



TAKING ON A SPIRIT'S NATURE

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Scripture Text:

Ecclesiastes 3:18-20 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. (19) For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. (20) All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

Message:

Man was compared to beasts in the old covenant before Jesus Christ came.

- And the reason man was compared to beasts was the fate of RETURNING TO DUST as the beasts do.
- This was never meant to occur with Adam.
- But after he sinned, God said he was dust and would return to dust in a very condescending manner.
- Some feel Adam was meant to physically die before he sinned, but why would God speak so condescendingly about returning to dust if it was his original fate?
- And death came to man by sin (Rom 5:12).
- Death was intended to occur with creatures, though without anything to do with sin.
- But not man.

So, if returning to dust makes one comparable to a beast, then we see that the fall of man caused mankind to come into this low estate.

Also, if returning to dust makes us like beasts, then what is it when the RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST occurs to people who were dead in sins but can present themselves alive from the dead unto God?

And throughout the Word we see the contrast between beasts and saints of God.

- From Genesis to Revelation.

After mankind sinned and would return to the dust, he was not only considered like beasts who likewise return to dust, but look what Jesus said to sinners.

Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Jesus called these people the "OFFSPRING OF SERPENTS."

It was a serpent who tempted the woman in the GARDEN, and who spiritually caused her to bring forth sinners -- so,

you could call mankind children of vipers.... all mankind was born in sin after Adam and Eve.

- We were all offspring of vipers.
- All were beasts.
- All sinners.
- This is not supporting an error called "serpent seed" teaching which teaches SOME people cannot be saved due to being literal offspring of a relationship between Eve and the serpent.
- There was no physical relationship with Eve and the serpent.
- Spiritually, though, there is a concept to be had where sinners are called children of the serpent.

In Daniel, we read of BEASTS and images and events that parallel the Book of Revelation in more ways than we may have realized before.

- All instances show one common theme... taking on a spirit's nature.

Daniel 2 shows a dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel recounted the dream when Nebuchadnezzar forgot the details, and then interpreted it.

Daniel 2:31-33 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. (32) This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, (33) His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Four sections were noted:

Daniel 2:37-38 KJV Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. (38) And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

He went on to say that the remaining three sections were other kings inferior to Babylon that would come up after Babylon.

- We know them to be Medo-Persia (who conquered Babylon in Daniel 5),
- Greece,
- And Rome.

Some say there is a fifth kingdom after Rome in the feet described as iron and clay mixed.

- But we only read of four kingdoms and the fourth was divided, not a fifth actual kingdom.

Daniel 2:40-41 KJV And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. (41) And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

Notice the terms carefully.

- There is no mention of a fifth kingdom, just a fourth one that is divided.
- That is significant.

FIRST KINGDOM

Daniel 2:37 KJV Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

SECOND/THIRD KINGDOMS

Daniel 2:39 KJV And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

FOURTH KINGDOM

Daniel 2:40 KJV And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

FOURTH KINGDOM DIVIDED (NO FIFTH KINGDOM)

Daniel 2:41 KJV And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

Daniel 2:42 KJV And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

Daniel told the king:

Daniel 2:34 KJV Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Daniel 2:44 KJV And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

We know that this KINGDOM OF GOD came in the days of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4:17 KJV From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luke 11:20 KJV But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Hebrews 12:28 KJV Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

John 3:5 KJV Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

IT IS NOW.

But despite this vision, it seems Nebuchadnezzar was so full of himself and his kingdom that he took the information from that dream and built a golden image of himself as he saw in the dream.

- This is found in the very next chapter of Daniel.
- Chapter 3.

Daniel 3:1 KJV Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3:5 KJV That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

We will find this repeated in Revelation 13 where an image of the beast was to be praised.

Notice the link to a BEAST with this image of Nebuchadnezzar.

- BEASTS are connected with every person who seeks self glory.

- And self glory goes back to the serpent's temptation to be like gods.
- This is diametrically opposed to the will of God for HIS KINGDOM.
- Getting into KINGDOM concepts really digs into our lives.
- How many people would really WANT God's Kingdom?
- They cannot have their own!

Revelation 13:14-15 KJV (14) And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. (15) And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And though this IMAGE OF A MAN was brought down by the rock in the dream, this man refused the prophecy and demanded worship to himself as the head of gold anyway.

But then we read the next chapter.

- Daniel chapters 2 through 4 are incredibly significant in regards to the events that transpire chronologically.

Daniel 4:20-26 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; (21) Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: (22) It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. (23) And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; (24) This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: (25) That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (26) And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

This time the king is like a TREE.

- Here he is given a space to repent and a second chance, and refuses.

So, this tree is foretold to be cut down.

And this reminds us of another tree.

Notice the terminology:

Daniel 4:10-12 KJV Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. (11) The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: (12) The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

Center of the earth.

ALL FLESH WAS FED OF IT.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil!

Genesis 2:9 KJV And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

"In the midst of the Garden..."

Genesis 2:17 KJV But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

This idea is even more emphasized here:

Ezekiel 31:3 KJV Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

Ezekiel 31:8 KJV The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

Though speaking to Egypt, note the reference to the ASSYRIAN, which would correspond to Babylon.

Back to Daniel.

And we read this KING changed and behaved like beasts.

Dan 4:(27) Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility.

Daniel appealed to him to repent and humble himself.

He acted like BEASTS.

Daniel 4:32-33 KJV And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (33) The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

"THEY" -- demon spirits -- affected Nebuchadnezzar to act like a BEAST.

We take on the nature of the spirit that affects us.

And then we read the same four kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, noted in Daniel 2 as sections of an idol of a man, are seen as FOUR BEASTS in Daniel 7.

Daniel 7:3-7 KJV And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. (4) The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. (5) And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. (6) After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. (7) After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

LION, BEAR, LEOPARD and TERRIBLE BEAST.

So MAN'S KINGDOMS are likened unto BEASTS.

- This is a strong connection to the entire concept of man being like beasts due to the influence of the devil far back in the Garden.

The bible calls people who despise dominions as BRUTE BEASTS.

Jude 1:8-10 KJV Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. (9) Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. (10) But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Michael would not even pop attitude at the devil, but simply laid out the facts without contempt saying, "The Lord rebuke thee."

- And these people whom Jude and Peter call beasts, despise godly authority.
- Because flesh wants to worship itself.
- That means any God or man who tells them to not do certain things are despised.
- The serpent told Eve they would be like gods.

Sinners do to GOD what Michael would not even do to the devil!

- How wicked can such sinners be?

Romans 1 speaks of people who know God is God but refuse to honour Him as God and satiate their lusts that they know are wrong, and have pleasure in anyone else who likewise fulfills their lusts.

And they change the glory of God to that OF BEASTS!

And it is all going reverting back to the same principle where the DEVIL GAVE THE SERPENT HIS POWER AND HIS WORDS TO TEMPT EVE WITH.

We attach to whatever TWO SPIRITS that influence us AND BECOME LIKE THEM.

And when Daniel 7 speaks of beast kingdoms, we read of the victory of the STONE THAT SHOT DOWN THE IDOL in Daniel 2.

- Recall the STONE and ROCK IS JESUS.
- And as Daniel 7 shows the four kingdoms of Daniel 2 as beasts, Daniel 7 shows the victory of the stone crushing the kingdoms as follows:

Daniel 7:13-14 KJV I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. (14) And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Notice the saints of God are connected to this picture.

Daniel 7:17-18 KJV These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. (18) But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Since JESUS is shown to take the power and dominion, the SAINTS ATTACHED TO HIM IN UNITY are said to receive power and the KINGDOM.

Just like here:

Revelation 5:6-10 KJV And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. (7) And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (8) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (10) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

When Jesus the lamb takes the book, the SAINTS are said to be kings and priests who will rule on earth.

His victory becomes OUR OWN.

- We take on the nature of the Spirit that affects us.

But the devil's nature also becomes the sinners' natures...

Revelation 12:3 KJV And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

As the dragon has seven heads and ten horns, we read the same is seen in the beast!

Revelation 13:1 KJV And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Notice that the John only sees one beast come from the sea whereas Daniel saw four in Daniel 7.

- This is because John's day was after the first three had come and gone and the fourth, ROME, was in power.
- And the DRAGON GIVES his traits to the beast.
- We take on the nature of the spirit that affects us.

And notice that the FOURTH BEAST has all the SAME SPIRITS that the first three had, combined into one.

Revelation 13:2 KJV And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

The Lion, Bear and Leopard, which were the spirits or natures of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece, are seen in this fourth beast, Rome.

The devil GAVE THIS BEAST the devil's own power and the devil's seat and the devil's authority.

Seven heads and ten horns - $7 + 10 = 17$.

Galatians 5:19-21 KJV Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (21) Envying, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

17 WORKS OF THE FLESH are listed above in Gal 5.

- We take on the nature of the spirit affecting us.

Recall that the devil tried to give Jesus the kingdoms of earth.

Matthew 4:8-9 KJV Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (9) And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

But Jesus refused.

It seems to fit that the following verse is emblematic of the devil doing this with Jesus.

Revelation 12:4 KJV ...and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Jesus got the KINGDOMS ANYWAY, by His resurrection.

Revelation 12:5 KJV And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Instead of getting the kingdoms from the devil, being absorbed, swallowed, up of the devil's nature, the Lord Jesus resisted and was caught up to the throne in heaven.

- This throne in Heaven distinctly indicates his dominion over the earth.

Ephesians 1:20-22 KJV Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, (21) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: (22) And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

He was caught up to God and his throne where he became ruler over all the kingdoms of the world, after the devil tried to give him those kingdoms by swallowing Him up and absorbing Him to receive all Satan's attributes.

Revelation 11:15 KJV And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

So instead, the devil took the KINGDOM OF ROME and CAESAR and absorbed them, and ROME is that fourth beast of Daniel 7.

The woman in Rev 12 was Israel and Jerusalem, the former bride of God (Ezekiel 16).

- Jesus was born there.
- He came forth from Israel.
- And out of her came the church and the people of God, so that AFTER THE CROSS the BRIDE IS NOW THE CHURCH.
- "NEW" JERUSALEM.
- Spiritual Israel.
- And the old became the WHORE.
- ANOTHER WOMAN.

The SPIRITS of the LION and the BEAR that David fought and killed went into GOLIATH.

- David already slew a lion and a bear, and slew the same spirits again combined in Goliath.
- Goliath was a combination of the TWO SPIRITS of the lion and bear.

- Some feel the spirits left Goliath and entered Saul who tried to slay David.

Jesus Christ is SON OF DAVID, and JESUS TOOK THE LION, BEAR spirits with the additional LEOPARD SPIRIT, that were once Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece, that were combined in ROME, and STRUCK THEM ALL DOWN WITH A STONE as well!

- Just like DAVID.
- A STONE that Daniel saw CUT OUT OF THE MOUNTAINS WITHOUT HANDS TOOK DOWN THE LION AND BEAR AND LEOPARD SPIRITS IN the GOLIATH KINGDOM called ROME, the fourth beast.

Revelation 13:5 KJV And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

The dragon gave the beast his ability to speak blasphemies.

- Like the spirit that moved Nebuchadnezzar to boast of his greatness.
- A spirit that refuses to give God glory.

Jesus saw Satan fall like lightning to earth.

- The same fate falls to those who take on the evil spirit's nature and fall to dust in the earth.

MANKIND CONNECTS TO AND TAKES ON THE TRAITS OF THE SPIRIT that affects him.

For that reason:

Genesis 3:15 KJV And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

We know this was fulfilled by Jesus on the cross.

But we also read a mystery:

Romans 16:19-20 KJV For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. (NOTICE THE REFERENCES TO GOOD AND EVIL AS IN THE FORBIDDEN TREE - reminds us of the Garden and something else from the Garden is mentioned next...) (20) And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

We are attached to Jesus, and TAKE ON HIS TRAITS OF DEVIL CRUSHING victory.

- SATAN WAS CRUSHED at the cross by Jesus.
- Rome is crushed in AD70 by the Christ-united CHURCH shortly after Romans was written.

We take the victory we have in Christ due to our union to Him and wield it against even those who are in union to the devil and have his traits!

The devil gives HIS power to the BEAST in Rev 13, but The Father gave the LAMB / ANCIENT OF DAYS power in Dan 7 and Rev 5 when the LAMB TOOK THE BOOK.

- And that same power is said to be the power of the SAINTS who TAKE away the KINGDOM OF THE FOURTH BEAST in Daniel 7.

Jesus crushed the serpent's head as David's stone struck Goliath in the head.

Summary:

Daniel 2 is the dream of the four kingdoms with Nebuchadnezzar as the head of gold.

Daniel 3 shows Nebuchadnezzar building an image of gold after his likeness, rejecting Daniel's warning.

Daniel 4 shows Nebuchadnezzar as a tree, similar to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which caused man to become children of the enemy, where also Nebuchadnezzar became like a beast.

And between DANIEL 4, where Neb is a tree cut down and becomes like BEAST, and Daniel 7, where THE FOUR BEASTS are destroyed, we read:

Daniel 5 - writing on the wall for Babylon

And this wonderful note in Daniel 6 - LION'S DEN WITH DEN so much like tomb of Jesus, from which Daniel sort of RESURRECTS in victory.

Daniel 6:17 KJV And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

Matthew 27:66 KJV So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

THE LION is Babylon, the first beast for the four in Daniel 7.

- Daniel comes out of a den of LIONS, similar to the tomb of Jesus Christ.

Daniel's escape from the lion's den shows a sort of RESURRECTION VICTORY OVER THE LION BABYLON!

When the Jews of Jerusalem rejected Him the day he rode in on the foal of an ass, Jesus spoke of the STONE that would FALL ON THEM.

Matthew 21:42-44 KJV 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.

If you fail to accept Him as your FOUNDATION and KING, YOU WILL FALL ON THE STONE AND THE STONE WILL FALL ON YOU.

- "the place of stoning was two men's heights; one of the witnesses struck him on his loins, to throw him down from thence, to the ground: if he died, it was well; if not, they took a stone, which lay there, and was as much as two men could carry, and cast it, with all their might, upon his breast: if he died, it was well; if not, he was stoned by all Israel.
- Maimonides observes (f), that "stoning, or throwing down from the high place, was that he might fall upon the stone, or that the stone might fall upon him; and which of them either it was, the pain was the same.
- (JOHN GILL COMMENTARY - Matthew 21:44)

We mistaken the first part (falling on rock) to be a good thing.

- Jesus meant both parts as judgment.

Isaiah 8:14-15 KJV 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.

FALLING ON THE ROCK is due to STUMBLING because he is an offence to you.

Revelation 5:2 KJV And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

The LAMB WAS WORTHY.

Revelation 5:9 KJV And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

THE LAMB WORTHY TO RECEIVE THE BOOK IS ALSO SAID TO BE WORTHY TO TAKE...

Revelation 5:12 KJV Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

7 THINGS!!!!

Revelation 5:6 KJV And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

This lamb had seven horns and seven eyes which are seven spirits of God.

Isaiah 11:1-2 KJV And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: (2) And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

7 SPIRITS OF GOD.

You TAKE ON THE NATURE OF THE SPIRIT AFFECTING YOU.

It is HIS KINGDOM!

- Flesh wants ITS OWN KINGDOM.
- God is going to cut down the kingdom of flesh!

We take on the nature of the Spirit affecting us.

- We took on Christ's death, burial and resurrection.
- We took on his power and Name!
- His seating in heavenly places above all powers.
- The beast took the dragon's mouth and seat and authority.
- We took on Christ's words, Seating in heavenly places and power!
- We take on the nature of the Spirit affecting us.