

The figurative stone and idol God's stone that destroys Satan's idols

But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to **idols and to commit acts of immorality ... He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who**

**overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden
manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new
name written on the stone which no one knows but
he who receives it.**

Rv 2:14, 17

Idol

Judgment_t

worship



Holy Place

Jesus



One who

overcomes

Repent & gather

The stone of judgment at the time of Moses

- On Mt. Sinai, Moses received two **stone tablets** “**written by the finger of God**” that contained the law and commandments by which the Israelites would be judged (Ex 24:12, 31:18).
- Those who broke the OT law in a serious enough way were stoned to

death.

- This was also a copy and shadow of what was coming in the future.

The figurative stone of judgment

- Jesus was the true the job

- Stones can smash or be used in building. God's stone—**His word of judgment and the one who has it**—can be used to judge or build people into God's holy house. living stone whose heart was engraved by the finger of God with God's word and commandments, which is why he became the standard of judgment and why he was given

Stone

Authority to judge

God



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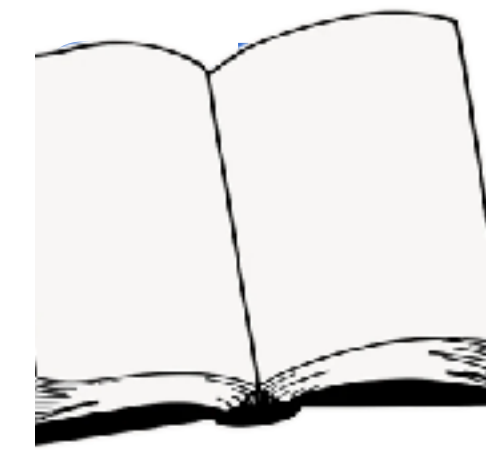
house.

of rebuilding people into God's

The figurative stone of judgment

- *And coming to Him as to a **living stone** which has been rejected by men, but is **choice and precious in holy priesthood, to the sight of God, you offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is also, as **living stones**, are being built up as a spiritual house for a***

*contained in Scripture:
“Behold, I lay in Zion a
choice stone, a
precious corner stone,*



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*not be disappointed.” (1 Pt
2:4-6, quoting Is 28:16)*

And he who believes in Him will

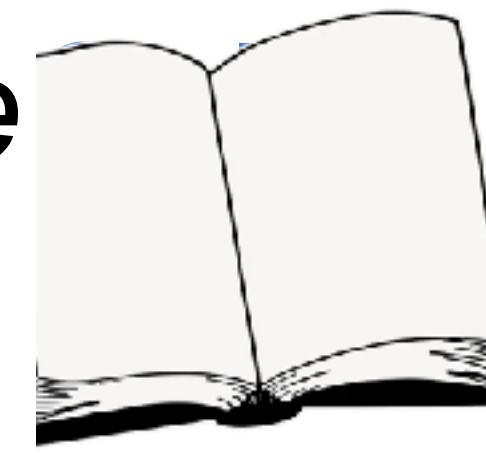
The figurative stone of judgment

- *For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all*

will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. (Jn 5:22-23)

• *He who rejects Me*

and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him;



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judge him at the last day. (Jn 12:48)

the word I spoke is what will

The figurative idol

“God”

- Idols are representations of gods made by men out of various materials (wood, stone, bronze, gold, etc.) that have no word, breath, or life.
- **Figurative idols are teachers of lies** (false pastors) because they represent a false idea of God. The lies are various, but they all lack God’s word, breath, and life because they were learned from men rather than from God (Hb 2:18-19, Is 41:21-29).



What profit is the idol when its maker has carved it, or **an image, a teacher of falsehood? For its maker trusts in his own handiwork when he fashions speechless idols. “Woe to him who says to a piece of wood, ‘Awake!’ To a mute stone, ‘Arise!’ And that is your teacher? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and **there is no breath at all inside it.****

Hb 2:18-19

“Present your case,” the Lord says. “Bring forward your strong arguments,” the King of Jacob says. Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place; as for the former events, declare what they were, that we may consider them and know their outcome. Or announce to us what is coming; **declare the things that are going to come afterward, that we may know that you are gods; indeed, do good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together. Behold, you are of no account, and your work amounts to nothing; **he who chooses you is an abomination.****

Is 41:21-24

“I have aroused one from the north, and he has come; from the rising of the sun he will call on My name; and he will come upon rulers as upon mortar, even as the potter treads clay.” Who has

declared this from the beginning, that we might know? Or from former times, that we may say, “He is right!”? Surely there was no one who declared, surely there was no one who proclaimed, surely there was no one who heard your words. “Formerly I said to Zion, ‘Behold, here they are.’ And to Jerusalem, ‘I will give a messenger of good news.’

“But when I look, there is no one, and **there is no counselor among them who, if I ask, can give an answer.”**

**“Behold, all of them are false; their works are worthless,
their molten images are wind and emptiness.**

Is 41:25-29

**The oracle concerning Egypt.
Behold, the Lord is riding on a
swift cloud and is about to come
to Egypt; The idols of Egypt will
tremble at His presence, and the**

**heart of the Egyptians will melt
within them.**

Is 19:1

The idol of Babylon

- *You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its*

appearance was awesome. The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. (Dn 2:31-33)

God's stone judges the idols

- *You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the*



gold were *crushed all at the same time* and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the *stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.* (Dn 2:34-35)

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- *In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.*

*Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”
(Dn 2:44-45)*

**God's stone smashes Satan's idols at the 1st
coming God**



**Apostasy
Judgment
repent!**

Mt 21:42-25

Jesus the stone

Is 28:16 ^{Opeⁿ} _{Book}

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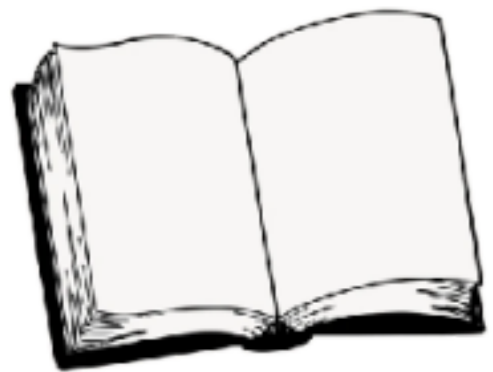
False

teachings



Physical kingdom ends & the spiritual kingdom begins

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Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘**The stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief corner stone; this came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes**’? Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, 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.**” When the **chief priests and the Pharisees** heard His parables, they

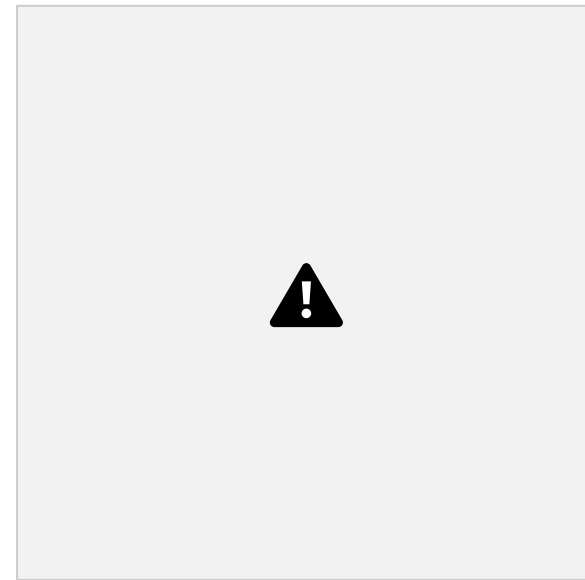
understood that He was speaking about them. Mt 21:42-45

God's stone smashes Satan's idols at the 2nd coming God



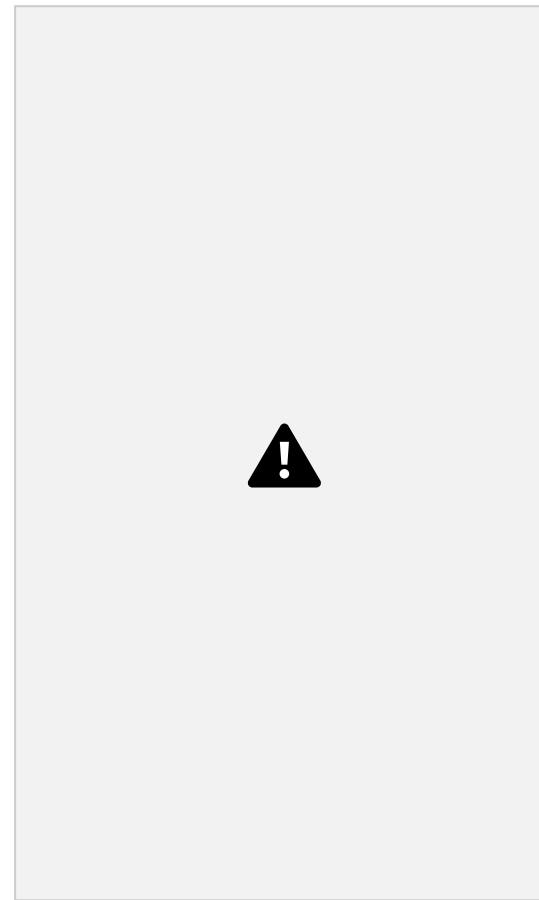
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kingdom begins

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I testify to everyone who hears the words

of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Rv 22:18-19

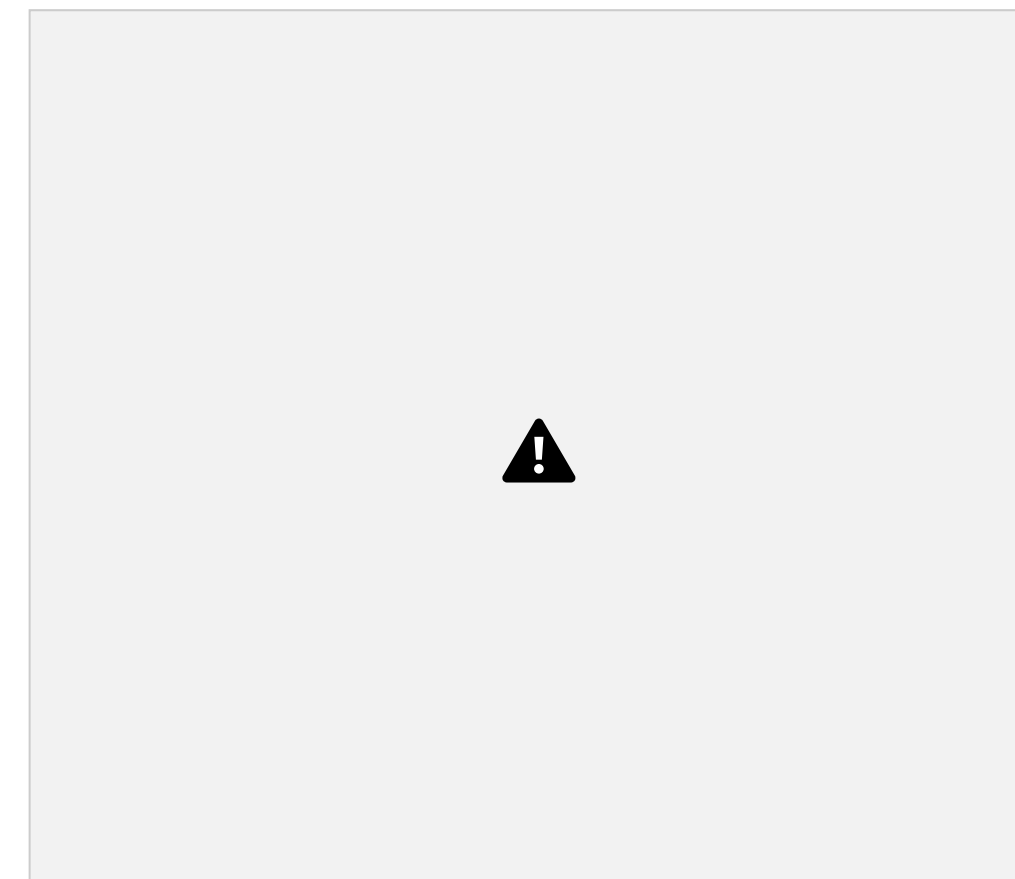
Summary and

conclusion • Idols in the prophecies are **false**

teachers

preaching false concepts of God (i.e., false gods) and the word (false teachings).

- Just as a stone can smash or build up, the white stone is the word of judgment (revelation) and the messenger wielding it who learns from heaven how to judge the idols ruling God's people at the time of the fulfillment.
- When the stone of judgment (messenger/word



of revelation) comes, we can discern it from the man-made idols and be built into God's kingdom, God's mountain.

Let's pray

