

6-21-2020 Weekly Message

Meditation of the week: Psalms 91:1-16

Main text: Daniel 2:36-45

Word title: Judgment against the gentile nations and the kingdom of Christ as Daniel prophesied

When Babylon reigned all over the world, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon dreamed a dreadful dream, and God showed Daniel in a vision what would happen after the Babylonian kingdom. Media, Persia, Greece, Roman Empire, and strong nations and weak nations until the last days of this world such as Europeans, Asians, Africans, and hundreds of nations living together. In the last days, many different nations shall live together trying united together, but impossible as iron and clay cannot to be mixed.

In addition, the kingdoms that emerged after Babylon showed that their powers shall be weakened over the times. God showed to Daniel that Babylon would be powerful as gold, Media and Persia as silver, Greece as bronze, Roman Empire as iron, and in the last days the nations as mixed with iron and clay. Also, by comparing the history of all nations to the shape of man as head, two arms and chest, thigh, legs, and feet and toes. If we look at the hundreds of countries that belong to the United Nations today, we can see that iron and clay have been blended together to be united to bring the world peace, but they still haven't been able to united with one to another. God showed Daniel about the future history and end of the world to come.

God also showed Daniel how the future history of the nations of the world shall be ending through a vision. Daniel testified of the vision he saw. Daniel told the king of Babylon with a clear witness of what would happen at the end of the world:

" And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.." (Dan.2:44)

Daniel continued to testify of what would happen when God judge all the kingdoms and established his own kingdom, reminding King of Babylon of what he had seen in his dream:

" Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." (Daniel 2:45).

The Bible tells us in details about the stone that cut out of the mountain to judge all nations in the future.

First of all, God called Moses to Mount Sinai and when he finished talking with him, God himself gave the two tablets made of stone, upon which he wrote Ten Commandments with his fingers. The Ten Commandments were written directly on the stone tablets by the fiery hands of God and given to Moses (Exodus 31:18).

This was a preview of judgments using stone against the Israelites who violate God-given laws. God had killed the Israelites who had committed the Ten Commandments by stone.

On the other hand, God gave the people of Israel in the wilderness a big stone that is a Rock, and gave them plenty of waters from it to give them grace instead of judgment. Apostle Paul testified of what this rock was:

" And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.." (1 Corinthians 10:2- 4)

When Moses hit the natural Rock once, the Rock made waters as a river enough for millions of Israelites as well as all the animal. Apostle Paul testified of the Rock the Christ. we can see that the stone that cut out of the mountain that the Babylonian king saw was the living Stone that judged the gentile nations, but this time, the Rock gave the grace for his people.

John, the Baptist who was preparing the way for the Lord Jesus to come to the world, rebuked hypocrites who did not believed in Jesus:

" Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: 9And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." (Matthew 3: 8-9)

In other words, God gave life to those who believed in Christ to make them living stones to be the children of Abraham. Apostle Paul testified in the Holy Spirit:

"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.... So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." (Galatians 3-7, 9)

Prophet Isaiah prophesied that the coming Christ Jesus would appear as a stone and rock to watch out for the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

" And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.." (Isaiah 8:14)

When Jesus finally appeared, he spoke of this stone that is himself and what is going to happen unto them that not believe in him:

" And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.." (Matthew 21:44)

When witnessing of Jesus Christ, Apostle Peter testified that he is the living stone that will judge all nations of the world in the future to establish his kingdom in the earth:

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To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6Wherefore 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.

7Unto 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,

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

9But 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:." (1 Pet.. 2:4-9)

That's right! Those who believe in Jesus Christ shall be living stones born again of the Holy Spirit to become the members of the church of God to be the body of Christ that is Living Stone. When the living stone cut out of the mountain that Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream smashed all the nations, all the kingdoms of the world were shattered and became like a threshing floor and disappeared by the wind, and the stone that hit its image formed a mountain and filled the whole world. The Saints who shall come down to the earth with the Lord shall fill the whole earth in the kingdom of Christ with the remnant of the Jews and the gentiles.

Apostle John testified of what he saw as what would happen to all the unbelieving nations when Christ will come back to judge the all nations in the world with the living stone at the end of the Great Tribulation:

" And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal,.... And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?;" (Revelation 6:12, 14-17)

In addition, Apostle John witnessed of Jesus Christ, the living stone, bringing the bride of Christ that shall judge with Him when He comes to judge unbelieving nations:

" And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
” (Rev. 19:11-14).

Now, we are living in the days of the feet and toes of the image as God showed Daniel the end of the world through the future history. We have to realize when the time of Jesus Christ, the living stone strike the feet and toes. As God showed Daniel, the history of the kingdoms of the world has been fulfilled, and only one thing left is the end of the toes. Now is the time for us to examine ourselves whether Christ, the living stone making us living stones as Apostle Paul spoke unto the saints in Corinthian church:

" Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

6But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.
.”(2 Corinthians 13:5-6)) Amen! Hallelujah!