

Treasure Hunt

- What is confusing about the image of the storm in the parable of the two houses?
- What kind of historical event does Isaiah describe as a storm?
- How does Peter help us understand the relation of God's storms to the righteous as well as the unrighteous?
- How does our Lord apply the metaphor of the well-founded building in his later teaching?
- How does Peter extend the image of Messiah as a stone?
- What kind of building is described in all of the applications of the parable in the NT?

The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Consequences Deut 27-28	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
Conduct Deut 5	Toward Man	5:20-48 It was said ... but I say	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites	6:19-34

Sources and Citations of the Parable of the Two Houses

Old Testament Sources

Foundation:
• Isa 28:16

Falling Walls:
• Psa 62:1-3
• Isa 30:8-13
• Ezek 13:8-16

Storm:
• Psa 62:1-3
• Isa 30:8-13
• Ezek 13:8-16
• 9x in Isaiah

The Parable of the Two Houses

Matt 7:24-27
• The house on the rock
• The house on the sand

What does the Storm represent?

- It is a common figure in the OT for God's judgment (cf. Noah).
- But it falls on both houses—the righteous as well as the wicked.

New Testament Citations

• Matt 16:18
• 1 Pet 2:3-8
• 1 Cor 3:9-16
• Eph 2:19-22

Storm Imagery in Isaiah: Messiah as Protection

4:2 In that day shall **the branch of the LORD** [Targum: Messiah of the Lord] be beautiful and glorious, ... 6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert **from storm and from rain.**

25:1 **O LORD, thou art my God;** ... 4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, **a refuge** from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. *Now the Lord protects the righteous.*

32:1 Behold, **a king** shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. 2 And **a man** shall be as an hiding place from the **wind**, and a covert from the **tempest**; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. ... 18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; 19 When it shall **hail**, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.

Storm Imagery in Isaiah: Assyrian Invasion

8:6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7 Now therefore, behold, **the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river**, strong and many, **even the king of Assyria**, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

Isa 28:2 Behold, **the Lord hath a mighty and strong one**, which as a **tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing**, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. ... 15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when **the overflowing scourge** shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: ... 17 ... the **hail** shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the **waters** shall overflow the hiding place.

Isa 29:6 Thou shalt be visited **of the LORD of hosts** with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, **with storm and tempest**, and the flame of devouring fire.

Isa 30:30 And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and **tempest**, and **hailstones**. 31 For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.

Storm Imagery in Isaiah: Other Nations

17:12 Woe to the multitude of many people, *which* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like **the rushing of mighty waters!** 13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Isa 59:19 When the enemy shall come in like a **flood**, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

→ The storm imagery often represents **geopolitical disturbances**, which the Lord uses for judgment, and through which he protects his people.

- Assyria against Israel, 700 BC
- Rome against Judea, AD 70

God's Discriminating Judgment

	Judgment	Deliverance
The flood	2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast <i>them</i> down to hell, and delivered <i>them</i> into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world,	but saved Noah the eighth <i>person</i> , a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
Sodom and Gomorrah	6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned <i>them</i> with an overthrow, making <i>them</i> an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;	7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: ...
Summary (reversed)	and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:	9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations,

Citations of the House Metaphor: Matthew 16

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto **a wise man**, which **built his house upon a rock**: 25 **And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not:** for it was founded **upon a rock**.

7:18 **upon this rock I** will build my church; and **the gates of hell shall not prevail** against it.

Citations of the House Metaphor: 1 Peter 2

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. 4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, **are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion **a chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And **a stone of stumbling**, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Christ the Stone

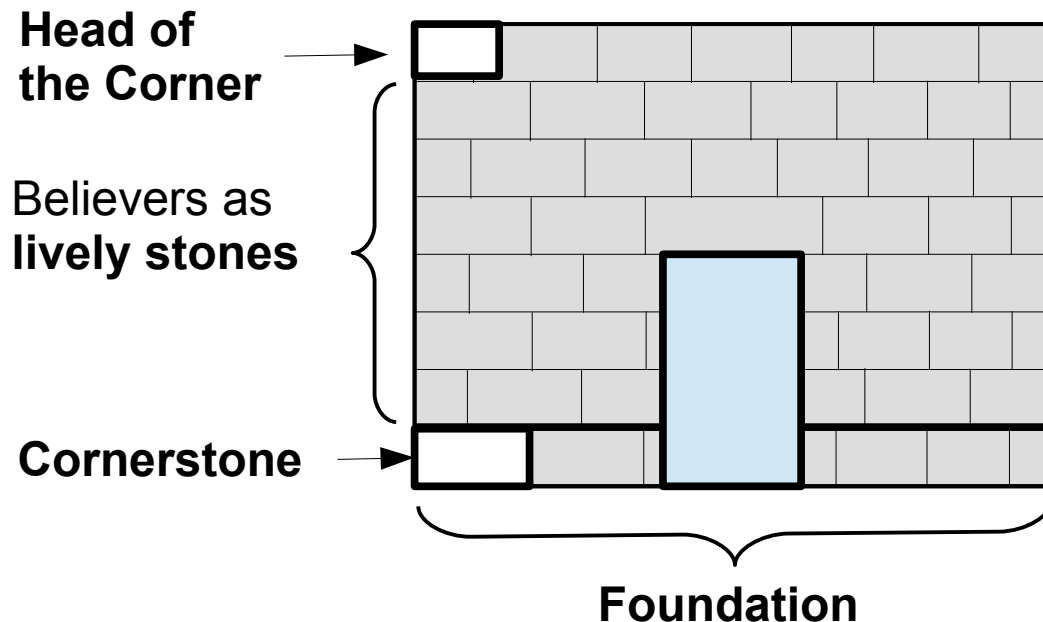
Psalm 118:22	Isaiah 8:14	Isaiah 28:16	Romans 9:33	1 Peter 2:6-8
		Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD,	As it is written,	Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture,
		Behold, I lay in Zion	Behold, I lay in Sion	Behold, I lay in Sion
	And he shall be for a sanctuary;	for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone , a sure foundation :		a chief corner stone, elect, precious: ... 7 Unto you therefore which believe <i>he is</i> precious:
The stone <i>which</i> the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner .				but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
	but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel,		a stumblingstone and rock of offence:	8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, <i>even to them</i> which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
		he that believeth shall not make haste.	and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.	6 ... and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Citations of the House Metaphor: 1 Cor 3

1Co 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation**, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.** 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Citations of the House Metaphor: Ephesians 2

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.



Corporate Emphasis

Note corporate emphasis in all these citations of the Parable:

- Matt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build **my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- 1 Pet 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a **spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices,**
- 1 Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are **the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are **builded together for an habitation of God** through the Spirit.

Recall emphasis on corporate nature of the Lord's Prayer

Cf. use of "edify, edification" throughout the NT: always "one another," "the church," except for one ironical instance:

1Co 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.