of others to this mighty stone; man, vv. 6-8; princes, v. 9; nations, v. 10-13.
3. Several passages in the New Testament confirm that this "stone" metaphor applies to Jesus. Three of the Gospels quote Jesus as implying the metaphor applies to Him, Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10; Lu. 20:17. In the book of Acts and 1 Pet. 2:7, Peter quotes David as referring to Christ.
4. There is another curious message from the metaphor of Christ as a rock. Isaiah spoke of an assault on the Stone by both houses of Israel, that will cause them both to stumble and Peter repeats it, Isa. 8:14, 1 Pet. 2:8.
Paul repeats this in Rom. 9:33, but picks up on another detail Jesus added in Matt. 21:44. The one who believes in Jesus will be humbly broken when they fall upon Him. But beware, the one upon whom the Rock falls, it will grind him to powder. Isaiah and Peter also relay that belief in the stone will bring peace and joy, Isa. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6.
5. Daniel cites that the Rock Jesus will crush all other kingdoms, Dan. 2:35, 45.
6. Paul refers to Jesus as the Rock from which all may receive a spiritual drink, 1 Cor. 10:4.
7. Jesus calls us to build everything in our lives on Him, the solid rock, Matt. 7:24-27