

## Portion:

Deuteronomy 32

-Song of Moses (33-34 n/a)

2 Samuel 22:1-51

-Song of David

Micah 7, 2 Peter 1

Romans 10:10-11:12

## Title:

Rock, Pebbles or Sand?

- The Son
- Hear and Do
- THE ROCK
- Y'shua, Paul, Moses, David

THE END FROM THE BEGINNING—SOTM!

Matthew 5 / Deuteronomy 28

**Blessed are the...** Do not think I came...the entirety of Matthew 5, 6, 7 is Y'shua saying "hear my words and put them into practice" or else!

THE END OF THE SERMON—ROCK

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hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.’”

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Matthew 7:24-29 NIVUK

PATTERN — HEAR AND DO (The sinner’s prayer)

“For it is with your **heart that you believe (hear)** and are justified, and it is with your **mouth that you profess your faith (& do)** and are saved. Romans 10:10

REJECTING THE STONE—

“Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed

another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. **Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. ‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.”** So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ [See **Deut. 32**] ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, **‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes”?’** ‘Therefore I tell you that **the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people** who will produce its fruit. **Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.**’” Matthew 21:33-44 NIVUK

ALSO: Mark 12:6-8 and Luke 20:13-15

## DEUTERONOMY 32– REJECTED THE ROCK IN ACTION

- Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, they became heavy and sleek. They abandoned the God who made them and **rejected the Rock** their Saviour. Deut. 32:15
- You **deserted the Rock**, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth. Deut. 32:18

THE ENEMY WANTS THE GLORY—**WISHES TO HIJACK THE INHERITANCE OF THE SON** AND BECOME THE IMAGE OF THE MOST HIGH.

““How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: **‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’**” Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV

WHAT DID THE ENEMY WANT TO STEEL THAT IS OURS?

- **And look what the SON inherited and we are JOINT HEIRS:** “but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The **Son is the radiance of God’s glory** and the **exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” Hebrews 1:2-3 NIVUK

#### OUR INHERITANCE

- If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and **heirs according to the promise.**” Galatians 3:29 NIVUK
- “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons of God**. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **joint heirs** with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:14-17 NKJV

- “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory which shall be revealed in us.**” Romans 8:18 NKJV
- No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined **for our glory** before time began.”1 Corinthians 2:7 NIVUK

WE ARE HIS IMAGE—THAT IS...HIS GLORY!

- “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” II Peter 1:3-4 NKJV
- **PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH**—“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the **equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the **edifying of the body** of Christ, till we all come to the **unity of the faith** and of the **knowledge of the Son** of God, to a perfect man, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**; that we

should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV

## **BUT LOOK HOW WE ARRIVE THERE VS. THE ENEMY**

- “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** Him we preach, warning every man and

teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may **present every man perfect** in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily." Colossians 1:24-29 NKJV

- "I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I (Satan's Way) who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NKJV
- "For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ."** I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

## **Back to hear and do....building on ROCK OR SAND?**

SAND—BACK TO DEUT. 32

"They are a nation **without sense**, there is **no discernment in them**. If only they were wise and would understand this and discern what their end will be!" Deut. 32:28-29 NIVUK



“See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. **I put to death and I bring to life**, I have wounded and I will heal, and no-one can deliver out of my hand. Deut. 32:39

HEAR AND DO! ROCK, CORNERSTONE, STUMBLING  
STONE, OR SAND

“he said to them, ‘Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. **They are not just idle words for you – they are your life.** By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.’”  
Deut. 32:46-47 NIVUK

### **Seven References to the ROCK in Deuteronomy 32**

- “I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the **Rock**, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. Deut. 32:3-4

- He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the **rock**, and with oil from the flinty crag, Deut. 32:13
- Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, they became heavy and sleek. They abandoned the God who made them and rejected the **Rock** their Saviour. Deut. 32:15
- You deserted the **Rock**, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth. Deut. 32:18
- How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their **Rock** had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up? For their **rock** is not like our Rock, as even our enemies concede. Deut. 32:30-31
- He will say: ‘Now where are their gods, the **rock** they took refuge in,” Deut. 32:37 NIVUK

**PROPHETS—2 Samuel 22:1 | David's Song of Thanksgiving, four references to the ROCK!**

- “He said: ‘The LORD is my **rock**, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my **rock**, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my

refuge and my saviour – from violent people you save me.” 2 Samuel 22:2-3 NIVUK

- “For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the **Rock** except our God?” 2 Samuel 22:32 NIVUK
- ““The LORD lives! Praise be to my **Rock!** Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Saviour!” 2 Samuel 22:47 NIVUK

### **ABOVE ALL—HEAR AND DO (OBEY)**

- Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. **They are not just idle words for you – they are your life.** Deut. 32:46-48
- ““The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I am not guilty of turning from my God. **All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.** I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin. The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.” 2 Samuel 22:21-25 NIVUK

## MOSES AND THE ROCK

—Strike the Rock or Speak to the rock (Hear these words of mine and put them into practice)

Deuteronomy 32:48 | Moses' Death Foretold

“This is because both of you broke faith with me in the presence of the Israelites at the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the Desert of Zin and because you **did not uphold my holiness** among the Israelites.” Deut. 32:51 NIVUK

- Struck the Rock instead of speaking to it. Look at all the **Rock** references in this Song of Moses (Numbers 20:1-13)

## NEW TESTAMENT —WHO IS THE ROCK-BRING IT HOME!

- “They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual **rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.**” 1 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIVUK

- “‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,** and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’” Matt. 16:15-19 NIVUK

#### THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT BOTTOM LINE!

- “‘Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the **rock**. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who **hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on **sand**. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the

winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'" Matt. 7:24-27 NIVUK

- "For it is with your **heart that you believe (here)** and are justified, and it is with your **mouth that you profess (& do)** your faith and are saved. Romans 10:10

Bottom line! "If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me." (John 5:46)

**PETER (IN 1 PETER AND ACTS) AND Y'SHUA AND PAUL REFERRED TO THE ROCK THAT WAS REJECTED!**

**WHY PETER— "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church"**

THE CORNERSTONE

"As you come to him, the living Stone – **rejected by humans** but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: 'See, I lay a stone

in Zion, a chosen and **precious cornerstone**, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, **‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’** and, **‘A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the message** – which is also what they were destined for.”

1 Peter 2:4-8 NIVUK

“Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: **‘“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes”?** ‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’” Matt. 21:42-44 NIVUK

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: ‘Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the

people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is ‘**“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”**

Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.’”

Acts 4:8-12 NIVUK

THE EVIL TENETS

THOSE WHO KILL THE SON WHO HAS THE INHERITANCE

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture: ‘**“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;** the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes”?’” Mark 12:9-11 NIVUK

END OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT!

**“When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”**

Matthew 7:28-29 NIV



(NOW SEE HOW **PAUL** BRIDGES THIS IN ROMANS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS WHAT THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE SONG OF DAVID IS ABOUT)

**“What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. [Hearing and NOT DOING] They stumbled over the ‘**stumbling stone**’. As it is written: ‘See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.’”**

Romans 9:30-33 NIVUK