

The Mountain of God

One of the concepts that must be grasped in the Kingdom is the reference to and importance of mountains.

A mountain represent the presence of God Almighty. It represents the seat of his government because his presence is located on the summit where his throne resides. It is known as The Mountain of God. This fact flows throughout the OT, but is missing from the NT writings.

The painting below of Mount Sinai depicts the holy mountain of God's presence when the Israelites camped there to receive the commandments and law of God. You can see from the painting the awe and splendour of God's holy mountain.



Illustration 1: Mount Sinai (Painting by Eizen)

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It appears from the content of the Sinai account that the actual Mountain of God came down and rested on Mt Sinai. Or, putting it another way, the Mountain of God became visible on the top of Mt Sinai. This was the reason for the manifestation of all the lightning and thunder and glory which surrounds God's throne which was described subsequently by the OT prophets. It is also why the elders were able to go up and feast with Moses and God.

In the Beginning

The presence of God was associated with a mountain right back in Genesis at the start of the human race. Genesis recounts that there was a place (an area) on Earth known as Eden. In Eden there was a mountain, the Mountain of God², the location of his throne on Earth. From his throne³ and out from the mountain rivers flowed watering the ground. Eastward in Eden was a garden where Adam and Eve lived.

Notice the inclusion of a mountain in the middle background of the painting over the page which is of an artist's impression of Eden and the presence of the Mountain of God.

1 - Source: www.fineart-prints-posters.com/eizen.shtml

2 - Ezekiel 28:13-15 [Lucifer was in Eden and he was also on the mountain of God. So the Mountain of God must have been in Eden]

3 - Revelation 22:1 [Wherever his throne is, life-giving water flows out]

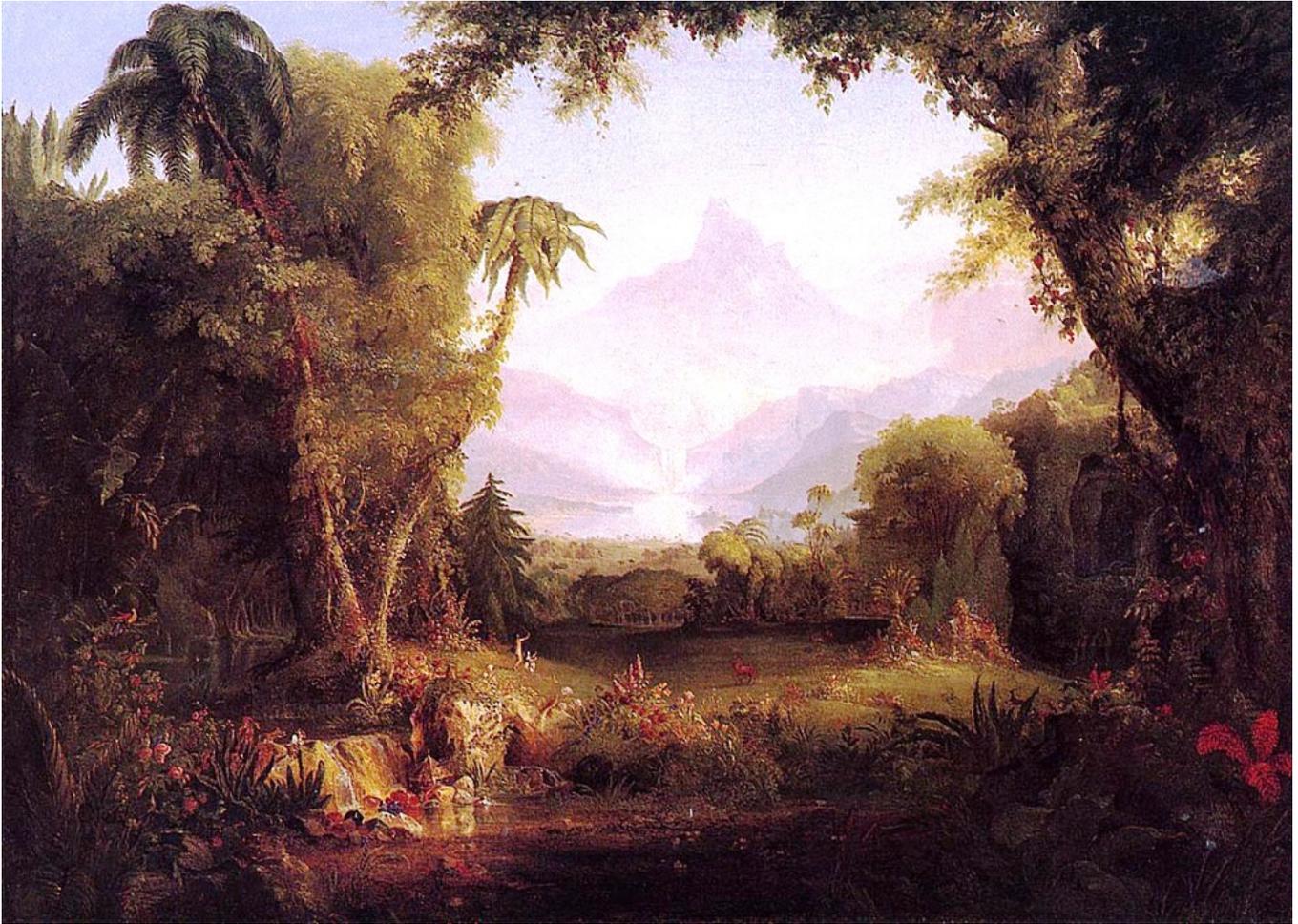


Illustration 2: *The Garden of Eden* (painting by Cole Thomas 1828)

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Mount Sinai

When Almighty God came to Earth in spirit form he met with his people on the top of a mountain he had chosen on their way to the Promised Land. This was Mount Sinai.

Mount Sinai was made holy to the Israelites because God came there and his presence was displayed. The mountain itself wasn't his actual holy mountain.

NOTE: 'Mount Sinai' is the pseudonym for Mount Horeb, located in the Wilderness of Sin. (Sin-ai = "Sin-Mountain" in ancient Hebrew or Semitic languages)

Mount Zion

God chose to put the Jewish temple on a mountain also. This was mount Zion, on the north side of Jerusalem.

The temple was the place of his presence on Earth and so a mountain was appropriate to signify his seat of government from there and his manifest presence in the Holy of Holies.

Ancient Peoples

All ancient cultures were aware of the mountain of God where his presence was located because they all had knowledge handed down verbally, religiously or in written form, originating right back to Adam's experience.

It is this spiritual knowledge that God's throne is on top of a mountain that causes occult worshippers to set up altars and temples on top of mountains. This is the basis of the expression 'high places' in scripture.

High places were mountains, mounts or hills that were higher than the surrounding landscape. The kingdom of darkness always copies what Almighty God has done, misrepresenting the truth.

Mount Hermon

Mount Hermon was such a place as this. It is located on the border of Syria and Lebanon. In Jesus' day it was North of Caesarea Philippi.

Mount Hermon was an occultic place from very ancient times. It is the place where the rebellious "sons of God" chose to come to Earth, making an oath to leave their abode in Heaven and take human wives.⁵ It was also the mountain dedicated to Baal, and many other demonic deities were worshipped there.⁶

Tower of Babel

The Tower of Babel was the first recorded instance where humans decided in their occultic reasoning to build a mount, rather than go to a mount. In this way they could have a mountain to their own God made with their own hands to show their affection.

The text below gives some insight into their thinking.

Interestingly, God approves of things that he designs and initiates, and which we then construct in obedience.

*"There must have been a big library of cuneiform tablets. Among the finds are several tablets and a foundation stone with inscriptions detailing why and how Nebuchadnezzar constructed the tower in Borsippa. One text says the king wanted the Borsippa built on the same design as that of the Tower of Babel, of which only the foundation survives in Babylon seven miles to the north. Another text quotes Nebuchadnezzar as declaring that Nabu's towers should reach the skies and be no less in grandeur than that of Babel, which was dedicated to the god Marduk."*⁷

Ziggurats

The Tower of Babel was a type of structure that is called a 'ziggurat' by archaeologists today. It is a man-made mountain designed to have a place of sacrifice or temple on the summit for the purposes of worshipping an occult god.

Ziggurats were built in varying shapes and sizes and in many locations around the world.



Illustration 3: The Ziggurat at Ur

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"The Sialk, in Kashan, Iran, is the oldest known ziggurat, dating to the early 3rd millennium BCE. Ziggurat designs ranged from simple bases upon which a temple sat, to marvels of mathematics and construction which spanned several terraced stories and were topped with a temple...An example of a simple ziggurat is the White Temple of Uruk, in ancient Sumer. The ziggurat itself is the base on which the

5 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Hermon#Epigraphy.2C_archaeology_and_references_in_religious_texts

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7 - Boraippa, Iraq - December 3, 1998 - Associated Press (www.throneofgod.com/Sodom/ziggurat.htm)

8 - Source: <http://commons.wikimedia.org>

White Temple is set. Its purpose is to get the temple closer to the heavens, and provide access from the ground to it via steps."⁹

"After 20 years of digging, Austrian archaeologists say they have determined the design of a Mesopotamian ziggurat - a temple tower - built by King Nebuchadnezzar some 2,500 years ago. The temple tower consisted of seven terraces built of millions of mud bricks and rose 231 feet, the scientists say. It probably was similar to the many ziggurats built by Nebuchadnezzar, the ruler who ordered the destruction of the ancient Jewish temple in Jerusalem, they add.

The temple of Borsippa, 75 miles south of Baghdad, was constructed atop the ruins of a smaller tower from the second millennium B.C. Nebuchadnezzar's temple was dedicated to Nabu, the god of science and learning in Mesopotamia and the king's protector."¹⁰

Mayan Temples

Many of the Mayan and Inca temples are ziggurat in design and function.

CONCLUDING NOTES

Jacob's vision¹¹ at Bethel is usually Christianised to be a ladder with angels traversing it. The ancient Hebrew could quite easily read, "Behold a stairway was set up in the Earth, and its top reached the heavens. And behold, messengers of God went up and down on it"¹². Messengers (*mal'âk*¹³) here could be heavenly beings climbing up and down the mountain of God in its spiritual reality rather than a physical mountain that God uses in the natural. The beings would most likely have had no wings as most angels (messengers) are wingless and man-like. The staircase is similar to the access steps to a temple as the painting over the page hints at.

Whenever the phrase 'my mountain' comes up in prophetic messages, it is referring to the presence of the Lord – his throne, his government and his position as King of Kings.

This mountain of the Lord is the place we are to inhabit. When the Lord says in a prophetic message, "Come up here", this is what he's referring to. He wants us to come into his presence as Sons of God, as warriors of the King and as friends, in a place where we are untouchable.

As a prophetic example of this, Rick Joyner was taken by the Lord in an open vision that showed him particular incidents of End Times for the purposes of writing down what he saw to prepare the saints for what is coming. Part of what Rick was shown was the Mountain of God and he was given instruction about its importance.¹⁴

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9 - (www.throneofgod.com/Sodom/ziggurat.htm)

10 - Boraippa, Iraq - December 3, 1998 - Associated Press (www.throneofgod.com/Sodom/ziggurat.htm)

11 - Genesis 28:10-22

12 - Richard Clifford (2010) "The Cosmic Mountain in Canaan and the Old Testament", Wipf & Stock: Eugene, Oregon

13 - Means 'messenger' or 'representative'.

14 - Rick Joyner (1996) "The Final Quest", Whitaker House: New Kensington, PA. Part II, "The Holy Mountain" p:40-56