

ZION - GOD'S MOUNTAIN AND THE MOUNTAINS OF MEN

ZION means “fortress”; it is God’s “Mountain of Light”

1. Zion was a fortress which was captured by king David; 2 Samuel 5:6-9
2. It was the place of the tombs of kings (repentance, “death to self” takes us there).
3. It was called the “city of David”; 2 Samuel 5:7. The “tabernacle of David” was built there (a tent for the Ark); 1 Chronicles 15:1; 16:1; 2 Chronicles 1:4; 2 Corinthians 5:1
4. It was the place from which Solomon brings the Ark; 2 Chronicles 5:2
5. It was the area occupied by the Temple; Isaiah 8:18
6. It is the “very high mountain” (a structure like a City); Ezekiel 40:1-5
7. It was the capital of Jerusalem, the sacred governing city from where the kings ruled.

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING MOUNT ZION:

1. Zion has a **KING**, Jesus Christ, Who reigns forever in an Eternal Kingdom.
2. Jesus is calling us to climb the **MOUNT OF SEPARATION**, to “come apart unto Him”. He invites His Bride to view the land from the **TOP OF HIS MOUNTAIN**. He calls to His Beloved to “look from the top”, with spiritual vision, so that she can see accurately, from His perspective; Song of Sol. 4:8. (“Hermon” was its ancient name).
3. It is the **resting place of the Ark**. Those who ascend this Mount (Holy Hill) are holy, having clean hands, a pure heart, and a tongue that speaks truth; Ps.15:1-3; 24:3-5.
4. In general terms, Mt. Zion is the New Jerusalem, the Church; Hebrews 12:22-24, 28.
5. Specifically, it is a **governmental company** of full grown sons; Eph. 4:13; James 1:4
6. Zion was the highest mountain; it represents the **HIGHEST ORDER** in the Church, overcomers who attain to the “high calling”, a first fruits people; Rev. 14:1-5; Is. 2:2-3.
7. Zion is a **present reality** that is seen and known by the redeemed (in both human and glorified bodies), where God’s law and His ways are being progressively revealed.
8. Zion is the **hope of the afflicted**; Ps.102:16-22. The Redeemer is there, and those who turn from their transgressions have the light of that Kingdom; Isaiah 59:20; 60:1-3
9. The **Throne of God** is eternally established there. It is His seat of power and authority, where men come to know His perspective of judgment and righteousness; Ps. 2:6; 87:5
10. It is the **realm of His sceptre**: where both His justice and His mercy are extended.
11. It is God’s spiritual Kingdom and Government which cannot be removed; Ps. 125:1
12. Zion is the **perfection of beauty**, from which God’s light shines; Psalm 50:2
13. Zion is the source of continual salvation, and **increasing fullness**; Is. 46:13; Joel 2:32
14. Within the Eternal City, are judges, messengers, teachers, craftsmen, deliverers, people with creative abilities, of various ranks, classes and orders, each having specific duties and assignments; Exodus 35:31-35; Obadiah 17, 21; Ezekiel 44:23-24.
15. Zion is the place where praise to the Lord is perfected, which arises out of perfect rest in the Lord. It is the **realm of perfection**; Psalm 65:1
16. There are “**songs of Zion**”, praise and everlasting joy; Ps.137:3; Isaiah 51:11; 61:3
17. Upon God’s mountain are voices and thunders; His **Shekinah glory** radiates there. Holy beings surround His throne (as in the Most Holy Place) Rev. 14:1-2; 16:18
18. John heard a voice say “**COME UP HITHER**”. He was told to **come up higher and closer** to see accurately in the spirit realm. John saw the judgment of the Harlot; he saw the Bride, the New Jerusalem and the Lamb, Who stands upon Mt. Zion. Before we can see these things, we too, must “come up hither”; Revelation 4:1; 14:1; 17:1; 21:9

DIFFERENT CONCEPTS AND EVENTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH MOUNTAINS:

1. Mountains can point to the pride of man; they shall be “brought low”; Lk 3:5; Is. 40:4.
2. They are symbolic of kingdoms or governments of men; Is. 2:2; Mic. 4:1-2; Ezek.34:6
 - a. “High in the mountains live the wild goats”; Psalm 104:18 (NLT)
3. Mountains can be descriptive of “denominations” (religious kingdoms):
 - a. “And they (God’s sheep) were scattered (to different denominations and religious imaginations), because there is no shepherd, and they became MEAT (food, spoil) to all the BEASTS of the FIELD (demonic powers in the world system); Matt. 13:38, My sheep wandered (from one kingdom of man to the other), and upon every HIGH HILL (the idolatrous concepts of religious Babylon)...and none did search or seek after them...Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them TO CEASE from feeding the flock...for I WILL DELIVER MY FLOCK from their MOUTH (pulpit), that they may not be MEAT for them...”; see Ezek.34:5-10
4. Mountains can be symbolic of great difficulties, obstacles, or that which seems impossible to men; Matthew 21:21
5. Meeting places of “high powers” are called SUMMITS. In biblical days mountains were the center of a civilization’s spiritual community where they worshipped.
6. Mountains are often places of idolatrous worship. Portals to other realms are located there; incense was burned upon mountains to deities; Is. 65:7. Here the people would experience their gods’ “manifestations”. God brings a sword against these; Ezek. 6:2-4
 - a. The people gathered in mountains to be near their deities (heroes, immortals). But God says that He will have a people who “thresh the mountains”; Isaiah 41:15
7. Revelation tells us that the “beast” carries a “woman” (the great whore). This woman is a “great city” (Babylon); Gen. 11:4, which sits upon 7 MOUNTAINS; Rev. 17:9.
 - a. Her influence is over multitudes, nations, kings (heads) of the earth; Rev. 17:1-18.
 - b. The Greek word “mountain” (Strong’s definition) is: “that which rises up, LIFTS ITSELF above the plain”.
8. God says “Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!”; Amos 6:1
 - a. Samaria was Israel’s “crown of pride”; it was the capital of Israel (the Northern Kingdom); Isaiah 28:1. The “drunkards” of Ephraim are those who “err through wine”, which speaks of the abuse of Pentecost and misuse of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. The worshipers of Baal were destroyed in the mountain of Samaria; 2 Kings 10:1-28
9. There are many mountains and hills, but Jesus is absolutely victorious over them all: He comes “leaping upon the mountains and skipping upon the hills”; Song of Sol. 2:8, 17
 - a. The “Rock” (Is. 8:14), has triumphed over kingdoms of men and over every obstacle. He is sovereign over all history and all human rulers; Daniel 2:34-35, 44; 1 Cor. 15:24
 - b. “How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, Your God reigns!”; Isaiah 52:7 (NASB)
10. Jesus took Peter, James and John aside to a place of prayer, on the Mount of Transfiguration, where they saw Moses, Elijah and Jesus in His glory. Peter desired to erect some “tabernacles” to these, but the voice of the Father spoke: their vision was to be focused upon Jesus alone, not others, or what they could “build” for God; Matt. 17:1-8

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