

Is There More Than One FOUNDATION? God's Word Holds the Truth

It will be the end of the world as it is now

when Jesus comes. He will take control and make all things 'new.'

His disciples questioned Him about the timing when it will all take place:

Matt 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be?
and **what shall be the sign of thy coming,**
and **of the end of the world?**

Jesus answered them by providing information of events that will happen during a time known as the 70th week of Daniel. That 'week' is actually a period of 7 years. Israel will make a covenant with the 'man of sin':

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:

Half-way through the 7 years they will realize what they have done

but they will be persecuted and killed until the full end:

and **in the midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of **abominations** he shall make it **desolate, even until the consummation,** (that will be 'the end' when God's chastisement upon Israel will be accomplished and He will come and deliver them) and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Israel will make a covenant with the man of sin thinking they will be protected, but it will be built upon lies and deceit, and they will suffer for it:

Isa 28:14-15 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

15 Because ye have said, **We have made a covenant with death,**
and with hell are we at agreement;

when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us:
for we have made lies our refuge,
and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

God will punish Israel through the man of sin, who will be an Assyrian:

Isa 10:5-7 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger,
and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 **I will send him against an hypocritical nation,**
and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge,
to take the spoil,
and to take the prey,
and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so;
but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

At the end is the consumation when Israel's 70 weeks are up:

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined **upon thy people and upon thy holy city**, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Then the Lord will return to deliver Israel, and punish the man of sin:

Isa 10:12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, **I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.**

We will be referring back to **Isa 28** for these same occurrences.

Jesus Christ will be rescue Zion at the consumation and not before:

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD,
Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone,
a tried stone,
a precious corner stone,
a sure foundation:

Believers cannot rush through tribulation or persecution
with assurance and anticipation of deliverance.

Isa 5:11-27 describes how God will chastise the nation Israel.
Relief won't come until the time is up at the end of the 70th week):

he that believeth shall not make haste. (hurry)

Believers will comprehend. They can help to convert others to faith in the **TRUE** Christ but the wicked will not realize what's going on:

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

After the end of the 70th week, is when the saints will be avenged:

Rev 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Knowing truth is a comfort for the soul ... but unbelieving Israel will miss it:

Isa 8:13-15 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

14 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.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

Jesus warned Israel's leaders about 'the stone' falling and crushing them:

Matt 21:42-45 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner:** this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44 And **whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken:**

but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

Hosea also prophesied that the wise will know and understand

but the wicked will be overthrown:

Hos 14:9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but **the transgressors shall fall therein.**

The Psalmist wrote the same prophecies about Christ being rejected:

Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

Peter explained the Old Testament prophecy with the New Testament Christ:

1 Pet 2:4-8 To whom coming, as unto a living stone,
disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
5 Ye also, as lively 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.

<kataischuno> (same Greek word as 'ashamed' in **Rom 9:33**)

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.

Paul also described how unbelieving Israel stumbled on Christ

and that believers on Him will not be ashamed. God will avenge them

and now we know that **the believers also include Gentiles:**

Rom 9:30-33 What shall we say then?

That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness,
have attained to righteousness,
even the righteousness which is of faith.

(Rom 9:) 31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 Wherefore? **Because they sought it not by faith,** but as it were by the works of the law.

For **they stumbled at that stumblingstone;**

Paul said the same thing about Christ, as Peter said about Him:

33 As it is written, **Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

<kataischuno> (same Greek word as 'confounded' in **1 Pet 2:6**)

Unbelievers will be ashamed. God will bring about Israel's salvation:

Isa 45:16-17 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

17 But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an **everlasting salvation:** ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded **world without end.**

Paul reminded the Gentiles where they had come from and he taught them how it was now:

Eph 2:11-22 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision

by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off (**Gentiles**) are made nigh by **the blood of Christ.** (which is the blood of the New Testament, also **Heb 9:14-17, Matt 26:28, 1 Cor 11:25**)

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both **one,** (**one body, vs. 16**) and hath **broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might **reconcile both** (**Jews and Gentiles**) unto God **in one body** by the cross,

having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and **preached peace** (**Rom 10:15** quoting **Isa 52:7** and **Nahum 1:15; also Eph 6:15**) to you which were afar off, (**Gentiles**) and to them that were nigh. (**Jews**)

Notice that Paul **merged** the Gentiles in with the Jews ... into God's family:

18 For through him we **both** (Jews and Gentiles) **have access**
by one Spirit **unto the Father**.

19 **Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,**
but fellowcitizens with the saints,
and of the household of God;

Pay close attention to this next verse as Paul identified the foundation that these Gentiles are built upon. For many years, we have overlooked this truth by trying to create a 'section' of God's household for 'but now' and making it separate from the church that was already in existence:

20 And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,**
Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

This next verse plainly shows that we are **blended** in with the saints that were already believers not that we are a different entity:

21 **In whom all the building fitly framed together**
groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 **In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God**
through the Spirit.

God indwelling the saints is taught all the way through scripture

beginning from the time of Moses through the end of the Revelation:

Exo 29:45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

It is also in the Psalms, a prayer attributed to Moses:

Psa 90:1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

It is also in **Ezek 43:7,9** and **Zech 2:10,11**.

It is written in John's gospel. Jesus taught His disciples the same principal:

John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **dwelleth in me, and I in him.**

It is written in John's epistle:

1 John 4:12, 13, 15 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, **God dwelleth in us**, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and **he in us**, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

(1 John 4:)15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, **God dwelleth in him**, and he in God.

Stephen reminded all the council of Israel that the scripture had recorded that God did not live in man-made buildings:

Acts 7:48 Howbeit **the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; **as saith the prophet**,

Paul taught God's dwelling place in the same way:

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, **dwelleth not in temples made with hands**;

Paul also quoted 'Old Testament' scripture where this next verse says of God saying, "I will dwell **in** them" the referenced verses say "I will dwell **among** them" - thus 'in' and 'among' must be the same thing on this issue:

2 Cor 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; **as God hath said, I will dwell in them**, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Paul taught that the Holy Spirit dwells in us:

Rom 8:9, 11 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

11 But if **the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **his Spirit that dwelleth in you**.

2 Tim 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by **the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us**.

Paul explained that Christ dwells in the believers' hearts by faith:

Eph 3:17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Zechariah prophesied about God dwelling in Israel

and also **many nations**:

Zech 2:10-12 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, **lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee**, saith the LORD.

11 And **many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people**: and **I will dwell in the midst of thee**, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, John wrote that God will dwell with men:

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and **he will dwell with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Paul clearly taught that believers saved under his ministry

are **JOINED** and made **ONE** with those that were 'in Christ' before him:

1 Cor 3:1-13 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For **ye are yet carnal**:

for whereas **there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?**

4 For while one saith, • I am of Paul;
and another, • I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5 • Who then is Paul,
• and who is Apollos,
• but ministers by whom ye believed,
even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 • I have planted,
• Apollos watered;
• but God gave the increase.

7 So then
• neither is he that planteth any thing, **(Paul was the example)**
• neither he that watereth; **(Apollos was the example)**
• but God that giveth the increase.

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- Now he that planteth (like Paul)
 - and he that watereth (like Apollos)
 - are one: (we are made one WITH them)

and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For **we are labourers together with God:**

ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.**

But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

What foundation did Paul lay?

11 **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

12 Now if any man build upon **this foundation**

gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest:

for **the day** shall declare it,

because it shall be revealed by fire;

and the fire shall try every man's work **of what sort it is.**

Paul ministered and preached the gospel of God and of Christ:

Rom 15:15-21 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, **ministering the gospel of God**, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**

Paul said he laid the foundation. Where did he lay that foundation?

He laid his foundation where others had not gone before him:

20 Yea, so have **I strived to preach the gospel,**

not where Christ was named,

lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21 But **as it is written**, **To whom he was not spoken of**, they shall see: and **they that have not heard** shall understand.

Paul did not measure the ministry God committed unto him

with what God gave to others.

Paul laid the foundation 'where no man had gone before':

2 Cor 10:12-16 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

13 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, **a measure to reach even unto you.**

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for **we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:**

15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, **of other men's labours;** but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

16 **To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you,** and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

Now let's go back to **Isa 28** and pick up where we left off earlier.

Israel will bear the horrible consequences of trusting the false Christ:

Isa 28:18-22 And **your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand;**

when the overflowing scourge shall pass through,
then ye shall be trodden down by it.

19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, **that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.**

22 Now therefore **be ye not mockers,** lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts **a consumption,** (the end of Daniel's 70th week that will effect everyone, not just Israel) **even determined upon the whole earth.**

Jude, as well as Isaiah, wrote about the mockers in the last days:

Jude 1:17-18 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you **there should be mockers <empaiktes> in the last time**, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Peter made the same prophesy about the last days:

2 Pet 3:3-7 Knowing this first, that **there shall come in the last days scoffers, <empaiktes>** (same Greek word as 'mockers' in **Jude 1:18**) walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, **all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.**

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But **the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

John warned in his 1st epistle of the false Christ, and many false Christs:

1 John 2:18 Little children, **it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come**, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

Paul, likewise, gave warning signs for the last days. Logically, Paul would not have written this -- if saints were to be swooped out before then:

2 Tim 3:1-5 This know also, that **in the last days perilous times shall come.**

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.** (Since the saints WILL be here then here are instructions.)

2 Thess 2:1-4 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, **(both events)**

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ** is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** **(leave the pronoun 'he' as the same person):**

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he **(that man of sin / the son of perdition)** as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? **(If believers weren't going to be on earth then, why say this?)**

6 And now ye know what **withholdeth <katecho>** that **he (that man of sin / the son of perdition) might be revealed in his time.**

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he (that man of sin / the son of perdition) who now letteth <katecho> will let, until he be taken out of the way.**

8 And then shall **that Wicked (that man of sin / the son of perdition) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

9 Even him **(that man of sin / the son of perdition)**, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(Believers will get that glorified body at the resurrection. Obviously, there is no 'pre-trib rapture' coming, or he would not say):**

15 **Therefore, brethren, stand fast,** and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, **(In the last days God wants His saints to be comforted):**

17 **Comfort your hearts,** and stablish you in every good word and work.

There is only ONE foundation, Jesus Christ the Lord!

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"

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