

**#1454 Building the Temples of the Christian New Israel and the Jewish new Israel – The Living Stones New Testament Temple of the Lord**

**Key Understanding:** To further describe the body of believers as the Lord's temple during the Church age, the analogy is used in 1 Peter chapter 2 of believers being the stones of the temple – *living stones*.

Let's look at the passage in the NIV first, and then in the KJV.



**1 Peter 2:1-10 (NIV)** Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.  
2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,  
3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.  
4 As you come to him [Jesus Christ], **THE LIVING STONE**—  
rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—

**5 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.**

6 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.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,”

8 and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**1 Peter 2:1-10 (KJV)** Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

4 To whom coming, as unto **A LIVING STONE**, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

**5 Ye also, as LIVELY STONES [living stones], are built up A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**



*6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*

*7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,*

*8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*

*9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

*10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

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