

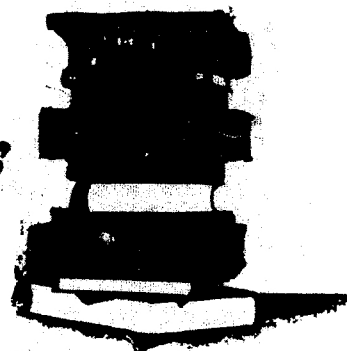
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Dear Brother Mueller:

In October you wrote to us asking if we could direct you to a statement from Mrs. White's pen indicating that Jesus Christ was the "stone" of Daniel 2:45.

This has been the holding of the denomination down through the years. Ellen White touches the matter of this vision of Nebuchadnezzar rather lightly. She does not go into great detail. So we are unable to direct you to any statement from her pen on this point. This does not in any sense mean that the views that we have held are not correct.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely your brother,

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THE KINGDOM OF DANIEL TWO--(PART ONE)

God; but before the light comes, there is no sin, for there is no light for them to reject." (1 T. 116:1). The "tree is a symbol of leaders (Dan. 4:20,22)--S.D.A. ministers who lead the church (mountain) "toward Egypt" (5 T. 217:2) to eat the abominations of the world.

(c) Verse 19 tells of "those that escape of them"--144,000 (stone) escape the slaughter in the S.D.A. church (mountain)--who are sent to the "nations" to declare God's "glory among the Gentiles," and gather a "great multitude" (Rev. 7:9) of people. This proves that the coming in verse 15 is not His first coming, for even though the apostles gathered many "Gentiles" (verse 19), yet Jesus slew no one (verse 16). Nor could it be His second or third coming, for even though He slays many then (verse 16), yet there will not be any gathering of the "Gentiles" (verse 19) at His second or third coming because probation has closed.

(d) Verse 20 shows all the 144,000 gathering their "brethren" to God's "holy mountain Jerusalem" (church) after they escaped the slaughtering angels who removed the tares from the S.D.A. church (mountain). The church being pure, is called a "holy mountain," and no tares ever enter into the church again. For only the wheat are brought in a "clean vessel" to God's purified church. This same gathering is shown in Dan. two.

VIII--STONE BECOMES A GREAT MOUNTAIN

1. Dan. 2:34,35--After the 144,000 (stone) is cut out (Ezek. 9) of the S.D.A. church (mountain), it smites the image on its feet and breaks it. During this time, the 144,000 call God's people out of Babylon (Rev. 18:4), and a great multitude (Rev. 7:9) will join the stone, which will cause it to swell, not into a mountain, but a great mountain. This gathering (stone swelling to a mountain) cannot be after Jesus comes, for probation has closed, the seven plagues poured out, and no one can be saved, much less be gathered into God's church. "But God still has a

people in Babylon" who are to be "called out" before the "plagues" by "the final warning." (G.C. 604:1). (a) Isa. 2:2,3 (b) Zech. 8:20-22
2. Jer. 51:19, 20--"Jacob is not like them" (verse 19)--not like Babylon (verse 8), because as "Israel" (verse 19--Rev. 7:4--144,000) he is God's "battle axe" (verse 20)--the stone of Dan. 2:45, and with it He will "break in pieces...kingdoms"--stone smiting the image (Dan. 2:34). This could not refer to Israel who took the promised land, because when Jeremiah prophesied, the 10 tribes were scattered, and he was telling Judah, the 2 tribes, to submit to captivity in Babylon (P.K. 444). To this very day, Israel never smote the nations, but when the 144,000 (stone) smites the image, it swells to a great mountain, because they are God's "battle axe."

IX--GOD'S KINGDOM IS SET UP

1. Dan. 2:44--"And in the days of these kings" (10 toes), while alive, not dead, God sets "up a kingdom." If the stone is Jesus' 2nd coming, how can He set up a kingdom in their days, while alive, if they are slain "with the brightness of His coming"? (11 Thess. 2:8). A kingdom set up during the 1,000 years in heaven after He comes would be while all the kings (10 toes) are dead, not alive. Dan. 2:44 says the kingdom breaks the great image and Dan. 2:45 says the stone breaks it. Is the image smitten twice? Once by the kingdom and once by the stone? NO! They are the same! (P.K. 495,496). The 144,000 (stone), whose type is Elijah (P.K. 227:2), and a great multitude (mountain), whose type is Enoch (P.P. 89:0), are God's kingdom.

X--THE STONE IS NOT JESUS

1. The stone comes from a mountain on earth; Jesus comes from heaven.
2. Jesus is to be "KING OF KINGS" (Rev. 19:16), not a kingdom.
3. A kingdom is made up of three things: (a) King (b) people (c) land and Jesus cannot be all three.