

In the book of Isaiah (xxviii. 16) we find this remarkable prophecy: "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." This prophecy is quoted by the apostle Peter in his epistle, and applied to Christ in these terms: "To whom coming, as unto a Living Stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house." In the focus between these two lights, the one casting its rays forward and the other backward to the spot, lies the much controverted passage, which records the answer of the Master to this same apostle, immediately after he has for the first time expressed his faith in Him as "THE CHRIST, the Son of the Living God": "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. xvi. 18). This is the Christian stronghold; and it is the only Stronghold for Eternity. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is JESUS CHRIST."

THE END.