

The Two Mountains

Introduction: The thrust of this section of scripture is to contrast the new covenant relationship God has with His people against their relationship under Moses and the old covenant.

I) Old Covenant and Mount Sinai

- A) Everything was physical -*Exodus 19:16-19; Deuteronomy 5:22-27.*
- B) Access was restricted -*Ex 19:12-13.*
- C) Done to instill fear from sinning. It failed - *Deuteronomy 9:9-12.*

II) New Covenant and Mount Zion.

- A) It is spiritual - *v22; Hebrews 11:10.*
- B) We must come in faith -*Heb 10:6.*
- C) The joyful assembly -*Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 5:11-12.*
- D) We come to God Himself -*Heb 4:16.*
- E) As part of His family - *Heb 2:11.*
- F) Abel's blood demanded vengeance; Jesus blood removes wrath and brings mercy.

III) Rejecting Jesus brings judgment - *v 25; Acts 24:24-25.*

IV) At His return all will be shaken -*v26; Haggai 2:6; v27; Romans 8:19-21; 2 Peter 3:12-13.* Then the new heavens will be established - *Revelation 21:1-2.*

V) Human society is fragile and crumbling.

Conclusion: What shall we do? *Matt 6:9-10.*

When will the prayer be answered? -*2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 24:14.* With the help of the Holy Spirit, we have the power to further the spread of the gospel and hasten the fulfillment of the prayer.

First we must thankfully acknowledge what has been given to us. Then worship God with reverence and awe. And finally live as citizens of Zion, as spirits being made perfect.