

The Rock, The CornerStone

What exactly does the word “Rock” mean in a Hebrew/Scriptural context? After careful Scriptural study, “the Rock” is identified with Shelter, Refuge, Strength, Security, the foundation of an Altar to Aluah (God), the place of sacrifice to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), a stumbling block to the stubborn and disobedient, life-giving water, the source of life and existence, salvation, the divine, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah).

Rock: Hebrew Strongs #:6697 **Tsur** means Rock (My Rock), Stone, employed as a symbol of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) in the Tanakh (Old Testament) **1 Samuel 2:2; 2 Samuel 22:3; Isaiah 17:10; Psalms 28:1; Psalms 31:2; Psalms 31:3; 89:26 ; 95:1.** The Hebrew word Tsuriel means "my Rock is Al.

In **Daniel 2:45** the Chaldaic form of the Hebrew word is translated "Mountain." It ought to be translated "Rock," as in **Habakkuk 1:12** in the Revised Version. The "Rock" from which the stone is cut there signifies the divine origin of **וַיָּשׁוּא** (Yahusha) HaMashiach.

WHY A ROCK?

The term or phrase “the Rock’ is more than just a word that describes an earthly element. It is typically about a Person and more often than not, it describes אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)/וַיָּשׁוּא (Yahusha) and you see this symbolism in the Tanakh (Old Testament) as well as in the New Testament when referring to either וַיָּשׁוּא (Yahusha) HaMashiach or אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) in general.

The word “Rock” is used 142 times in Scripture but it is more often a reference to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) than any other instance.

"Behold, I will stand before you there on the Rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the Rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moshe (Moses) did so in the sight of the elders of Yisrael. **Exodus 17:6**

And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his discourse and said, “Enduring is your dwelling place, and your nest is set in the Rock. **Numbers 24:21**

“The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. An Alahym of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. **Deuteronomy 32:4**

How could (1) one chase a (1000) thousand, And (2) two put (10) ten (000) thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) had given them up? **31**“Indeed their Rock is not like our Rock, Even our enemies themselves judge this. **Deuteronomy 32:30-31**

Then he will say, ‘Where are their Alahym (gods), the Rock in which they took refuge, **Deuteronomy 32:37**

Yeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, they became heavy and sleek. They abandoned the Aluah (God) who made them and rejected the Rock of their Savior. **Deuteronomy 32:15**

You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you, and you forgot the Alahym (God) who gave you birth. **Deuteronomy 32:18**

“There is none Kadosh (holy) like אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah): for there is none besides you; there is no Rock like our Aluah (God). **1 Samuel 2:2**

And David spoke the words of this song to אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) in the day that אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. **2** He said, "אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer; **3** My Aluah (God), my Rock, in whom I take Refuge, My Shield and the horn of my Salvation, my Stronghold and my Refuge; My Savior, You save me from Violence **2 Samuel 22:1-3**

“For who is Aluah (God), but אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)? And who is a Rock, except our Aluah (God)? **2 Samuel 22:32**

“אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) lives, and Baruch (Blessed) be my Rock, and Exalted be my Aluah (God), the Rock of my Salvation, **2 Samuel 22:47**

The Aluah (God) of Yisrael has spoken; the Rock of Yisrael has said to me: When (1) one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of Aluah (God), **2 Samuel 23:3**

You gave them bread from Shamyim (Heavens) for their hunger and brought water for them out of the Rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them. **Nehemiah 9:15**

but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **John 4:14**

They are wet with the rain of the mountains and cling to the Rock for lack of shelter. **Job 24:8**

On the Rock he dwells and makes his home, on the Rocky crag and stronghold. **Job 39:28**

THE ROCK, OUR REFUGE

The Book of Psalms have so many references to אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) as the Rock that there is no way to include them all here, but the main points the psalmist is making is that “אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer, my Aluah (God), my Rock, in whom I take Refuge, my Shield, and the horn of my Salvation, my Stronghold” **Psalms 18:2** “For the believer, just as for the psalmist, He is “my Rock, and exalted be the Aluah (God) of my salvation” **Psalms 18:46** and this symbolism is found throughout the psalms like where he writes “He alone is my Rock and my Salvation, my Fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken” **Psalms 62:2**.

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer, my Aluah (God), my Rock, in whom I take Refuge, my Shield, and the horn of my

Salvation, my Stronghold. He is my Shield, the Power that Saves me, and my place of safety. I called on אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), who is worthy of Hallu (Praise), and he Saved me. **Psalm 18:2-3**

For who is Aluah (God), but אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)? And who is a Rock, except our Aluah (God)? **Psalm 18:31**

אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) lives, and Baruch (Blessed) be my Rock, and exalted be the Aluah (God) of my Salvation **Psalm 18:46**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a Rock. **Psalm 27:5**

To you, O אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), I call; my Rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. **Psalm 28:1**

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a Rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! **Psalm 31:2-3**

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a Rock, making my steps secure. **Psalm 40:2**

I say to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), my Rock: “Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?” **Psalm 42:9**

from the end of the Earth I call to you when my Heart is faint. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, **Psalm 61:2**

“He only is my Rock and my Salvation; he is my Defence; I shall not be greatly moved.” **Psalm 62:2-6**

“In אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) is my Salvation and my Glory: the Rock of my Strength, and my Refuge, is in אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah).” **Psalm 62:7**

In you, O אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In your Righteousness Deliver me and Rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! Be to me a Rock of Refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the Command to save me, for you are my Rock and my Fortress. Rescue me, O my Aluah (God), from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. For you, O אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), are my Hope, my Trust, O אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), from my youth. ...**Psalm 71:1-24**

“He brought streams also out of the Rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.” **Psalm 78:16**

But (1) one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. **John 19:34**

“Behold, he smote the Rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?” **Psalm 78:20**

“And they remembered that אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) was their Rock, and the high

Aluah (God) their redeemer.”

Psalm 78:35

He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my Aluah (God), and the Rock of my Salvation.’ **Psalm 89:26**

To declare that אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. **Psalm 92:15**

“But אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is my Defence; and my Aluah (God) is the Rock of my Refuge.” **Psalm 94:22**

“O come, let us sing unto אַיָּהּ (Yahuah): let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation.” **Psalm 95:1**

“He opened the Rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.” **Psalm 105:41**

Enter into the Rock and hide in the dust from before the terror of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), and from the splendor of his majesty. **Isaiah 2:10**

For you have forgotten the Aluah (God) of your Salvation and have not remembered the Rock of your Refuge; therefore, though you plant pleasant plants and sow the vine-branch of a stranger, **Isaiah 17:10**

“And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the Rock for them: he clave the Rock also, and the waters gushed out.” **Isaiah 48:21**

“Listen to me, you who pursue Righteousness, you who seek אַיָּהּ (Yahuah): look to the Rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. **Isaiah 51:1**

You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you, and you forgot the Alahym (God) who gave you birth. **Deuteronomy 32:18**

Of David. Baruch (Blessed) be אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle. **Psalm 144:1**

Thus all the work of Solomon was carried out from the day of the foundation of the house of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), and until it was finished. So the house of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) was completed. **2 Chronicles 8:16**

"Then He shall become a Sanctuary; But to both the Houses of Yisrael, a Stone to strike and a Rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Yerusalem. **Isaiah 8:14**

Therefore thus says אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) Aluah (God), "Behold, I am laying in Zion a Stone, a tested Stone, A costly Cornerstone for the Foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it (Oוַיָּשָׂהּ (Yahusha) will not be disturbed. **Isaiah 28:16**

"Inasmuch as you saw that a Stone was cut out of the mountain without

hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great Aluah (God) has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."

Daniel 2:45

The stone which the builders rejected Has become the Chief Corner Stone.

Psalm 118:22

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) the Rock

A Tanakh (OT) title for אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) and a Messianic title signifying that אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)'s people can rely on him for absolute protection and salvation.

Rock as a title for Yisrael's Aluah (God) **Psalm 78:35; Genesis 49:24;**

Deuteronomy 32:15,18,30; 2 Samuel 23:3; Psalm 42:9; Isaiah 30:29; Habakkuk 1:12

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) the Rock is unique **2 Samuel 22:32; Psalm 18:31; Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 44:8**

The Rock is superior to other Alahym (gods) **Deuteronomy 32:31;**

Deuteronomy 32:37

The Rock is worthy to be Praised **Psalm 144:1; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 92:15**

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) the Rock is a refuge for his people **Psalm 62:7; Psalm 28:1; Psalm 31:1-3; Psalm 61:2; Psalm 71:3; Isaiah 26:4**

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) the Rock is his people's fortress **Psalm 94:22; Psalm 28:8; Psalm 46:7,11; Psalm 48:3; Psalm 59:9,16-17; Psalm 91:2; Psalm 144:2; Jeremiah 16:19**

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) the Rock is his people's security **2 Samuel 22:3; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 9:9; Psalm 27:1; Psalm 37:39; Psalm 43:2; Psalm 52:7; Joel 3:16**

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) the Rock saves and delivers his people **Psalm 95:1; 2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:46; Psalm 19:14; Psalm 62:2; Psalm 89:26; Isaiah 17:10**

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS WRITTEN IN STONE

The 10 Commandments are recorded virtually identically in **Exodus 20:2-17** and **Deuteronomy 5:6-21** were divinely revealed to Moshe (Moses) on Mt. Sinai and were engraved on (2) two Stone tablets, Twice.

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) said to Moshe (Moses), "Cut for yourself (2) two tablets of Stone like the (1st) first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the (1st) first tablets, which you broke. **Exodus 34:1**

WHAT DOES THE BRIT CHADASHAH (NEW TESTAMENT) SAY ABOUT ROCK (STONE)?

The Messiah is the CornerStone on which אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)'s living temple stands **Isaiah 8:14; Isaiah 28:16; Psalms 118:22; Matthew 21:42; Mark**

12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:6-7

The Messiah's kingdom is eternal and immovable like a Rock. **Daniel 2:34-35; Daniel 2:44-45**

Consequences of rejecting the CornerStone **Matthew 21:44; Luke 20:18; Romans 9:32-33**

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a Spiritual house (Temple) for a Kadosh (Holy) priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices acceptable to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) through OWHYֶהּ (Yahusha) HaMashiach. **1 Peter 2:4-8**

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the Rock (אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)). And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the Rock (אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)). And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and Great was the fall of it.” **Matthew 7:24-27**

“He is like a man which built a house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a Rock (אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)): and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a Rock (אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)).” **Luke 6:48**

The Rock in this Parable from OWHYֶהּ (Yahusha) is giving reference to the Foundation of his Ministry (Teaching), which was Torah (Instructions & Guidelines), which also happens to be who he is, the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) (Tanakh/Torah), thus the whole Foundation of the Kingdom of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is built upon the Rock (אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)), which is the Foundation that the CornerStone (OWHYֶהּ (Yahusha)) was established upon, based on the Word (Torah/Tanakh) which אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) declared through the Prophets and are Founded upon His 10 Commandments, which were written in Stone (OWHYֶהּ (Yahusha)) and His Sabbaths (7th Day and 7 Feast Days), which is the Foundational Will and Signs of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), the ROCK.

The Chief Cornerstone of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Kingdom is founded upon OWHYֶהּ (Yahusha) the Chief Cornerstone, by which everything is based, founded and established. He is the Author and Finisher of our Amanah (Faith), he is the establisher of the ReNewed (New) Covenant of Abraham, which he Sealed with his Shed Blood. OWHYֶהּ (Yahusha) is the King and High Priest of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Kingdom, he is the Cornerstone that is Built upon the Rock, אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)!

“And a Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the Word (Torah/Tanakh), being disobedient (Lawless): where unto

also they were appointed.” **1 Peter 2:8**

He (David) took his stick in his hand and chose for himself (5) five smooth Stones from the brook (Ruach HaKodesh). **1 Samuel 17:39-40**

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a Sword, a Spear, and a Javelin, but I come to you in the Name of **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah) of hosts, the Alahym (God) of the Armies of Yisrael, whom you have taunted. "This day **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah) will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. **1 Samuel 17:45-46**

David Came in the Name of **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah), the Rock, the Commander of the Heavenly Army and **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah) sent his Right Hand man **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha) as the Stone, so the Stone came from the Rock and when David took the Stone (**אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha) and slung it at David, it was **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah), the Rock Throwing his Stone (**אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha), through Davids Arm at Goliath, he used his Stone to conquer Goliath, when David came in the Name of **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah), he sent his Conquering King **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha), the Chief CornerStone. The Stone comes from the Rock!

And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a Stone (**אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha) and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the Stone (**אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha) sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground. **1 Samuel 17:49**

What then shall we say to these things? If **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah) is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah)'s elect (Chosen)? It is **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah) who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha) HaMashiach is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah), who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Messiah? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **Romans 8:31-35**

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor Malakym (Angels) nor Rulers, nor things Present nor things to Come, nor Powers, 39 nor Height nor Depth, nor Anything else in all creation, will be able to Separate us from the Love of **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahuah) in **אֱלֹהֵי** (Yahusha) HaMashiach our Adon. **Romans 8:37-39**

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. **Philippians 4:13**

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this Rock I will build my Congregation (Assembly), and the gates of Sheol shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto you the keys of the Kingdom of the Shamyim (Heavens); and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in the Shamyim (Heavens); and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in the Shamyim (Heavens)

Matthew 16:18-19

The name Peter (Petros) means “Rock” or “Rock-man.” In the next phrase **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) used Petra (upon this Rock), a feminine form for “Rock,” not a Name. **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) used a play on words. He does not say “upon you, Peter” or “upon your successors,” but “upon this Rock” (**ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah)—upon this divine revelation and profession of Amanah (Faith) in **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha).

The following comment on this verse from The Bible Knowledge Commentary sums up the issue:

Peter was Baruch (Blessed) because he had come to a correct conclusion about the person of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) and because Great Barachah (Blessing) would be brought into his life. **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) added, however, this was not a conclusion Peter had determined by his own or others’ ability. **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah), the Father in Shamyim (Heavens), had revealed it to him. Peter was living up to his name (it means “Rock”) for he was demonstrating himself to be a Rock. When **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) and Peter first met, **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) had said Simon would be named Cephas or Peter (“Rock”); **John 1:41-42**.

But his declaration about Messiah’s person led to a declaration of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha)’s program. **Peter** (Petros) was strong like a Rock, but **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) added that on this Rock (Petra, fem.) He would build His Assembly of believers. Because of this change in Greek words, many conservative scholars believe that **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) is now building His Assembly of believers on Himself. Others hold that it is built on Peter and the other apostles as the building’s foundation stones (**Ephesians 2:20; Revelation 21:14**). Still other scholars say that it is built on Peter’s testimony. It seems best to understand that **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) was Praising Peter for his accurate statement about Him, and was introducing His work of building the Assembly of believers on **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah). **1 Corinthians 3:11**

Having the esteem (glory) of **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah), its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. **Revelation 21:11**

In **1 Corinthians 10:1-4** Paul writes about the Rock in relation to **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) in referring to a Tanakh (Old Testament) experience where he writes “For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moshe (Moses) in the cloud and in the sea and all ate the same Spiritual food, and all drank the same Spiritual drink. For they drank from the Spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach.”

CORNERSTONE

1. **1:** a stone forming a part of a corner or angle in a wall; specifically: such a stone laid at a formal ceremony

2. **2:** a basic element: foundation a cornerstone of foreign policy

Architectural term used (2) twice in the New Testament (**Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6**) to speak of the exalted **OWYAF** (Yahusha) as the chief foundation stone of his Kingdom of believers, the cornerstone on which all the structure depends. The New Testament draws on (2) two Tanakh (Old Testament) passages about the coming Messiah (**Isaiah 28:16; Zechariah 10:4**). In **Isaiah 28:16** the prophet speaks **AFYAF** (Yahuah)'s words directly to the rulers in Yerusalem who boasted that they were immune to the scourges of life because they were secure in themselves. **AFYAF** (Yahuah) said their security was false because he would lay a stone in Zion, a precious Cornerstone, which really was secure and it was not those present rulers.

Zechariah expands this promise by saying that the Cornerstone will come from the tribe of Yahudah (Judah) (**10:4**). Paul builds on this concept in **Ephesians 2:20** by saying that **OWYAF** (Yahusha) HaMashich is the Chief Cornerstone, the apostles and prophets are foundation stones, and the whole building (the body of Believers) is a Kadosh (Holy) temple in **AFYAF** (Yahuah).

Peter's use of the idea is more complex, stringing (3) three prophetic verses together (**Psalms 118:22; Isaiah 8:4; 28:16**). The stone laid in Zion (**Isaiah 28:16**) is precious to the believer, but as the stone placed at the "Head of the Corner", that is, exalted (**Psalms 118:22**), he is a Stone of offense and Stumbling (**Isaiah 8:4**) to those who refuse to believe. The metaphor seems obvious: the Cornerstone is either a source of Barachah (Blessing) or Judgment, depending on a person's attitude toward it. Those who believe are Baruch (Blessed) and those who stumble over that Rock chosen by **AFYAF** (Yahuah) are condemned.

In ancient building practices, the Cornerstone was the principal stone placed at the corner of the edifice. The Cornerstone was usually one of the largest, the most solid, and the most carefully constructed of any in the edifice. **OWYAF** (Yahusha) describes Himself as the Cornerstone that His body of Believers would be built upon, a unified body of believers, both Hebrew and Gentile.

The Book of Isaiah has many references to the Messiah to come. In several places He is referred to as "the Cornerstone," such as in **Isaiah 28:16-17**: "So this is what the sovereign **AFYAF** (Yahuah) says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested Stone, a precious CornerStone for a sure Foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. I will make justice the measuring line and Righteousness the plumb line.'" **AFYAF** (Yahuah) is speaking to scoffers and boasters when He refers to the CornerStone—His precious Son—who provides the firm Foundation for their lives, if they would but trust in Him. Isaiah uses construction terminology (measuring line and plumb line) to make his point; these are things the people would understand.

In the New Testament the CornerStone metaphor is continued. This time,

however, the apostle Paul is preaching to the Ephesian believers for the purpose of helping them know Messiah better. In chapter **2**, verses **19-21**, the comparison between **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) and Cornerstone becomes very clear: "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s people and members of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach himself as the Chief CornerStone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a Kadosh (Holy) temple in **AYAZL** (Yahuah)." Furthermore, in the **1 Peter 2:6**, what Isaiah said centuries before is affirmed in exactly the same words.

Peter uses construction terms for his hearers, just as Isaiah did, both knowing their audiences would be familiar with them. Also, they both use "CornerStone" to represent the Messiah, One whom Peter knew personally, and whom Isaiah only knew through the Heavenly Father's promise. Their words bore out what **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) was to say as recorded in the Gospel of John, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" **John 14:6**.

CAPSTONE

An architectural term denoting the top Stone in a building or wall. If it caps an arch it is called a keystone. The expression is used (2) twice in the Tanakh (Old Testament) (**Psalms 118:22; Zechariah 4:7**). In **Zechariah 4:7** it is clearly the Capstone of the Temple that is in view. The meaning in **Psalms 118:22** is less clear ("keystone" JB; "capstone" NIV; "cornerstone" NRSV). The Hebrew is translated by the Septuagint as kephalen gonias, literally, "the Head of the Corner." This term has made its way into the New Testament (5) five times (**Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7**).

Psalms 118:22 evidently refers to the King who was disallowed, but then acknowledged to be the rightful ruler. **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) makes use of this psalm in a parable referring to Yisrael and its rejection of him as Messiah (**Matthew 21:33-44**). In **Acts 4:11** Peter makes use of **Psalms 118:22** to defend himself against his Hebrew detractors.

In all these passages it must be acknowledged that "CapStone" or "CornerStone" would make an equally good translation. It is **1 Peter 2:7** that tips the scales toward "CornerStone." These (3) three passages (**Psalms 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16**) are used together to make the point that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is supreme, and (2) two of these passages (**Isaiah 28:16; 8:14**) clearly refer to a CornerStone.

So the **Zechariah 4:7** passage is clearly "CapStone" but the remainder are probably best taken as "CornerStone," with the point being that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) was rejected by the ones who ought to have known him (builders = Hebrew leadership), but **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has exalted him to be the Chief Stone

above all, the very head of the Corner, on which all else depends.

Hear now, O **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha/Joshua) the High Priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. **9** For behold, on the Stone that I have set before **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha/Joshua), on a single Stone with (7) seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. **Zechariah 3:8-9**

OWYʼAʼL (Yahusha) said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The Stone which the builders rejected, this became the Chief CornerStone; this came about from **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah), and it is marvelous in our eyes'? **Matthew 21:42**

"And he who falls on this Stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." **Matthew 21:44**

"Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The Stone which the builders rejected, this became the Chief Corner Stone. **Mark 12:10**

But **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The Stone which the builders rejected, this became the Chief Corner Stone. **Luke 20:17**

And coming to Him as to a living Stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah). **1 Peter 2:4**

"Behold, I lay in Zion a Choice Stone, a precious Corner Stone, and he who believes in him will not be disappointed." This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "The Stone which the Builders rejected, This became the very Corner Stone." and, "A Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word (Torah/Tanakh), and to this doom they were also appointed. **1 Peter 2:6-8**

"He is the Stone which was rejected by you, The Builders, but which became the Chief Corner Stone. **Acts 4:11**

Just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a Stone of Stumbling and a Rock of offense, and he who believes in him will not be disappointed." **Romans 9:33**

Storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. **1 Timothy 6:19**

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) stands, having this Seal, "**ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) is to abstain from wickedness." **2 Timothy 2:19**

"Surely the Stone will cry out from the wall, And the rafter will answer it from the framework. **Habakkuk 2:11**

"Baruch (Blessed) is the King who comes in the name of **ʼAYʼAʼL** (Yahuah)!"
"Shalum (Peace) in Shamyim (Heavens) and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of

the Pharisees in the crowd said to **וַיִּשָׁא** (Yahusha), “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very Stones would cry out.” **Luke 19:40**

Our Aluah (God) is an Aluah (God) of truth. He is the Rock, the immovable Foundation of this way of life. The Hebrew word for "Rock" indicates firmness, stability, and faithfulness. The Greek word for "True" in **Revelation 19:11** means much the same thing, but it carries the additional sense of "Real" or "Genuine." There is nothing—absolutely nothing—false, deceitful, evasive, or variable in His character or His Word, he is a Rock!