

Daniel (Part 48)  
(Significant Motifs – Part 4)

I. The Stone in Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

A. Its Divine Origin (2:34, 45)

“a stone cut out without hands”

B. Its Crushing Activity (2:34, 35, 44, 45)

“It struck the statue and crushed them.” “It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms.”

C. Its Unmitigated Expansion (2:35)

“The stone that struck the statue became a great mountain that filled the whole earth.”

D. Its Larger Symbolism

1. The stone-mountain may be identified as a gigantic, expanding, end-time temple (1 Chronicles 21:14-22:6; 2 Chronicles 3:1; Ps. 15:1; 24:3; 43:3; 99:9; Isaiah 2:2, 3; Jeremiah 26:18; 31:23; Ezekiel 28:11-14, 16, 18; 40:2; Micah 4:1; Revelation 21:10).

2. The stone-mountain is Jesus Christ: The stone which the builders of the handmade temple stumbled over and rejected becomes the chief cornerstone in the foundation of Mt. Zion, the temple made without hands.

Psalm 118:22, 23: “*The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. This is the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.*”

Isaiah 8:14, 15: “*Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, and a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Many will stumble over them, then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught.*”

Isaiah 28:16: “*Therefore thus says the Lord 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 will not be disturbed.’*”

Jesus: Matthew 21:33-44 (Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19) → Psalm 118:22, 23; allusion to Isaiah 8, Daniel 2

Paul: 1) Romans 9:32, 33 → Isaiah 8/28 combined