

Deuteronomy 32:15 *But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. (The Living Bible - But Israel was soon overfed; yes, fat and bloated; then, in plenty, they forsook their God. They shrugged away the Rock of their salvation.)*

Deuteronomy 32:28-31 *For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up? For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. (The Living Bible - Israel is a stupid nation; foolish, without understanding. Oh, that they were wise! Oh, that they could understand! Oh, that they would know what they are getting into! How could one single enemy chase a thousand of them, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had abandoned them, unless the Lord had destroyed them? But the rock of other nations is not like our Rock; prayers to their gods are valueless.)*

- **Verse 30 often quoted as a statement;** never so! (Joshua 23:10, Isaiah 30:17, Leviticus 26:8)
- **From the earliest times, Israel metaphorically looked to God as their Rock:**
Psalm 62:1-2 *To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David. Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.*
- **What does it mean to have a Rock?**
 1. A firm foundation (unchanging, faithful to promises)
 2. A refuge (refuge from the storm, my rock and my fortress and my high tower)
 3. Refreshment (rock from which water gushed out)
 4. Rest (shadow of a great rock, shadow from the heat)
- **Israel had a Rock, but so does the church:**
 1. Christ is the Smitten Rock, so that we may drink of Living Water (John 4:13-14)
 2. Christ is the Foundation and Chief Cornerstone of the Church (Matt. 16:18, Eph. 2:20)
 3. At His first Advent, Christ was a “stumbling stone” (Psalm 118:22)
 4. At His second Advent, Christ will be the “head stone” (Zechariah 4:7)
 5. To world governments, Christ will be the “stone cut out without hands” (Daniel 2:34)
 6. To unbelievers, Christ will be a crushing Stone of Judgment (Matthew 21:44)
- **The picture in Deuteronomy 32:15** is of a pampered animal which, instead of being tame and gentle, becomes mischievous and vicious in spite of the kind treatment of its owner. This refers to Israel obviously, but in the parallel sense also refers to the church.

1 Corinthians 10:1-14 *Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.***

- Why is the command to flee from idolatry joined to our provided way out of temptation? Because, **if you are constantly yielding to temptation, then you are probably serving other gods!**
- **The world's rock is not like our Rock!** (should be said in victory, but Moses says it as a rebuke) There's no contest between God and the world, but He only gives His power to those that seek Him!
- **You have made God jealous, so He is making you jealous!** (ie. “others have it better”)
Deuteronomy 32:21 *They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.*

How is it that the devil's meagre powers make you run? **You have “shrugged away” your Rock!**