

Treasure Hunt

Heb 12:18-24

- Ben: What was the attitude of the Israelites toward the voice of God?
- Nate: When did Moses say that he was afraid?
- Elijah: When did Moses quake, according to Acts 7?
- What does his reaction tell us about the character of God?
- When, according to the OT prophets, will people come to Mount Zion?
- Michael: Has this time come yet, or not? (Be careful!)
- Faith: Who makes up the “innumerable company” to which we have come?
- What two people, mentioned earlier in Hebrews, does our title “firstborn” recall?
- Caitlin: What lesson do we learn from each of them?
- What are the two characteristics of the saints in heaven?

MT SINAI

- A mountain that cannot be touched
- Burning with fire
- Darkness gloom and storm
- A Trumpet blast
- God's voice of warning and judgement
- Moses trembling at the terrifying sight



MT SINAI

MT ZION

- The heavenly Jerusalem, the city of living God
- An immense, joyful assembly of angels
- God, the judge of all
- Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant
- The church of the firstborn, spirits of righteous made perfect through the sprinkled blood of Jesus



MT ZION

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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 touched,</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 touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: (cf. v. 13)</p>
<p>and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,</p>	<p>19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, ... 18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: ... and the whole mount quaked greatly. Deut. 4:11 And ye drew nigh and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire up to heaven: there was darkness, blackness, and tempest.</p>
<p>19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words;</p>	<p>19:16 ... and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; ... 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.</p>
<p>which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:</p>	<p>20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, 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 fear and quake:)</p>	<p>[Golden Calf:] Deut 9:19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. [Burning Bush:] Acts 7:32 ... Then Moses trembled, 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.

Seven Features of the Church, 12:22-24



Category	Feature
Place	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mount Zion 2. City of God, Heavenly Jerusalem
Worshippers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Innumerable company: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. General assembly of angels b. Church of the firstborn
Center	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. God the Judge 5. Spirits of just men 6. Jesus the Mediator 7. Blood of sprinkling

The Place: Zion

Israel and Judah:

Jer 31:6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the **mount Ephraim** shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to **Zion** unto the LORD our God. ... 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

Jew and Gentile:

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the **mountain** of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people^S shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the **mountain** of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of **Zion** shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from **Jerusalem**.

New Covenant:

Jer 50:4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. 5 They shall ask the way to **Zion** with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a **perpetual covenant** that shall not be forgotten.

Place: City

Gal 4:25 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.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new **Jerusalem**, coming down from God **out of heaven**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy **Jerusalem**, descending **out of heaven** from God,

Phi 3:20 For our conversation [πολιτευμα state, commonwealth, **citizenship**] is in **heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Worshippers

Matt 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven **their angels** do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. [**context: the church chapter**]

1Cor. 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head **because of the angels**.

Eph. 3:10 To the intent that now unto the **principalities and powers** in heavenly places might be known **by the church** the manifold wisdom of God,

1Pet. 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things **the angels desire** to look into.

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, **sent forth to minister** for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Useful References on 12:23-24

God the judge of all

Rom 14:12 every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Gen. 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect [blameless].

Jesus the mediator of the **new νεος** covenant

Heb. 8:6 he is the mediator of a **better** covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Heb. 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the **new καινός** testament,

the blood ... that speaketh

...

Gen 4:10 the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.