

1 Peter 2:4-8 There: no other person ever had so many names as did Jesus - over 250. (1) takes many words to fully describe the excellence of Jesus. (2) means different things to different people - X is called by every thing important to man -

to the builder, He is called the Stone - Every man in the construction business - building a life, a home, a business, a family - and bricks, thought, words - dead beams - as Stone: X gives life to existence & stability of life - To face uncertainty - X is just what we need to build a life

I - He is a Chosen Stone - chosen, elect, I say X is God's contribution to our life. what God does thru X - the channel of God's blessings - X is God's chosen way of blessing us. - a pre-fab house; a pre-cut stone, fit with it.
Precious: held in honor - great value, infinite worth - God has given us His best. The Purpose of God found in X
1 - God loved it 2 - its value - Precious
Chosen - the absolute proving decision choice is us God

II - He is the Corner Stone - 4, 7 = depicts position at crucifixion building - most significant stone in entire structure
1 - Holds together empiric center foundation 2 - Determines dictates design, shape of building - governs angles & lines
3 - Fits only in one place "I lay in firm" Markness of things
Some willing to use X in a obscure place - useless to builders in any other position
X is the key to all human destiny. 4 = Chief at top - is held -
5 - Visible

III - He is the Crushing, Condemning Stone - v. 8
a parable 1 - Rejection after Trial, Test - architects of world order - To reject X is to court disaster
The wreckage of life upon some meant to be its foundation
Lies in path to hammer + imped progress - X is too great to be avoided or neglected

Appointed: will of God decrees man's inability as merely an exaltation of faith.
Offense: 1 - deadly effect 2 - Recovery impossible
from Israel How: by the Word - Reject it