

From Missler:

We also, are “living stones.”

“I” will build: Jesus will build.

I “will” build: future tense.

Foundation?

- 1) the Confession
- 2) Peter himself
- 3) Christ Himself

1 Cor 10: the rock is Christ

1 Cor 3:9-11

Eph 2:19-22

Petros = a little stone.

Petra = a large rock.

“Thou art a little stone, Peter, but upon this big rock I will build my church.”

Definite article used before *petra*. No article before *petros*. [To be reviewed: 1 Pet 2:1-6.]

The battle is on.... Do you recognize yourself in all this? Never forget that the old man is still there until He shall present us.... Eph 5:27.

Practical Steps:

1. Recognize our own sinfulness. Never indulge the error that the enemy has forsaken us.
2. Seek His grace in forgiveness when we do err. 1 John 1:9
3. Appropriate the power of God by faith in His promises, and the in the power of prayer. A life without prayer is a life of defeat.
4. Obey His Word in regard to practical holiness. Saturate yourself with the Word of God.

Last verse of last chapter in last epistle: “...grow in grace” 2 Pet 3:18.

All men who have been born only once, will have to die twice:

spiritually and physically.

All who have been born twice will die only once (Jn 3:6,7; 2 Pet 1:4, 23-25).

Luke 18:10-14

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men — extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

James 1:12-15

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. **15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**

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1 Cor 11:27-32

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 **But let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

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Isaiah 50:6
6 I gave My back to those who struck Me,
And My cheeks to **those who plucked out the beard** ;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.
NKJV

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Psalm 69:22-28 NKJV

22 Let their table become a snare before them, And their well-being a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; And make their loins shake continually.

24 Pour out Your indignation upon them, And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents.

26 For they persecute the ones You have struck, And talk of the grief of those You have wounded.

27 Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let them not come into Your righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.

Psalm 109:6-13 NKJV

6 Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand.

7 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few, **And let another take his office.** (*episkopos*; overseer)

9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

10 Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places.

11 Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

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Verses on Thankfulness and thanksgiving:

Leviticus 22:29

29 And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will

Psalms 26:6-7

So I will go about Your altar, O LORD, 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works.

Psalms 50:14

14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.

Psalms 69:30

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Psalms 95:2-3

2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
3 For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods.

Psalms 100:4-5

4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

2 Corinthians 4:15

15 For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:6-7

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 3:15-16

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Ephesians 5:18-20

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Hebrews 13:15-16

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Revelation 11:17

"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 NKJV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 **who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.** 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

John 20:29

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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Amos 3:7 NIV

Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

Jude 14-15 NKJV

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "**Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints**, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Hebrews 11:8-10 NKJV

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And **he went out, not knowing where he was going**. 9 By faith **he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents** with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 **for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

Daniel 9:1-3 NKJV

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans — 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, **understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.** 3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Numbers 24:15-17 NKJV

So he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, and the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened; 16 The utterance of him who hears the words of God, and has the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open: 17 **"I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult.**

Matthew 2:1-2 NKJV

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? **For we have seen His star in the East** and have come to worship Him."

- Legend has it that Daniel founded the Magi and taught them the Scriptures
- One of the things that they were to look for was His star as prophesied...

Matthew 23:37-24:3 NKJV

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "**Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**"

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2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV

...knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, **but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Instructions for the Passover supper and girding ones loins:

Exodus 12:11

NIV: This is how you are to eat it: **with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand**. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

NKJV: And thus you shall eat it: **with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste**. It is the LORD's Passover.

KJV: And thus shall ye eat it; **with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste**: it is the LORD's Passover.

Ephesians 6:13-15 NKJV

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, **having girded your waist with truth**, having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

Eph 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the **sons of disobedience**, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature **children of wrath**, just as the others.

Eph 5:6-7

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon **the sons of disobedience** . 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Col 3:6-7

6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the **sons of disobedience** , 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

Note the immediate connection between a child of disobedience and God's judgmental wrath

Ephesians 4:20-26 NKJV

20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you **put off**, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, **putting away** lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

Colossians 3:8-10 NKJV

8 But now you yourselves are to **put off** all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

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Cities of Refuge:

REFUGE, CITIES OF

Six cities, three on each side of the Jordan, were set apart and placed in the hands of the Levites, to serve as places of asylum for such as might shed blood unwittingly.

1. Location: On the East of the Jordan they were Bezer in the lot of Reuben, Ramoth-gilead in the tribe of Gad, and Golan in the territory of Manasseh. On the West of the Jordan they were Hebron in Judah, Shechem in Mt. Ephraim, and Kedesh in Naphtali (Num 35:6,14; Josh 20:2,7 ff; 21:13,21,27,32,38; Bezer is named in verse 36, but not described as a City of Refuge). An account of these cities is given in separate articles under their names. Deut 19:2 speaks of three cities thus to be set apart, referring apparently to the land West of the Jordan.

2. Purpose: From time immemorial in the East, if a man were slain the duty of avenging him has lain as a sacred obligation upon his nearest relative. In districts where more primitive conditions prevail, even to this day, the distinction between intentional and unintentional killing is not too strictly observed, and men are often done to death in revenge for what was the purest accident. To prevent such a thing where possible, and to provide for a right administration of justice, these cities were instituted. Open highways were to be maintained along, which the manslayer might have an unobstructed course to the city gate.

3. Regulations: The regulations concerning the Cities of Refuge are found in Num 35; Deut 19:1-13; Josh 20:1. Briefly, everything was to be done to facilitate the flight of the manslayer, lest the avenger of blood, i.e. the nearest of kin, should pursue him with hot heart, and, overtaking him, should smite him mortally. Upon reaching the city he was to be received by the elders and his case heard. If this was satisfactory, they gave him asylum until a regular trial could be carried out. They took him, apparently, to the city or district from which he had fled, and there, among those who knew him, witnesses were examined. If it were proved that he was not a willful slayer, that he had no grudge against the person killed, and had shown no sign of purpose to injure him, then he was declared innocent and conducted back to the city in which he had taken refuge, where he must stay until the death of the high priest. Then he was free to return home in safety. Until that event he must on no account go beyond the city boundaries. If he did, the avenger of blood might slay him without blame. On the other hand, if he were found guilty of deliberate murder, there was no more protection for him. He was handed over to the avenger of blood who, with his own hand, took the murderer's life. Blood-money, i.e. money paid in compensation for the murder, in settlement of the avenger's claim, was in no circumstances permitted; nor could the refugee be ransomed, so that he might "come again to dwell in the land" until the death of the high priest (Num 35:32).

A similar right of refuge seems to have been recognized in Israel as attaching to the altar in the temple at Jerusalem (1 Kings 1:50; 2:28; compare Ex 21:12 f). This may be compared with the right of asylum connected with the temples of the heathen.

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Luke 23:32-35 – the only one of the four gospels to record this event during His crucifixion

32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 **Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."**

And they divided His garments and cast lots. 35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

NKJV

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LO-AMMI

(lo-am'-i) (lo-'`ammi, "not my people"): The 2nd son and 3rd child of Gomer bath-Dibblaim, wife of the prophet Hosea (Hos 1:9). An earlier child, a daughter, had been named Lo-ruhamah (lo'-ruchamah, "uncompassionated"). The names, like those given by Isaiah to his children, are symbolic, and set forth Hosea's conviction that Israel has, through sin, forfeited Yahweh's compassion, and can no longer claim His protection. Of the bearers of these names nothing further is known; but their symbolism is alluded to in Hos 2:1,23. **This latter passage is quoted by Paul (Rom 9:25 f).**

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Romans 9:22-26

22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and **to make His power known**, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that **He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy**, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

25 As He says also in Hosea:

**"I will call them My people, who were not My people,
And her beloved, who was not beloved."**

26 "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them,

' You are not My people,'

There they shall be called sons of the living God."

NKJV

Galatians 5:16-26

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not **fulfill the lust of the flesh**. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 **Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries**, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

NKJV

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The view that I'm about to present was widely understood, accepted and supported during the first 4 centuries. It was supported by the Jewish clergy for centuries, and also the Christians.

Sometime about the 5th century, in the days of Cyril Alexander, there was a theory advanced that this whole thing was a division between the Lines of Cain and the Lines of Seth. Julius Africanus used this theory to make things "more comfortable" for people to believe a watered down story of what really happened, because the truth is a bit creepy and X-File-ish. The line of Seth was the good guy (faithful to God), the line of Cain the bad guys ("unbelievers"). When they got married, they were supposed to keep separate, but they didn't

Problems with this view:

- If the lines of Seth were the good guys, why did they get wiped out in the flood, except Noah and his family?
- It does not say the "daughters of Seth," indicating a specific line, but the daughters of men, connoting the WHOLE human race.
- Everywhere the term "b'nai elohim" is used except this, it is translated angels.
- Today when a believer and an unbeliever marry and produce children, they do not produce superhuman babies...or monsters...or unnatural children.
- The lines of Seth were in fact, not faithful, because it was Seth's son Enosh, who began to defile the name of God
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This series of events is recorded in every culture on planet Earth, that gods came down from heaven and intermarried and produced some superhuman children.

- Greece – half-god, half-humans like Hercules. Remember the Titans? Some of the gods were said to have rebelled against their father Uranus, after a prolonged contest they were defeated by Zeus and condemned to Tartarus! The word "Titan" in Greek is translated "Sheitan" in Chaldean, and Satan is Hebrew.
- Egypt
- Sumer
- Assyria
- Incas
- Mayas
- Gilgamesh
- Persia
- India
- Bolivia
- South Sea Islands
- American Indians
- Who built the pyramids? Stonehenge? Many scholars believe these were the works of the Nephillim...

Return of the Nephillim – Chuck Missler

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Psalm 119:66-67; 71 NIV

Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands. 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. 71 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

Hebrews 5:8-9 NIV

Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

Hebrews 12:5b-11 NIV

My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Isaiah 48:10 NKJV

Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

Job 23:10 NKJV

But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

Job 42:1-5 NKJV

Then Job answered the LORD and said: 2 "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. 3 You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.' 5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, **but now my eye sees You.**

Psalm 34:17-19 NKJV

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Hebrews 4:15-16 NKJV

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

2 Corinthians 1:3-6 NKJV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-8 NKJV

And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

James 1:2-5 NKJV

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Romans 5:3-4 NKJV

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

1 Peter 1:6-9 NKJV

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.

James 1:12-13 NKJV

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

NICOLAITANS

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Niko; to lord laitains; the lay people; to lord it over the lay people

(nik-o-la'-i-tanz) Nikolaitai): A sect or party of evil influence in early Christianity, especially in the 7 churches of Asia.

1. The Sect: Their doctrine was similar to that of Balaam, "who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication" (Rev 2:14-15). Their practices were strongly condemned by John, who praised the church in Ephesus for "hating their works" (Rev 2:6), and blamed the church in Pergamum for accepting in some measure their teaching (Rev 2:15). Except that reference is probably made to their influence in the church at Thyatira also, where their leader was "the woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess" (Rev 2:20; compare verse 14), no further direct information regarding them is given in Scripture.

2. References: Reference to them is frequent in post-apostolic literature. According to Irenaeus (Adv. Haer., i.26,3; iii.10,7), followed by Hippolytus (Philos., vii.36), they were founded by Nicolaus, the proselyte of Antioch, who was one of the seven chosen to serve at the tables (Acts 6:5). Irenaeus, as also Clement of Alexandria (Strom., ii.20), Tertullian and others, unite in condemning their practices in terms similar to those of John; and reference is also made to their gnostic tendencies. In explanation of the apparent incongruity of such an immoral sect being founded by one of "good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (compare Acts 6:3), Simcox argues that their lapse may have been due to reaction from original principles of a too rigid asceticism. A theory, started in comparatively modern times, and based in part on the similarity of meaning of the Greek "Nikolaus," and the Hebrew "Balaam," puts forward the view that the two sects referred to under these names were in reality identical. Yet if this were so, it would not have been necessary for John to designate them separately.

3. Nicolaitan Controversy: The problem underlying the Nicolaitan controversy, though so little direct mention is made of it in Scripture, was in reality most important, and concerned the whole relation of Christianity to paganism and its usages. The Nicolaitans disobeyed the command issued to the gentile churches, by the apostolic council held at Jerusalem in 49 AD - 50 AD, that they should refrain from the eating of "things sacrificed to idols" (Acts 15:29). Such a restriction, though seemingly hard, in that it prevented the Christian communities from joining in public festivals, and so brought upon them suspicion and dislike, was yet necessary to prevent a return to a pagan laxity of morals. To this danger the Nicolaitans were themselves a glaring witness, and therefore John was justified in condemning them. In writing to the Corinthians, Paul gives warning against the same evil practices, basing his arguments on consideration for the weaker brethren (compare 1 Cor 8).

Rev 2:6

6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

NKJV

Rev 2:15

15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

NKJV

Timeline of Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 14:

- Isaiah becomes a prophet in 740 BC, and serves as such until 681 BC
- Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylon in 605 BC, having successfully led the armies of Babylon to defeat many nations
- Nebuchadnezzar appoints Daniel to an advisory post in ~600 BC
- The Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego fiery furnace incident occurs ~582-577 BC
- Nebuchadnezzar struck with mental illness in 569 BC, recovers in 562 BC and issues edict (Daniel 4)

בוֹאֵךְ thy coming: <u>935</u> bow'ekaa	לְךָ thee at <u>9999</u>	לִקְרֹאת to meet <u>7125</u> liqra't	לְךָ for thee <u>3807a</u> l'kaa	רָגְזָה is moved <u>7264</u> raag'zaah	מִתַּחַת from beneath <u>8478</u> mitachat	שְׂאוּל Hell <u>7585</u> Sh ^a owl
אֶרֶץ the earth; <u>776</u> 'aarets	עֲתוּדֵי the chief ones of <u>6260</u> 'atuwdeey	כָּל־ all <u>3605</u> kaal-	רְפָאִים the dead <u>7496</u> r'paa'iym--	עַד even <u>9999</u>	לְךָ for thee, <u>3807a</u> l'kaa	עוֹרֵר it stirreth up <u>5782</u> 'owreer
	גוֹיִם the nations. <u>1471</u> gowyim	מַלְכֵי the kings of <u>4428</u> malkeey	כָּל all <u>3605</u> kol	מִכִּסְאוֹתָם from their thrones <u>3678</u> miki'owtaam--	הִקִּים it hath raised up <u>6965</u> Heeqiym	

OT:7496 *rapha'* (raw-faw'); from OT:7495 in the sense of OT:7503; properly, lax, i.e. (figuratively) a ghost (as dead; in plural only):

KJV - dead, deceased.

OT:7497 *rapha'* (raw-faw'); or *raphah* (raw-faw'); from OT:7495 in the sense of invigorating; a giant:

KJV - giant, Rapha, Rephaim (-s). See also OT:1051.

SPECULATION: Some very provocative things possible in verse 11:

מִתַּחַתֶּיךָ under thee, <u>8478</u> Tachteykaa	נִבְלִיָּה thy viols: <u>5035</u> n ^a baaleykaa	הַבְּנִית the noise of <u>1998</u> hemyat	גְּאוֹנֶיךָ Thy pomp <u>1347</u> g ^a ownekaa	שְׂאוּל the grave, <u>7585</u> Sh ^a owl	הוּרַד is brought down to <u>3381</u> Huwrad
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Stringed instruments

OT:5035 nebel (neh'-bel); or nebel (nay'-bel); from OT:5034; a skin-bag for liquids (from collapsing when empty); hence, a vase (as similar in shape when full); also a lyre (as having a body of like form):
KJV - bottle, pitcher, psaltery, vessel, viol.

הוֹלְעָה: the worms <u>8438</u> towlee' aah	וּמְכַסֵּיָךְ and cover thee. <u>4374</u> uwmkaceykaa	רִמָּה the worm <u>7415</u> rimaah	יָצַע is spread <u>3331</u> yutsa'
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↑common maggot

OT:8438 towla' (to-law'); and (feminine) towle' ah (to-lay-aw'); or towla' ath (to-lah'-ath); or tola' ath (to-lah'-ath); from OT:3216; a maggot (as voracious); specifically (often with ellipsis of OT:8144) the crimson-grub, but used only (in this connection) of the color from it, and cloths dyed therewith: KJV - crimson, scarlet, worm.

Towla is used Messianically in Psalm 22:6 – written first person as though the author were hanging on a cross – read vv1-6

Picture; maggots consume you from underneath as your body rots, and the crimson worm (Tola worm) covers you...possible view of salvation given to Nebuchadnezzar that his conversion later on, as some speculate happened post-madness recovery – see Daniel 4

Clearly Satan cannot be saved...

The Downfall Of A King, The Road Back To The Father

We all know the story of David & Bathsheba:

- David elected to stay home one spring when it was customary that he lead his troops in battle
- He's got much time on his hands to be idle
- He spies Bathsheba, another man's wife, bathing
- He desires her
- He plots to have her brought to him
- He has an adulterous affair with her
- She gets pregnant
- He plots to cover up his affair by making it seem like her husband got her pregnant
- That fails, so David develops an intricate plot to have him murdered, which seems like an accident of war
- David marries Bathsheba
- Bathsheba bears David a son
- God uses Nathan to confront David
- Finally, after 9+ months of living a lie, a succession of sins, deceptions and cover-ups, David finally admits his guilt.

Is there any hope for those who fall like this?

- 1. Realization of your sins**
- 2. Recognition that you have separated yourself from God**
- 3. Repentance from the heart to cast yourself upon the God who cares and cleanses**
- 4. Restoration of your relationship with God and others**
- 5. Return to the basic building blocks of purity: disciplines Prayer & Reading The Word**
- 6. Reception of the consequences**
- 7. Rejection of that which separated you from God in the first place**

Psalms 51:background

To the chief musician. A psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba

The title has reference to a very sad story, that of David's fall. But, though he fell, he was not utterly cast down, for God graciously upheld him and raised him up.

The sin which, in this psalm, he laments, was the folly and wickedness he committed with his neighbour's wife, a sin not to be spoken of, nor thought of, without detestation. His debauching of Bathsheba was the inlet to all the other sins that followed; it was as the letting forth of water. This sin of David's is recorded for warning to all, that he who thinks he stands may take heed lest he fall.

(from Matthew Henry's Commentary)

Ps 19:7-11

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.
NKJV

John 1:17-18

18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
NKJV

Heb 1:1-4

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
NKJV

Prophecy #1:

The population of Bethlehem, throughout all recorded history, has been about 10,000 maximum

The population of the world, at any given time, has been 2 billion

$10,000 / 2,000,000,000 = 1:200,000$

Prophecy #8:

Crucifixion invented by the Persians in ~400 BC, popularized by the Romans around 10BC, practiced by them

Psalm 22 written ~1100-1050 BC, or about 600 years before crucifixion was invented

Method of execution for capital crimes in Israel from Moses - 1st century was death by stoning

Ivan Pannin:

Opposite page 122:

The thought of God remaking the heavens and earth is not new....

- 700 years before Christ, God told mankind through Isaiah (He always tells us beforehand what he will do! - Hosea 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets and have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets ."
Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets .

Isaiah 65:17

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

NKJV

Isaiah 66:22

"For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.

NKJV