

The Living, Growing Body of Christ

Scripture reading: Daniel 2:34-35

In these days we hear many churches, many organizations calling themselves the Body of Christ. We do not have to believe it because the Body of Christ is made up of those who are under the direct headship and direction of Jesus Christ Himself. That is, they only move at the behest of Jesus. The Body of Christ is coming under the perfect obedience to Christ so that they will have no master on earth. They will only know Christ as their Master and as He directs and orders so they will be and do.

Let us go to Daniel 2:34-35 and notice that something happened to that stone. After the stone was molded it took on an intelligence. It was going to do the perfect will of God. It rolled down from the mountain like a missile and came straight at the image. This great image is Babylon. I want you to see it in your mind's eye - A STONE coming from the mountaintop. Hallelujah! It has been molded and molded and made into a missile. It was molded by the fiery hands of God. Just as the finger of God molded and carved the ten commandments so God carved out this stone and sent it towards Babylon and it struck the feet. Look carefully at where it struck. It did not strike the shin. It did not strike the knees. It struck the toes which *"were part of iron, and part of clay"* and it broke them in pieces.

Remember, the ten toes were an organization; they were molded together. They were functional. They were working together and they felt that they had the whole world at their feet. When the stone hit the toes, the whole structure of the image, from the head of gold down to the feet of iron and clay, came down like a tower falling to the ground. As the image came down the stone pulverized it into dust, fine dust. Then the wind, the Spirit of God, came and blew the dust away so that it would nevermore be an organization. It was disorganized, decommissioned, and destroyed completely.

After the stone had finished its job, it began to grow. Hallelujah! The great promise of God is that He is going to bring the nations into the fullness of God. Every soul that will turn to God, He will bring them and the stone will be growing and growing and growing.

Again, Revelation 18:21, *"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."* When we translate this prophetic language into our understandable English we see that the *"mighty angel took up a stone"* - the Body of Christ molded by God Himself - not a man-made church, but a God-made organism - *"LIKE A GREAT MILLSTONE."* God is going to use this church, these very people who He had used to preach, to save lives, and to deliver people. He is going to use them as an instrument of judgment. They will, like a great millstone, be *"cast...into the sea (the nations), saying, Thus with VIOLENCE."*

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Thought for today: God will bring every soul that will turn unto God and they (the Body of Christ) will be growing and growing and growing.