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# LIVING STONES

1 PETER 2:4



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LIVING IN LIGHT  
OF ETERNITY

- 1. Rest your hope fully on the grace brought to you through objective thinking ...  
(1 Pet. 1:13–14)**
- 2. Set yourselves apart to the service of God in every area of your lifestyle.  
(1 Pet. 1:15–16)**
- 3. Conduct your lives in fearful respect of God ... (1 Pet. 1:17–21)**
- 4. Love one another with integrity ...  
(1 Pet. 1:22–25)**
- 5. Crave the milk of the Word (1 Pet. 2:1–3)**

## 6. Conclusion: Honorable conduct that you may glorify God at the *Bema*.

1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as **sojourners and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

1 Pet. 2:12, “having your **conduct** honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

1 Pet. 2:13, “**Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme,**”

**1 Pet. 2:1, “Therefore, \*[first] laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,**

**1 Pet. 2:2, “[then] as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,**

**1 Pet. 2:3, “if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”**

**Primary thought:**

**Desire the pure milk of the Word!**

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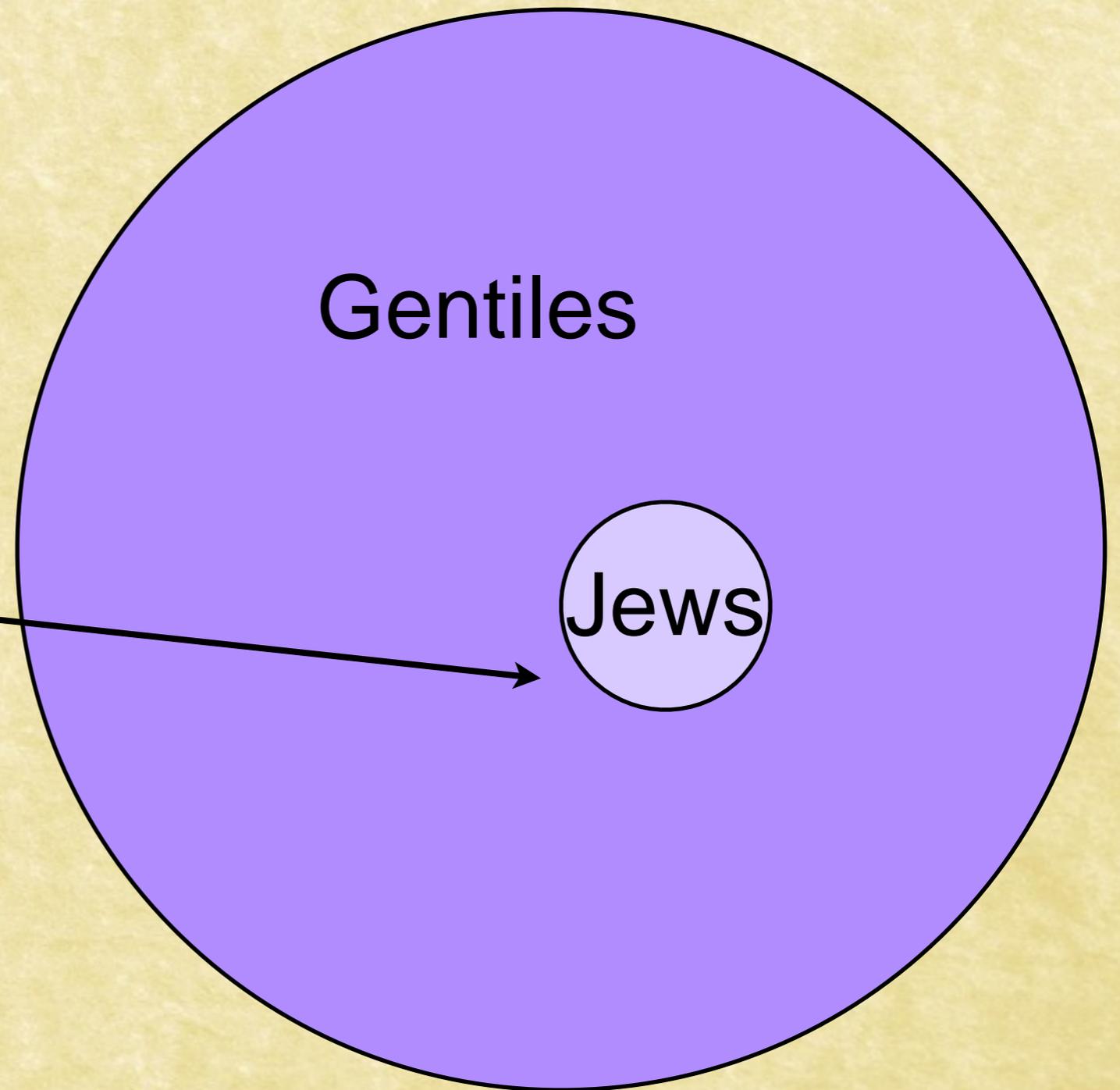
**1. Peter is writing to Gentile Christians who are scattered and being persecuted (often some attempt is made to identify this with a Roman persecution).**

**a. Application 1: The terms used for Israel in the Old Testament are now used in 1 Peter 2:9–10 for the New Testament church showing that Israel has been totally and permanently replaced in God's plan by the church. This is the Replacement theology position.**

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**b. Application 2: The terms used for Israel are *generally applied* to Church Age believers, but without identifying them as the replacement for Israel.**

- All in the circle are Church Age believers, equal members of the body of Christ.
- A subset of the body of Christ is composed of the Jewish remnant who now fulfill.
- What applies to the remnant also applies to the entire body of Christ. Peter is talking to the remnant, but what he says to them, applies to the whole.



**Rom. 11:5, “Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.”**

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**You are being built up ...**

**Since coming to Him as to a living stone.**

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**Hos. 1:6, “And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him: ‘Call her name *Lo-Ruhamah*, for I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, but I will utterly take them away.**

**Hos. 1:7, “Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword or battle, by horses or horsemen.’ ”**

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**Hos. 1:8, “Now when she had weaned *Lo-Ruhamah*, she conceived and bore a son.**

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**Hos. 1:10, “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ There it shall be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’ ”**

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**Hos. 2:23, “Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people!’ And they shall say, ‘You are my God!’ ”**

**1 Pet. 2:9, “But you are a chosen generation,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own  
special people,**

**that you may proclaim the praises of Him  
who called you out of darkness into His  
marvelous light;**

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**1 Pet. 2:7**, “Therefore, to you who believe, He is *precious* (Isa. 28:16); but to those who are disobedient, ‘*The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,*’ (Psa. 118:22)

**1 Pet. 2:8**, “and ‘A *stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.*’ (Isa. 8:14) **They stumble**, being disobedient to the word, **to which they also were appointed.**”

**1 Pet. 2:6, “Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.’ ” (Isa. 28:16)**

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**a. The stumbling stone and offensive rock of  
Isa. 8:14.**

**Isa. 8:14, “He will be as a sanctuary, but a  
stone of stumbling and a rock of offense  
to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and  
a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.**

**Isa. 8:15, “And many among them shall  
stumble; They shall fall and be broken, be  
snared and taken.”**

**b. The rejected cornerstone of Psa. 118:22 that becomes the chief cornerstone.**

**Psa. 118:22, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”**

**c. The foundation stone, the tried, precious, cornerstone of Isaiah 28:16.**

**Isa. 28:16, “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.’ ”**

**d. The paternal rock, Abraham, Isa. 51:1.**

**Isa. 51:1, “Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.**

**Isa. 51:2, “Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him.”**

**e. The kingdom rock of Daniel 2:34, 44–45.**

**Dan. 2:44, “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.**

**Dan. 2:45, “Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”**

**f. Jerusalem, the heavy stone in Zech. 12:3.**

**Zech. 12:3, “And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”**

## **g. God, the Rock**

**Deut. 32:4, “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.”**

**Deut. 32:18, “Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten the God who fathered you.”**

**h. By the second Temple period the term “Rock/Stone” had become a Messianic title.**

- i. Jesus clearly alludes to this in the famous conversation with Peter in Matt. 16:18.**

**Matt. 16:13, “When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ‘Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?’”**

**Matt. 16:14, “So they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ”**

**Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

**Matt. 16:19, “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

**Josh. 3:10, “And Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites:’ ”**

**Jer. 10:10, “But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.”**

**Psa. 42:2, “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”**

**1 Tim. 4:10, “For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.”**

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