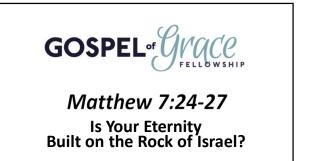
Is Your Eternity Built on the Rock of Israel? Matthew 7:24-27



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Contrasts in Eternal Destiny

Matt. 7:13-14 – Two Ways Matt. 7:15-20 – Two Trees Matt. 7:21-23 – Two Claims Matt. 7:24-27 – Two Builders

The Wise Build on the Rock

Matthew 7:24–25

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Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

The Fool Builds on Sand Matthew 7:26–27 Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell. and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.

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Applications

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- 1. We must understand the rich Messianic imagery behind the "rock" in the Scriptures.
- 2. We must understand that all who trust upon the "rock" will never be disappointed.

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Israel's Rock in the Wilderness Exodus 17:6

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 Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Numbers 20:8

Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink. ggf.church

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Israel's Mediating Rock

Exodus 33:21–23

Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there* on the rock; 22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and **cover you** with My hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

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David's Rock of Refuge

2 Samuel 22:2–3

He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; 3 My 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."

The Rock Worthy of Trust

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Isaiah 26:4

Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

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."

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Trust in Christ: The Rock of Israel

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Romans 9:31–33

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but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at *that* law. 32 Why? Because *they did* not *pursue it* by faith, but as though *it were* by works. **They stumbled over the stumbling stone**, 33 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."

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