

# The LORD is Our Rock

Heathen idolaters worship physical idols – often carved rock in the supposed image of their “god”. God’s people also refer to Him as a Rock, but what we mean is not literal. He is not a physical rock, but in several respects his relationship to his people can be described figuratively as a rock.

General scriptures that show God as a rock:

1. Dt. 32:4 – He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
2. Dt. 32:31 – For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.
3. 1 S. 2:2 – There is none holy as the Lord; for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.
4. 2 S. 22:47 – The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.
5. Ps. 18:31 – For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?
6. Ps. 28. 1 – Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

## How is God a rock?

### A. The Eternal One, unchangeable

Rocks are much more stable than wood – they don’t shrink and expand as noticeably, or grow, or rot. Their deterioration is so slow that we still have pyramids, Babylonian relief carvings, Roman roads, bridges, and aqueducts, coliseums, statues, etc. Like rock monuments that outlast wooden structures and the generations that created them, God is from generation to generation

- a. Heb. 1:10-12 – earth and heavens will perish and be changed, “but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail”.

### B. A place of refuge and defense

A high rocky place is relatively safe and easy to defend, like the ancient fortress of Masada. That is why castles were built on mountaintops and on the edges of precipices. (Today with firearms it can also be a place of offense and ambushments, but in Bible days it was defensive because battle was mostly hand-to-hand.)

- a. Ps. 27:5 – For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
- b. Ps. 62:1-2 – Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.
- c. Ps. 94:22 – But the Lord is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

### C. A solid foundation

Solid foundations are based on rock. Bridge pilings go down to bedrock. Barns and other buildings use stone foundations. Even pole buildings have a concrete base pad at the bottom of each pole. The headstone is the most important, and all the other foundation stones are laid out strictly in relationship to that one.

- a. Ps. 118:22 – The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner,
- b. Isa. 28:16 – Therefore thus saith the LORD GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

### D. Source of life (water out of the rock)

This maybe isn’t as apparent as the other “rock”-references, but water often comes out of rocks in mountains. We can see it in our state parks. But the Biblical occasion was different – it was supernatural and an obvious act of God, and was not mere seepage or a small stream – it watered the whole nation of Israel.

- a. Num. 20:11 – water out of the rock
- b. 1 Cor. 10:1-4 (the children of Israel in the wilderness) did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

### E. Destruction to his enemies

- a. David’s stones against Goliath
- b. Dan. 2:34-35 – a stone cut out without hands, that smote the colossal image on the feet to destroy it, and then the stone became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.