

Let Us Go Up to the Mountain of the Lord!

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Today, at the Feast of Tabernacles, I want to talk about MOUNTAINS!! I want to talk about their symbolism as we read about them in both Old and New Testaments. I want talk about their special relevance to the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles that we are observing right now.

The Bible speaks about the Mountain of the Lord! Sometimes it is called “*my holy mountain*” or “*the mountain of the Lord’s temple*” or “*The Holy Mountain.*” There is also *Mt. Zion*. And other references as well.

The image / figure of a mountain is powerful in itself. Mountains can be majestic, awesome, powerful, volcanic, and beautiful. They can be rugged or smooth. They can be covered with snow, glaciers or forests. Mountains make us look up! To greater and bigger things. From on top of a mountain you can see over great distances.

What’s your favorite Mountain? I’ve asked people to tell me what their favorite mountain was.

- Mt. Rainer – glaciers (more glaciers than all of Glacier National Park!0
- Smokey Mountains
- Mt. Fuji Fujiyama – perfect volcano and coat of snow
- Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania -- 19,341 feet straight up
- The iconic Matterhorn (Third Man on the Mountain – rugged faces)
- Grand Tetons in Wyoming / Jackson Hole – Death Canyon / Jenny Lake
- Mt. Everest – almost 30,000 feet where airliners cruise
- Mt. St. Helens – flew into the crater, by helicopter
- Mount of Olives -- where Christ will return – gazed at it from the Temple Mount.
- Mt. Nebo in Jordan. You can see Dead Sea (1378 feet below sea level lowest spot on the earth), River Jordan glistening in the sun, the Promised Land on the other side of the Jordan and the lights of Jerusalem. This is the view that Moses had before he died.

What are we to learn from this imagery and symbolism about “mountains” as they are used in the Bible? QUITE A STORY IS TOLD!

Through the prophet Daniel God revealed a fascinating prophecy about a stone that became a mountain that filled the whole earth.

Here’s the story as told in Daniel 2 Let me read it to you.

Dan 2:1-44 (New Living Translation)

1 One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep. 2 He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, 3 he said, "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means."

4 Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

5 But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble! 6 But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream and what it means!"

7 They said again, "Please, Your Majesty. Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

8 The king replied, "I know what you are doing! You're stalling for time because you know I am serious when I say, 9 'If you don't tell me the dream, you are doomed.' So you have conspired to tell me lies, hoping I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I'll know that you can tell me what it means." [Perhaps some sort of palace intrigue in play]

10 The astrologers replied to the king, "No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! 11 The king's demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream, and they do not live here among people."

12 The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. 13 And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.

14 When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. 15 He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened. 16 Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.

17 Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. 18 He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon. 19 That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. 20 He said,

"Praise the name of God forever and ever, for **He** has all wisdom and power.

21 He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. 22 He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light

23 I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded." **[Daniel gives credit to God. Daniel looked to God in tight situations]**

(Then Daniel Interprets the Dream)

24 Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, whom the king had ordered to execute the wise men of Babylon. Daniel said to him, "Don't kill the wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him the meaning of his dream."

25 Arioch quickly took Daniel to the king and said, "I have found one of the captives from Judah who will tell the king the meaning of his dream!"

26 The king said to Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?"

27 Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. 28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed.

29 "While Your Majesty was sleeping, you dreamed about coming events. He who reveals secrets has shown you what is going to happen. 30 And it is not because I am wiser than anyone else that I know the secret of your dream, but because God wants you to understand what was in your heart.

31 "In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. 32 The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, 33 its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay. 34 As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. 35 The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down **became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.**

36 "That was the dream. Now we will tell the king what it means.

37 Your Majesty, you are the greatest of kings. The God of heaven has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and honor. 38 He has made you the ruler over all the inhabited world and has put even the wild animals and birds under your control. You are the head of gold.

39 "But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, inferior to yours, will rise to take your place. After that kingdom has fallen, yet a third kingdom, represented by bronze, will rise to rule the world. 40 Following that kingdom, there will be a fourth one, as strong as iron. That kingdom will smash and crush all previous empires, just as iron smashes and crushes everything it strikes. 41 The feet and toes you saw were a combination of iron and baked clay, showing that

this kingdom will be divided. Like iron mixed with clay, it will have some of the strength of iron. 42 But while some parts of it will be as strong as iron, other parts will be as weak as clay. 43 This mixture of iron and clay also shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage [mingle with the seed of men NKJV]. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix.

44 "During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. 45 That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain." (New Living Translation)

- Daniel praises God for answering his prayer and thanks God for giving him wisdom and strength
- He acknowledges that God controls the course of world events
- Because of Daniel, all the wise men were spared
- Daniel was humble and did not take credit for interpreting the dream (it was God)

Here are the key, facts from this narrative

- **The mountain is called the Kingdom of God. This kingdom would have its origin in God and be the kingdom that replaces, not works within or is approved, certified, registered, by man's kingdoms**
- **The rock was cut out of a mountain without human hands – outside human involvement... by an entity other than human.**
- **The rock grew and became a HUGE MOUNTAIN that filled the whole earth. (Universal) There is no competition. No other peaks!**
- **The kingdom of God would crush all other kingdoms and would last forever. A cataclysmic and sudden clash and crash. Statue toppled over suddenly! The standing powers pictured by the Beast and whoever else is left – China, Russia will cease functioning. This is an invasion!**

This prophecy is about the Kingdom of God – It tells us clearly -

- what it is,
- how it comes about and
- Its interaction with the kingdoms of this earth.

This answers the 2nd petition in the model prayer taught by Jesus: “Thy Kingdom Come.” Here it is!

Our distinctive understanding of the Kingdom of God is one of the greatest TRUTHS that I have come to understand. It's about the Government of God coming to this earth and replacing the

world's government. At the Feast of Tabernacles, we celebrate the Kingdom of God and come to appreciate it more fully each year.

The Kingdom of God is the Hope of Mankind and civilization. It is the intervention to the madness on this earth. -- it's NOT just about crushing the world's political systems! **It's about healing a groaning abused hurt planet. Repairing the environment and eradicating poverty and ignorance**

The Diary of Anne Frank, was kept by a young Dutch Jewish girl while she was in hiding for two years with her family and friends during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. They hid right in the central Amsterdam. Bev and I visited that house which is a museum three years ago.

When reading the Diary of Anne Frank one of the most poignant narratives was when at night they were able to secretly listen to the BBC and get news from London. They were looking for the day when the Allies would invade and liberate Europe from Hitler. That was their hope. They exclaimed over and over to each other...WHEN is this going to happen. They knew it would happen. It was just a matter of time. It finally happened in June 1944 (D-Day). But, the group in hiding was betrayed in August 1944 and most died. We don't want to miss out

Today we live in **Satan-occupied territory** and are waiting for liberation in the same way. We know it's coming. It's just a matter of time. Prophecies of the Bible give us lively hope.

This prophecy in the book of Daniel about the growth of the Kingdom of God to the whole world has fed and mobilized evangelical and missionary efforts of the First Great Awakening, Second Great Awakenings in the 18th and 19th centuries. This has spawned missionary movements to convert as many as possible through preaching. Coming to North America was a great opportunity to convert the American Indians. And, British missionaries travelled to Africa and Asia.

The 1800's were called the greatest century of Missions and 80% of missionaries were English-speaking. Paralleled the great expansion of the British Empire around the world.

For example. In the 1890's in India's State of Mizoram (which we visited last year) .80-90% of the population converted to Christianity through British missionaries. Churches of many denominations appeared. The United Church of God of recent times is there, as well. (Kolasib and Aizwal)

However, the missionaries interpreted that the STONE that filled the whole earth to be knowledge. They connected Daniel 2 to Isaiah 11:9

Isaiah 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. The earth will be soaked in the knowledge of God.

Just like when you pour water into the sea, a tub or pool, it fills us everything! [BECAUSE] The knowledge of God would just that. The oceans are deeper than Mt. Everest and if Mt. Everest were placed in the deepest part of the ocean, it would be covered by water

Missionaries truly and sincerely believed that the world be converted by saturating it with the word of God and Satan would be sent packing.

Theologian Edward Joseph Young in commenting on this verse writes, “Men will know the Lord when once the land will be thus filled [with knowledge], then men will cease to harm one another. Before there can be peace there must first be knowledge.”

Better known commentator Matthew Henry writes, “Some are willing to hope it [the preaching of the gospel before the return of Christ] shall yet have a further accomplishment in the latter days, when swords shall be beaten into ploughshares...They shall thus live in love, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, which shall extinguish men’s hearts and animosities. Satan shall be chained, the dragon bound; for dust shall be the serpent’s meat again. [This is a timing issue regarding the return of Jesus Christ] **Postmillennialism. Naïve (Christ would return at the END of the Millenium**

This never happened. There have periods of revival and spiritual awakening. But NOT overwhelming. We live now in what some called the post-Christian era. Receding market share.

Even though more than 100 million Bibles are printed every year (Quite a jump from the 1455 Gutenberg Bible), the nature of man has not improved.

The world would never come to conversion by the mere preaching of men

Satan is more active than ever. His time is short.

The FATAL FLAW in this thinking was that evangelism would convert the world.

This misunderstanding of the world’s conversion process led to the Rapture teaching in the 1800’s. Many evangelicals were looking for the “soon coming” rapture.

Left Behind (La Haye) series and The Late Great Planet Earth in the 20th century

The rapture teaches that Christian believers who are alive will rise along with the resurrected dead believers into Heaven and join Christ.

The Truth: The Holy Days give context to the chronology and order of events. A map, compass, guide and direction. Rather straightforward and simple.

Feast of Trumpets symbolizes the return of Christ (the Stone) as King of Kings

The Day of Atonement the putting away of Satan.

The meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles is the establishment of the Kingdom of God

If you understand those 3 benchmarks, you understand the order of events.

All the Festivals of God are an orderly chronology of how God is working with mankind starting with the Passover which is personal redemption, Unleavened Bread which typifies of living the

life of Jesus Christ, Pentecost receiving the Holy Spirit of Power all the way to the 8th Day which pictures salvation made available to ALL mankind.

Let's talk more about Mountains imagery in the Bible in Is 2, 11, 65

Isaiah 2:1-4

1 This is a vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship. 3 People from many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." [This is after Christ returns]

For the Lord's teaching will go out from **Zion**; his word will go out from Jerusalem. 4 The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes [It won't be the United Nations]. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore. (NLT)

What's ZION?

Zion is a hill in Jerusalem (1 of 7) . Started as the City of David. (II Samuel 5:7)
The Temple was built on Mt. Moriah....900 meters away

Zion has also meant the place in Jerusalem where the temple was located. Sometimes it means Zion or the place where God is present with his people. Sometimes it means just Jerusalem, the city where the temple was built. It has various connotations and meanings.

Zion appears in the Old Testament 152 **times** as a title of Jerusalem [as much as “prayer” or “grace.”; over half of these occurrences appear in two books, the Book of Isaiah (46 **times**) and that of Psalms (38 **times**). It appears seven **times** in the New Testament and five **times** in quotations from the Old Testament

Refer (in expanded sense) to Jerusalem, the temple mount, the church in the NT, or the whole earth

The way “Zion” is used it's like saying “Capitol Hill,” “Washington D.C” or from number “10 Downing Street.”

Zion – represented Government. But, eventually both Church and Government

Let's go to Isa 11:1-9

Prophecy of the Coming of Christ

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. [Collapse of the statue]

5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. NKJV [This is clearly after the return of Christ to the earth)

Isaiah 65:24-25

24 "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the Lord. NKJV

All the imagery is proclaiming the Kingdom of God coming to the earth. World Capital is Jerusalem.

Isa 9:6-7

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. NKJV

This IS the Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God was also the Prime message of Jesus Christ

Mark 1:14-15

14 ...Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." NKJV

We have the Kingdom of God coming in Power,
Now, we have the Kingdom of God pictured in parables, illustrations and beatitudes.

Matt 5:3-10

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Parables,

- mustard seed,
- leaven,
- Pearl of Great Price,
- treasure

they all illustrated the Kingdom of God

Mark 10:14-16 also illustrated by the nature of little children.

But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. NKJV

Are we talking about the same thing?

Is this the same government? King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

- Daniel, Isaiah, Micah tells us what the Kingdom of God is - the Old Testament
- Jesus tells us what it takes to inherit, receive it. It is at hand, available. NT It is what you need to know to get there.

We are NOT called to be spectators – we are invited to be participants – we will have something to do!

Christ (the “stone”) will return with His saints

Daniel 7:17-18

17 'The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth.

18 But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.'

Rev 1:5-6

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. NKJV

Notice these N.T. references to Mt. Zion.

Heb 12:22-24

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. NKJV

While the Bible teaches that the Church is NOT the Kingdom of God, we have also been taught in our lifetime that the Church is the embryo of the Kingdom of God
Started small – sperm and egg. Mustard seed. Fetus.

1 Peter 2:4-10

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men [Ps 118:22-23],

Ps 118:22

22 The stone which the builders rejected **Has become the chief cornerstone.**

but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

"Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, [Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation;] elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. NKJV

And we are invited to be a part of that mountain, that kingdom, that culture that comes from Above

Col. 2:10--11---speaks of "completeness by the "circumcision made without hands.

10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. 11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision **made without hands**, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, NKJV CONVERSION

God is calling and molding us in holiness to be a kingdom of priests to serve His purposes (1 Pet 2:5, 9-12) THE MOLDING IS NOW! Rev 1:9

A time when the Kingdom of God, the Mountain of God fills the whole earth!!

I Cor 15:28

When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

What to do now! Where are we at now? The Answer!

Is 52:7-10 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet who bring Good News!

7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

8 Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the Lord brings back Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation **of our God**. BEAUTIFULLY DESCRIBES THE WORK OF GOD NOW!! Preach the Gospel and Care for the people.

~~Nahum 1:15-9 (Same thought)~~

We preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God

- Our two-fold job is to Preach the Gospel to the World.....not necessarily to make converts.
- Our job is to care for the people that God has called.
- We're doing that
- TV BT Literature Internet Podcast
- Our ministry

Our work is small but significant and we should not shrink away from this vital Commission!

Matthew 28:19-20

WEB, PRINT, TV, LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Ask God to prepare us, shake us, Give Us His Holy Spirit Be caring. Transform our lives.

Matt 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The Two Witnesses

Rev 10:10-11:14

10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

The Two Witnesses

11 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

The Witnesses Killed

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

The Witnesses Resurrected

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 the second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly. NKJV

Matt 24:22 intervention

22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. (Daniel 2 - the stone cut without hands intervening and becoming the Mountain of the Lord)

Let us come up to the Mountain of the Lord. A mountain of salvation, redemption, purpose, peace,

It's a mountain from Daniel 2 that will replace this world's mountains and hills. It will solve all the heartbreak and wipe away all tears in this world. It starts as a stone whose origin is from God and it expands to fill the earth.

But, the mountain of the Lord is also Mt. Zion. Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone. We are called to be lively stones in that mountain. We are involved. That is now offered to us. It is "at hand."

Isa 25:6-10

6 And in this mountain The Lord of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.

9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

10 For on this mountain the hand of the Lord will rest, NKJV

Ps 121:1-4

I will lift up my eyes to the hills — From whence comes my help? 2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. NKJV

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But, the mountain is even greater that we are called to be participants. Who will be there?

Ps 15

1 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; 4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change; 5 He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved. NKJV

Rom 1:7

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. NKJV

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