

Come to the Mountain and Make a Decision

Verse 16: “Root of Bitterness” - Referencing Covenant Renewal in Moab

Deuteronomy 29:18b - 20

18b Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit,

19 one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike.

20 The LORD will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.

Joshua 24:31 Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the LORD did for Israel.

Mount Sinai – Exodus 19

1. A terrifying mountain that could be touched (physical)
 - **Exodus 19:12 – 13a** ...set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’
2. Blazing fire
 - **Exodus 19:18** Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.
3. Darkness
 - **Exodus 19:9** And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud,
4. Gloom
 - **Exodus 19:16** On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.
5. Tempest
 - **Exodus 20:18** Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off
6. The warning sounds of a trumpet
 - **Exodus 19:19** And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.
7. A voice that spoke and made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them
 - **Exodus 20:18 - 19** Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”



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Mount Zion – Revelation 21

1. A heavenly city that we don't see yet (spiritual)
 - **Hebrews 11:16b** ...they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.
 - **Revelation 21:2 - 3** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.
2. A gathering of innumerable angels in festive gathering (happy celebration)
 - **Revelation 5:11 - 12** Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!
3. The church of the firstborn, enrolled in heaven
 - **Ephesians 2:6 - 7** ...raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
4. God, the judge of all
 - **Psalms 46:4 - 6** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
5. The spirits of the righteous ones made perfect
 - **Hebrews 11:39** And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised
 - **Revelation 20:11 - 12** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.
6. Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant
 - **Hebrews 9:15a** Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance
7. Blood that speaks better words than Abel's
 - **Genesis 4:10** And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

Verse 26: God will Shake the Heavens and the Earth in Judgement

Haggai 2:6 - 7

6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.

7 And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.

