

# 1 Peter 2:4-9 "Brick or Stone!"

vs - Each talmid is ordained & called by G-d to be a living stone, not a brick. Several symbolic contrasts are evident from scripture. v. 6-8 calls Yeshua the ultimate stone! Not a brick. Scripture has much positive things to say about stones, ~~and~~ nothing good about bricks.

1) Bricks are a sign <sup>product</sup> of slavery. Ex 1:14, Ex 5:7. Stones are a sign of freedom. Slaves produce bricks, free <sup>men</sup> produce stones.

2) Bricks are a product of religion and sinful thinking. Gen 11:3 teaches us that bricks and those who use them wrongfully, are rebellious.

The "Nimrod associates" substituted "brick for stone" accompanied with slime. Stones are a sign of G-d's sovereignty in kingdom building & building a stairway to heaven by Yeshua Himself. 1 Peter 2:4-9, Isaiah 28:16-18.

3) Bricks are symbolic of the ultimate confusion & depravity of man's plans. Gen. 11. Stones <sup>are</sup> symbolic of sure foundation tried & tested by G-d. Isaiah 28:16.

4) Brick symbolic of man's house - pyramids, Tower of Babel, Homes on earth. Stone symbolic of G-d's House. Gen. 28:18-22. G-d's altar. Gen. 31:45-47.

5) Brick constructions lead itself to hearing Pharaoh's voice, stone construction to hearing G-d's voice. Gen 35:15.

6) Bricks are made with straw, symbolic of man's strength without G-d Ex. 5:7-9. Stones are cut by nature (G-d), without human effort. Daniel 2:34-35 Dan. 2:44-45.

7) Bricks symbolise man's Kingdom, stones symbolise G-d's Kingdom. Dan 2:42 & 43, 44-45

8). Bricks are ~~used~~ used to symbolise ~~cruelty~~ <sup>cruelty</sup> ~~Stones~~ <sup>The ovens at Nazi camps were bricks ovens!</sup> are used in scripture to witness against cruelty Hag. 2:11, Luke 19:40.

9). ~~Brick~~ Brick is a prophetic pronouncement of Anti-Christ. ~~The Stone~~ The Stone is a prophetic pronouncement of Messiah. Zach. 3:9-10.

10). Bricks are symbolic of idolatrous altars. Isaiah 9:10, Kings 18, Isaiah 65:3! Stones are symbolic of Divine Worship. Psalm 118:22.

11). Bricks are identical & made identical. Stones 1 Pt 2:5 are living and represent individuality as well as G-d's ~~work~~ workmanship and creativity.

12). Identical bricks display man's limitations. Stones display G-d's omnipotence! Close-Hashem does all of His handi-work in stone. The temple, The Torah, The Messiah & ultimately His children. Matt 16:18

1 Cor 3:11-15! Matt. 21:44.

~~New Jerusalem~~ New Jerusalem - our eternal home - made with only precious stones. Rev. 21:19-20 as <sup>the</sup> foundation. No bricks in heaven.