## **Review Questions**

- What is the rock upon which the church is built?
- How does the Catholic view of the rock fail logically, historically, contextually, and biblically?
- Who is the stone of Isaiah 28:16, and how do you know?
- What is meant by Zion in Isaiah 28:16?
- In what ways is Jesus the tried stone?
- Explain how Jesus is the rejected stone.
- How was Jesus proven to be who He claimed?
- What foundation did Paul lay in Corinth?
  - How were the Corinthians removing themselves from the sure foundation?
  - How did Paul respond to their problem?
- How do we build upon Christ?

This lesson based on material by L.A.Stauffer in The Church: A Biblical Perspective, Lesson 4

Knowing when the church began is important
It is not an institution under the law of Moses
Its beginning marks the beginning of several things
Its beginning can be differentiated from the

religious institutions of men

# Daniel 2 Prophesied the Coming of the Kingdom of God

• Daniel 2:28, 31-45 Four earthly kingdoms Babylonian Head of gold Fell in 536 BC **Medo-Persian** Breasts and arms of silver Fell in 330 BC Macedonian (Greece) Belly and thighs of bronze Roman Legs of iron and feet of iron and clay Established as world power in 30 BC

## Daniel 2 Prophesied the Coming of the Kingdom of God

"In the days of these kings" Referring to that fourth earthly kingdom, the Roman empire Indestructible kingdom to be established in the days of these kings The time is right Luke 3:1-2 Matthew 3:1-2 Luke 1:32-33 Both John and Jesus preached that kingdom was near

## Daniel 2:44 Describes the Kingdom of God

The kingdom is God's creation
The kingdom is indestructible
The kingdom is an all-victorious kingdom, eternal in duration
The kingdom is a universal kingdom – verse 35

(from Dan King's Commentary on Daniel, 2012, pages 219-221)

The kingdom – the church - not established during the ministry of John or Jesus

• Matthew 3:1-2 • Mark 1:15 Matthew 10:17 Matthew 6:9-10 Matthew 16:18 • Matthew 18:1-3 • Mark 9:1 • Luke 22:18 Mark 15:43

#### Jesus' Resurrection, Ascension and the Kingdom

Prophecy of Daniel 7:13-14

- Son of Man ~75 times applied to Jesus (c.f. Matthew 16:13)
- Coming with the clouds of heaven to the Ancient of Days
  Acts 1:9
- Given dominion and glory and an everlasting kingdom
  His resurrection
  - Psalm 2:7
  - Acts 13:33; Hebrews 1:5, 5:5
  - Received dominion, power, and glory
    - Ephesians 1:20-23
- Prophecy of Psalm 110
  - King and Priest, ruling from the right hand of God
  - Acts 2:34-36
- His resurrection & ascension brought him to the right hand of God to rule as King in the everlasting kingdom