

Building on the Rock

Get a piece of the rock...



General Eisenhower master-minded invasion of North Africa in Gibraltar's tunnels.

Only spot of land in continental Europe that remained in Allied hands throughout WWII.

Isaiah 28

1: capture the capital...capture the country

2-4: hail storm (Assyria) is coming...

5-6: hope for remnant

7-8: erred through wine (14, Jerusalem)

9-10: mockery. "He treats us like children"
(14, 22)

11: will learn lesson from foreign invaders...

12: to reject peace is to prefer war

Would not hear = reject God's plan

I. Why did God write the Bible?

Not surprisingly . . .

1. To reveal God to man, Gn.1:1
2. To reveal man to man, Gn.1:26-27
3. To know certainty of things of God, Lk.1:3-4
4. To produce faith in our hearts, Jn.20:30-31
5. To tell us how to be saved, 1 Jn.5:13

Surprisingly . . . To hide the truth

Is.28¹³ For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

- Those who don't care enough to search for it are lost.
- Gold mine...

“But some reject His word”

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Jesus concealed truth from some...

Positive	Word picture	Negative
Nourish earth for food / drink	<p style="text-align: center;">Rain (Is.55:10-11)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Flood, Gn.6</p>
Warms body	<p style="text-align: center;">Fire (Jer.23:29)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Burn to death, destroy property</p>
Breaks rock in pieces	<p style="text-align: center;">Hammer (Jer.23:29)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jg.4:21, Jael's hammer</p>
Show the way	<p style="text-align: center;">Lamp (Ps.119:105)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expose flaws, Jn.3:19-20</p>
Life	<p style="text-align: center;">Aroma (2 Co.2:14-16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Death</p>
Protects innocent, Ep.6:17	<p style="text-align: center;">Sword (Hb.4:12)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Slays enemies, Mt.26:52</p>

Challenge – use it or lose it

Ph.3¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶ Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

One who loves truth will not lose it
if he uses the light he has.

I. Why did God write the Bible?

II. False Security

14-15

- Israel and Judah mocked prophets...
- Judah's leaders bet on fastest horse (Assyria), with another secret bet on Egypt
- They trusted lies, 15

You're in good hands with Assyria!"

Today

- Personal security... Alarms, insurance...
- National security... Dn.5
- Financial security...
- Eternal security... Lk.16

I. Why did God write the Bible?

II. False Security

III. True Security

1. Who? Lord

- 1 Co.3⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.
 1. Process of building
 2. The building itself
- Ep.4¹² ...for the edifying of the body of Christ

2. Where? Zion (2:2-3)

- Heb. 12²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

3. What? Stone . . . foundation

Stone

- True security against death and Hades.
- 1 Co.3¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Tested Stone

- ... in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin, Hb.4:15.

3. What? Stone . . . foundation

Precious Stone

- Flawless
- 1 Pt.2²² Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth.

Corner Stone

- 1 Co.10¹¹ upon Whom the ends of the ages have come.
 - Cornerstone brought two walls together
 - Corner: where both parts (ages) meet...

4. Why?

- Is.28¹⁶ Whoever believes will not be in haste
 - Haste implies panic, insecurity
 - God's people can build their lives on His promises

Stone remains intact.

- Lk To reject Christ is to destroy ourselves.

has become 'cornerstone'

- Rejected Stone that make building unique
- Establish the church but leave Christ out!?
 - “Rejected” – *to reject after testing*
- How do people reject Christ? Jn.12:48 –
 - ¹reject ²Me ¹receive not ²My words –
 - We may refuse His word, but cannot escape his judgment. Lk.20:18

5. When? (2:2-3)

- Rom.9³² For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. ³³ ...I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.
 - Israel sought salvation in their own covenants (Assyria / Egypt). They did not trust God
 - When Jesus came, history repeated: Jn.11:49-50, covenant with death (Lord's death): rejected Him, destroyed 'selves.
 - Jews rejected Jesus; Father received Him, Mt.3:16f.

5. When? (2:2-3)

- Ep. 2²⁰ ...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
 - Foundation: apostles / prophets
 - Chief cornerstone: brought two walls together
 - Temple: place of worship.
 - Temple of Diana: one column remains.



5. When? (2:2-3)

- 2 Tim.2¹⁹ Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity...”
 - **Seal:** inscription to show ownership; often a short motto
 - Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - Pisa: “marshy land”

5. When? (2:2-3)

- 1 Pt.2⁴ “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious ... ⁶ Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house...

5. When? (2:2-3)

- Living stone. OT: house of dead stones
- You also as living stones. “Peter”
- Chief cornerstone:
 - First stone laid
 - Everything else must square to it
 - Each stone is fitted into Him
- Elect. Chosen, selected (by God)
- Precious. Flawless. Costly.
 - Nero
 - OT: house of dead stones. NT: living