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"ROCK"

"The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted." ~Psalms 18:46

The word for Rock is (1), and it is also the root of	
⁽²⁾ or ⁽³⁾	NOTES
The Oriental culture helped establish the definition of this descriptive title that declares three great truths about God.	
1. His eternal duration, ⁽⁴⁾	
2. His inexhaustible strength, (5)	
3. His unchangeableness, ⁽⁶⁾	
As a rock, God is recognized as ⁽⁷⁾ He is	
reverenced as (8), and He is regarded as	
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elements of (10), (11),	
(12)	
and ⁽¹⁴⁾	
Illustration: Matterhorn—Switzerland, ice, snow, blizzards, floods, quaking within and without, the rock stands (war-torn, famine, tribulation). A symbol of the strength of a nation, a standard.	
The name (15) denotes our God as a Rock, secure in every	
situation. (Deuteronomy 32:4, 15-18, 30-31) (16) denotes	
security, that (17) that is necessary to our lives	
if we are to be (18)	
We would put these terms together to reveal a simple, practical,	
but profound truth that "In God our Rock is a sure foundation, a	
security for investment and a strength." (see Isaiah 28:16)	

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NOTES	Sur is the God who pulled us up from the "horrible pit" of sin (Psalm 40:1-4) and set us on a sure foundation, a (19)	
	Sur is our rock of ⁽²¹⁾ , a deliverance from our enemies. (2 Samuel 22:1-4, 30-32, 47)	
	Sur is our rock of (22) in every situation. (Psalm 61:1-4)	
	Sur is our rock and our (23) through prayer. (Psalm 28:1-2)	
	Sur is our rock and ⁽²⁴⁾ from which we draw strength. (1 <i>Corinthians</i> 10:4)	
	In his song, Moses rebuked Israel for their idolatry in Deuteronomy 32:18, because they had turned from their rock, which was " <i>The rock</i> " to another, which was no rock!	
	Five times Moses speaks of "THE ROCK" in Deuteronomy 32:	
	 The Rock of Salvation (32:15), the source of grace. The Rock that begat thee (32:18), the source of life. The rock that sold them (32:30), the source of ownership. 	
	4. The rock not as our Rock (32:31), the source of perfection.	
	5. The rock in whom they trusted (32:37), the source of failure.	

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The Psalmist favors the description of God as "our Rock." 1. Thou art my rock. (Psalm 72:3)	NOTEC
2. He is my rock. (<i>Psalm 92:15</i>)	NOTES
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3. He only is my rock, and my salvation. (<i>Psalm 62:5-6</i>)	
The word $^{(25)}$ is $^{(26)}$ It is also	
translated ⁽²⁷⁾ (<i>Psalm 19:14</i>) The Lord is	
my strength (stability). It also speaks of (28)	
"Hide me in the cleft of the rock," within the fortress.	
The Old Testament saints found a resting place, and declared it	
to be (29) the Rock, our God. To rest meant to be	
or at ease. This idea is promoted in the	
thought that only on a SURE foundation can one be secure and	
only when you are secure can you really rest.	
In the New Testament we quickly see that the Rock is to be our	
"SURE" foundation! (31) is our foundation	
upon which we build. (Matthew 16:13-18)	
We are to be established (secure, settled, stable) on the Rock,	
Christ Jesus. When we fear the storms of life, we must "REST"	
upon the rock. When the enemies assail and the storms prevail,	
Hide thou me in the cleft of the rock!	
We have a rock secure. Anchor your soul to the rock that cannot	
move—SUR, the rock as God.	

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PETRA SUR ANSWER KEY

1. Sur	11. Trials	21. Salvation
2. Surety	12. Testings	22. Security
3. Security	13. Tribulations	23. Strength
4. Permanence	14. Threats	24. Source
5. Impenetrable	15. Sur	25. Sur
6. Stability	16. Sur	26. Rock
7. Permanent	17. Assurance	27. Strength
8. Impenetrable	18. Established	28. Security
9. Sure	19. Rock	29. Sur
10. Time	20. Rock	30. Settled
		31. Christ