

# Treasure Hunt

## Heb 12:18-21

- Elijah: To whom does “Son” refer in the first part of Hebrews? How about the second part?
- Compare and contrast the examples given in ch. 11 and ch. 13.
- Caitlin: What passage earlier in the NT uses the metaphor of the two mountains?
- Michael: To what destination does the verb “ye are come” (12:18, 22) regularly refer, and why is that verb appropriate here?
- What does the tense of this verb tell us about the meaning of the metaphor?
- Faith: Where does the writer get the description of Mount Sinai in 12:18-20?
- Ben: What was the attitude of the Israelites toward the voice of God?
- Nate: When did Moses say that he was afraid?
- When did Moses quake?
- What does his reaction tell us about the character of God?

# "Son" in Hebrews: **Christ**, believers (**plural**, **singular**)

Epistle to the Hebrews

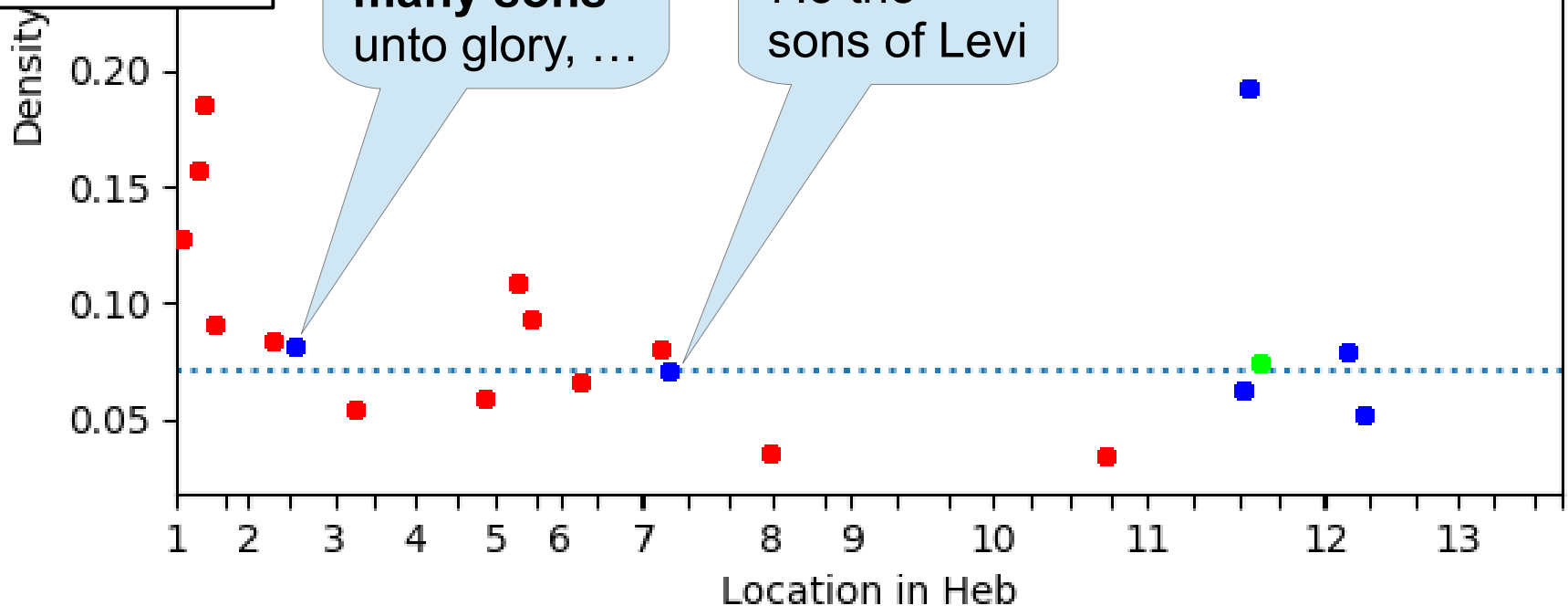
1:1-10:25, The Person  
and Work of **the Son**

1:5-2:18, His Person: the  
Son & the Angels

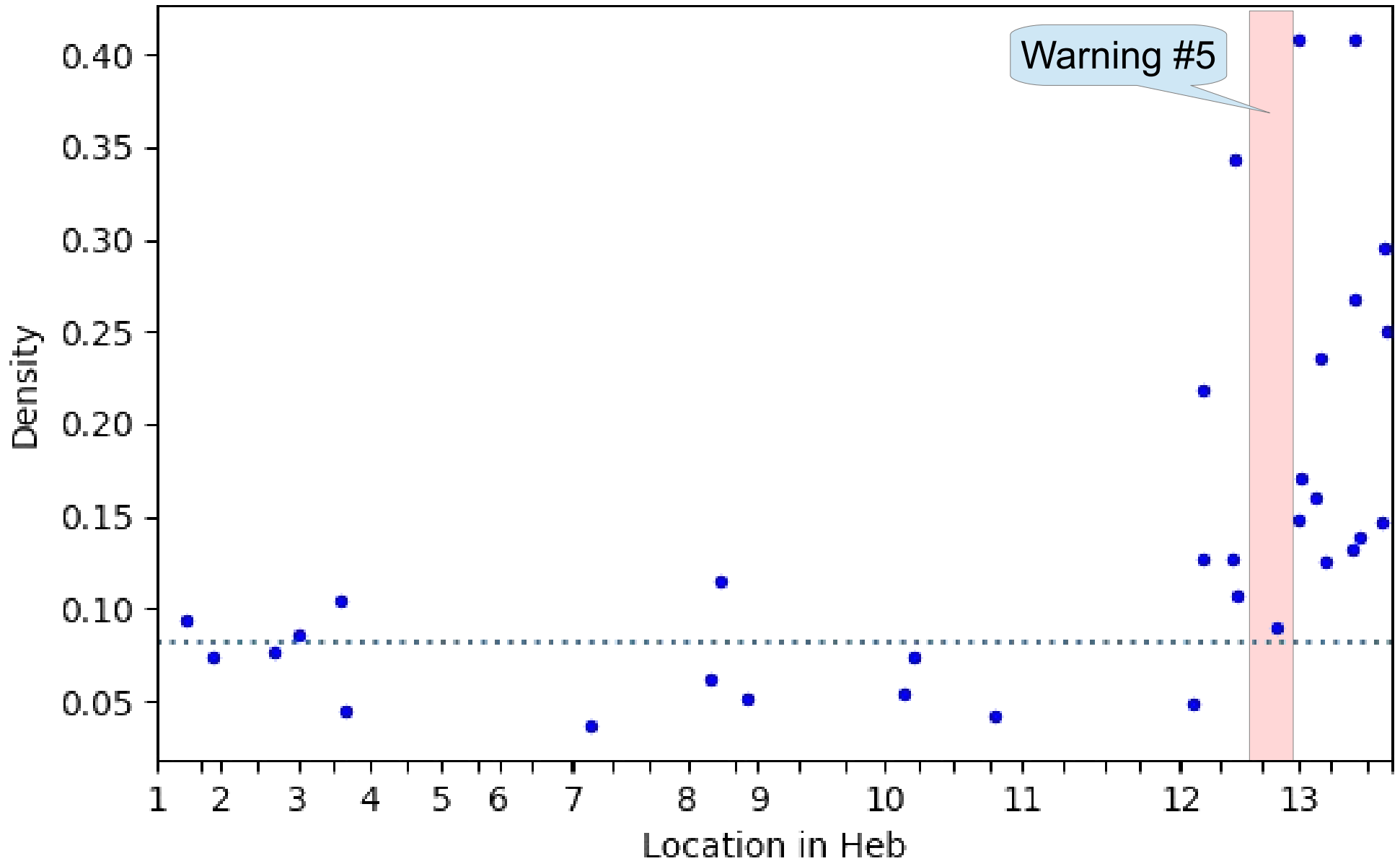
3:1-10:25, His Work: the  
Son & the Priests

10:26-31, Warning

10:32-13:25, The Life  
of **the Sons**



# Imperatives in Hebrews



# Structure of Hebrews 10:32-13:25

10:32-13:25, The Life  
of the Sons of God

10:32-12:17, **Past** Witnesses

10:32-39, Example & Exhortation

- 32-34, Example
- 35-39, Exhortation

11:1-40, Examples (indicative)

12:1-17, Exhortation (imperative)

12:18-29, Warning

13:1-25, **Current** Examples

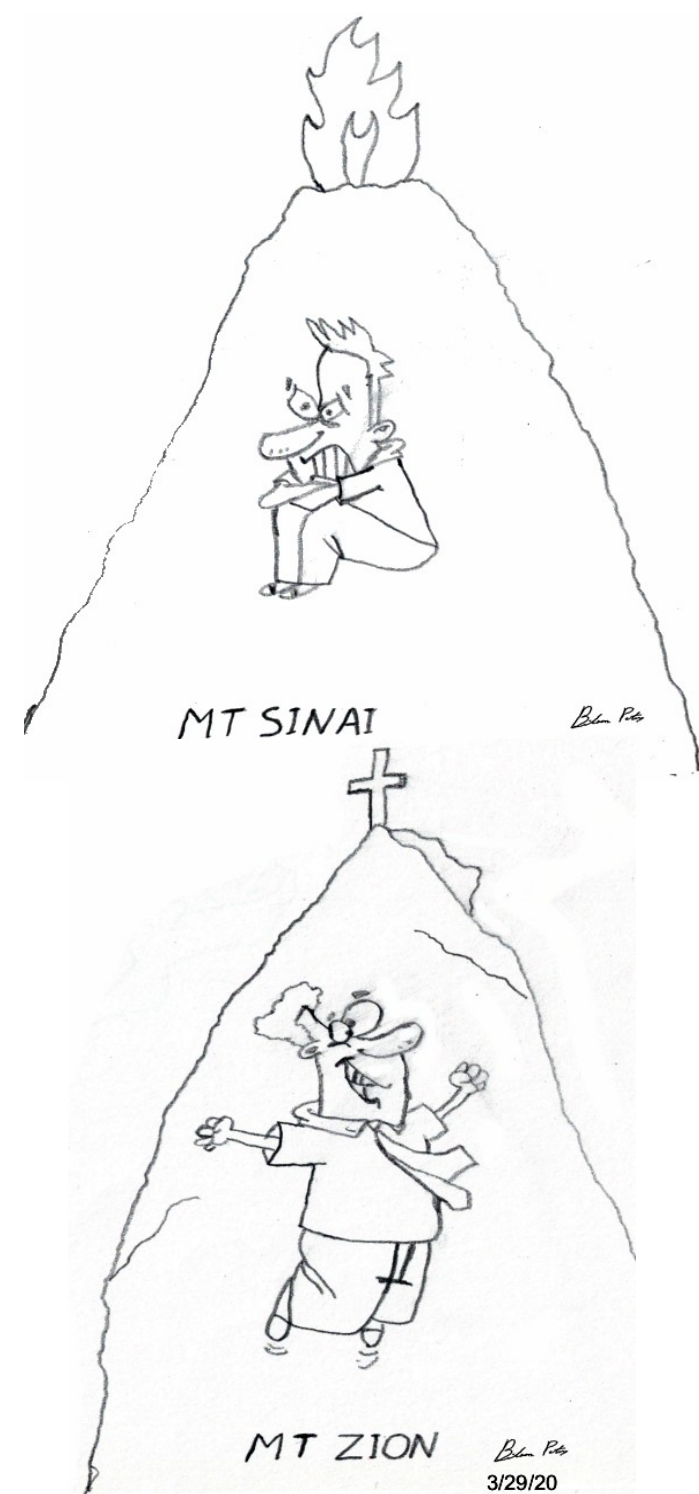
- 1-8, in Conduct
- 9-17, in Worship
- 18-25, in Fellowship

# The Warnings in Hebrews

<b>Warning</b>	<b>Sin</b>	<b>Follows</b>	<b>Precedes</b>
2:1-4	Neglect	1:1-14, Christ higher than angels	2:5-18, Christ lower than angels
3:7-4:13	Unbelief	3:1-6, Christ as faithful high priest (faith = belief)	4:14-10:25, Christ as merciful high priest
5:11-6:12	Stagnation	4:14-5:10, Christ is like other priests	6:13-10:25, Christ is unlike other priests
10:26-31	Willful Sin	1:1-10:25, The Person & Work of the Son of God	10:32-13:19, The Life of the Sons of God
12:18-29	Refusal to Obey	10:32-12:17, Past Witnesses	13:1-25, Current Examples

# Another Reference to the Two Mountains

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written [Isa 54:1], Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.



# 12:18-21 as an Echo of Exodus 19-20 (a)

Hebrews 12	Exodus 19-20 and Others
<p>18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be <b>touched</b>,</p>	<p>19:12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or <b>touch</b> the border of it: whosoever <b>toucheth</b> the mount shall be surely put to death: (cf. v. 13)</p>
<p>and that burned with <b>fire</b>, nor unto <b>blackness</b>, and <b>darkness</b>, and <b>tempest</b>,</p>	<p>19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were <b>thunders and lightnings</b>, and a <b>thick cloud</b> upon the mount, ... 18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a <b>smoke</b>, because the LORD descended upon it in <b>fire</b>: ... and the whole mount quaked greatly. Deut. 4:11 And ye drew nigh and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with <b>fire</b> up to heaven: there was <b>darkness, blackness, and tempest</b>.</p>
<p>19 And the sound of a <b>trumpet</b>, and the <b>voice of words</b>;</p>	<p>19:16 ... and the voice of the <b>trumpet</b> exceeding loud; ... 19 And when the voice of the <b>trumpet</b> sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and <b>God answered him by a voice</b>.</p>
<p>which voice they that heard intreated that the word <b>should not be spoken</b> to them any more:</p>	<p>20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but <b>let not God speak with us</b>, lest we die.</p>

# 12:18-21 as an Echo of Exodus 19-20 (b)

Hebrews 12	Exodus 19-20 and Others
<p>20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:</p>	<p>19:13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live:</p>
<p>21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly <b>fear</b> and <b>quake</b>:)</p>	<p>[Golden Calf:] Deut 9:19 For <b>I was afraid</b> of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you.            [Burning Bush:] Acts 7:32 ... Then Moses <b>trembled</b>, and durst not behold.</p>



Exod 3:6 And Moses hid [LXX turned aside] his face; for he was afraid to look upon [LXX looked down in the presence of] God.