

I Peter 2:1-7 - Intro = one man in construction mission,  
building a life = & v.3 = Judged by our building - an essential  
in building is X = He is key to all human destiny  
Living Stone = imports life      architect of world rejected, but didn't  
I. He is the Chosen Stone, v.4, 6: Chosen, elect, long = <sup>opposite D's</sup> purpose  
to build strong construction, implying the absolute power & decisive choice  
that belongs to D  
- what D does, he does thru X = he is the channel - X is D's chosen  
way of blessing, helping, saving  
1. Precious to D = held in high honor, value seen & recognized  
2. Beloved = ok = rest up  
3. not ashamed, other expression = need in this day  
4. Precious to us = we recognize his value & loved him in return  
5. we lay our lives to him = habitually giving = Pres Part.  
one X can keep laying, keep being built up - we have never  
reached the point ~~at~~ beyond which no closer union is possible  
- coming = expresses the idea of drawing near w/ the intention  
of both D to stay & to enjoy personal fellowship -  
- represents the daily habit of the Christian life  
- This is how we are built up - v.5

II. He is the Corner Stone = Depicts the position this  
stone occupies in our life  
1. Will fit in only one place = some want to use this stone in  
some obscure part of the building, but not as the centrally  
Corner stone = chief = most significant stone in entire  
structure. Place-chief = "I lay in Zion" residence of  
kings, seat of government → exalted head  
2. Dictates the Design & Shape of Building = coming to him  
3. visible  
4. holds it together = gives stability to structure.

III. He is the Crushing Stone = stumbling = an obstacle in  
path - means of their own destruction  
1. disallowed it = rejected after examination  
2. destroyed it = actual number, and passing = lit. unwilling  
to be persuaded = an choice of will - refuse, abstain  
3. How? By ~~the~~ being disobedient to the Word of