

they are they can become part of the chosen, Jezreel, or seed of God.

❑ Paul speaks about this when he quotes Hosea in Romans 9.25-26. How does this demonstrate God's intentions for both Jews and Gentiles?

This brings us back to 1 Peter 2.9-10

^[9] But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

^[10] Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

❑ Vs. 9 refers to the first child of Hosea, what phrases make you think of Jezreel?

❑ Vs. 10 refers to the second and third child of Hosea. What phrases refer to:

Lo-Ruhamah?

Lo-Ammi?

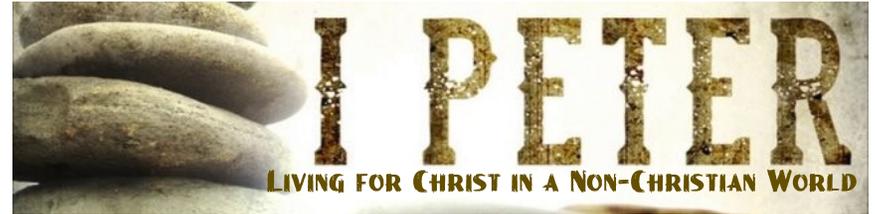
❑ Vs. 9 what four things can we say about those who become Jezreel?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

❑ What are we to offer God? Why? Read also Heb 13.15

❑ Why do we need to study the Old Testament if we are New Testament Christians?

❑ What is the Key lesson we need to learn from verses 9-10?



Study lesson #3

© 2014 Rev. Bob Highlands III - Text 1 Peter 2.1-10

^[2:1] Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ^[2] Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ^[3] now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

❑ Vs 1 If you had to place this as a spiritual, Mental, or Physical items to remove from you life, which would it be and why?

❑ Vs 2-3 Why does Peter wants them to drink spiritual milk?

Read Hebrews 5.12-14

❑ According to this what can be said about those who continue to drink milk.

❑ What is wrong with their lives?

❑ What does it take to get to solid Spiritual food?

❑ Vs. 2-3 What is the goal of anyone on Spiritual milk?

❑ Hebrews 6.1-2 list the baby, elementary, foundational, or basic teachings of the Christian faith. List them here. Can you explain each one so other can understand?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

7. Are you a baby believer or a mature believer? Why?

[4] As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— [5] you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. [6] For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

[7] Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone,”

[8] and,

“A stone that causes men to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

❑ Vs. 4, 6, 7 refers to three different stones, what are they and what is each symbolic of.

1. _____ stone =
2. _____ stone =
3. _____ stone =

❑ What is the difference between a cornerstone and a capstone? How does each one represent Christ?

❑ Vs. 5 says each believer is a _____ stone. What is God building with these stones?

Read Ephesians 2:19-22

❑ According to Ephesians what else could we call this building made of living stones?

❑ Why is it important to say it was built on a foundation of the apostles and prophets?

❑ How does this help us understand Jesus as the cornerstone?

❑ Why is the Old Testament important to our understanding of this new spiritual building?

❑ Read 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19 What is this designed to hold inside?

❑ Vs. 5 How is this new temple different than the temple of the Old Testament.

❑ Read Romans 12:1 How is this sacrifice different than the ones of the Old Testament? How do we make this sacrifice?

❑ Vss.7-8 Who is this stone?

❑ What is this stone to the believers?

❑ What is this stone to the non-believers?

In order to understand the next two verses we have to look at the Old Testament book of Hosea.. This is the story of the prophet who married a girl named Gomer. They had three children during their marriage. The circumstances of their birth and their names are important. The first Child was a boy and was called Jezreel. This is shortly after they were married and the prophet knew that the child was his. Jezreel means “what God sows” and was intended to show that the child belonged to Hosea. After a while Gomer began to spend time away from home and cause Hosea sorrow and grief. She had her second child and named this daughter Lo-Ruhamah which means “not loved,” or “without mercy.” Hosea was not sure if this child was his or not. Gomer began to spend all her time away from home and only returned when she was pregnant with her third child. Hosea knew this was not his. When the boy was born he was named “Lo-Ammi” which means “not my people.”

These three children were symbolic of the stages Israel had gone through with God. They had surely been his seed and were Jezreel. They had begun to wonder away and were without mercy or Lo-Ruhamah They had finally become so disobedient that they were not part of God’s family at all or Lo-Ammi.

In the Story, Hosea goes and bring his wife back home. In fact he has to go and buy her at a slave auction. He pays the whole price of a virgin . God promises that one day he will restore all to his family. It will not matter who