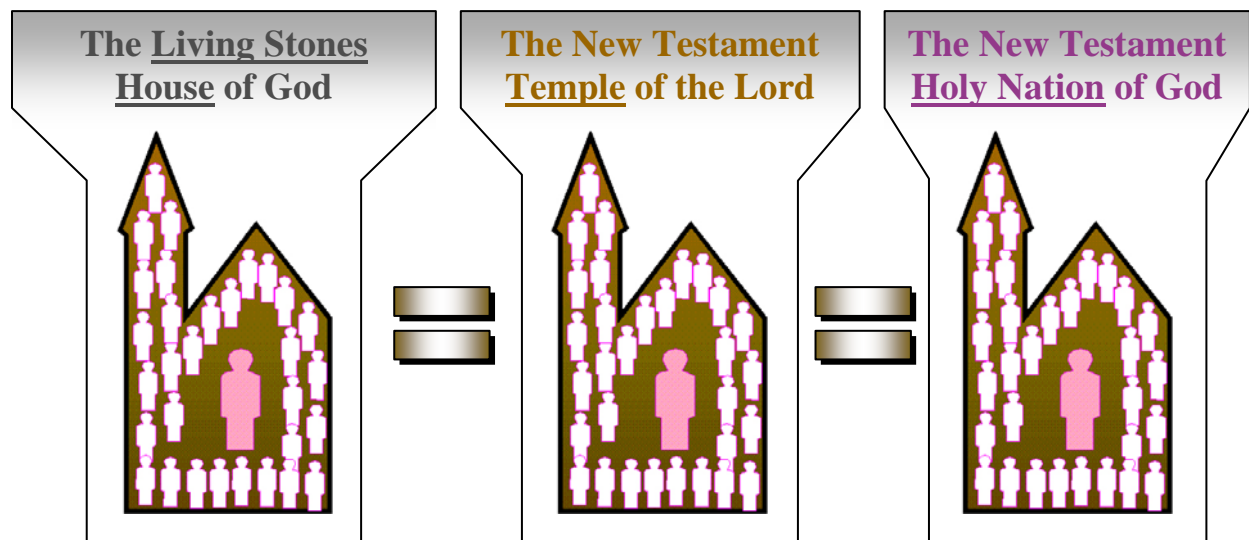


**#1455 Building the Temples of the *Christian* New Israel and the *Jewish* new Israel – The Living Stones House of God = The New Testament Temple of the Lord = The New Testament Holy Nation of God**

The passage of 1 Peter 2:1-10 was addressed in Unsealing [#429](#) *Time Magazine*, December 9, 1991 – “One Nation Under God” is the counterfeit of the 1 Peter 2:9 Holy Nation of God, part 1. In it we addressed what is basically also the content of the Key Understanding of this Unsealing:

**Key Understanding: Jesus Christ is the Living Stone – the Chief Cornerstone of the ‘living stones’ spiritual House of God. The spiritual Living Stones House of God (1 Peter 2:5) in the Church age is “THE TEMPLE of the living God” (2 Corinthians 6:16), and is also “*a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, A HOLY NATION, a peculiar people,*” as is seen in 1 Peter 2:9.**



**Just as Israel was called to be “*a holy nation*” and God’s chosen people in the Old Testament (Exodus 19:5-6), so too in the New Testament are true believers – the Body of Christ – designated as the genuine royal priesthood and “*holy nation*” of the Lord.**

*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.

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