



***FIXING OUR  
EYES ON  
JESUS!***

**In the Old & New Testament**  
*A Study in the*  
*book of Hebrews*



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*A TALE OF TWO  
MOUNTAINS*



# Faith Tracing

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- **Inauguration of Israel to a nation**
    - **Desert Rock Mountain**
    - **A Blazing Fire!**
    - **Darkness and gloom**
    - **Whirlwind, earthquakes, lightning . . .**
    - **Voice of God, trumpets**
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# What's the point?

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- **Book of “Hebrews”**
- **The Rabbis conspired to Kill Jesus**
- **All early church was Jewish!**
- **Paul's gospel rejected by Jews**
- **They represent us all!**

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# Why the unbelief?

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- **We love our sin and selves, Esau!**
- **We are totally depraved**
- **We love the approval of men**
- **We prefer Rule-igion over Faith**
- **We want works instead of Love!**

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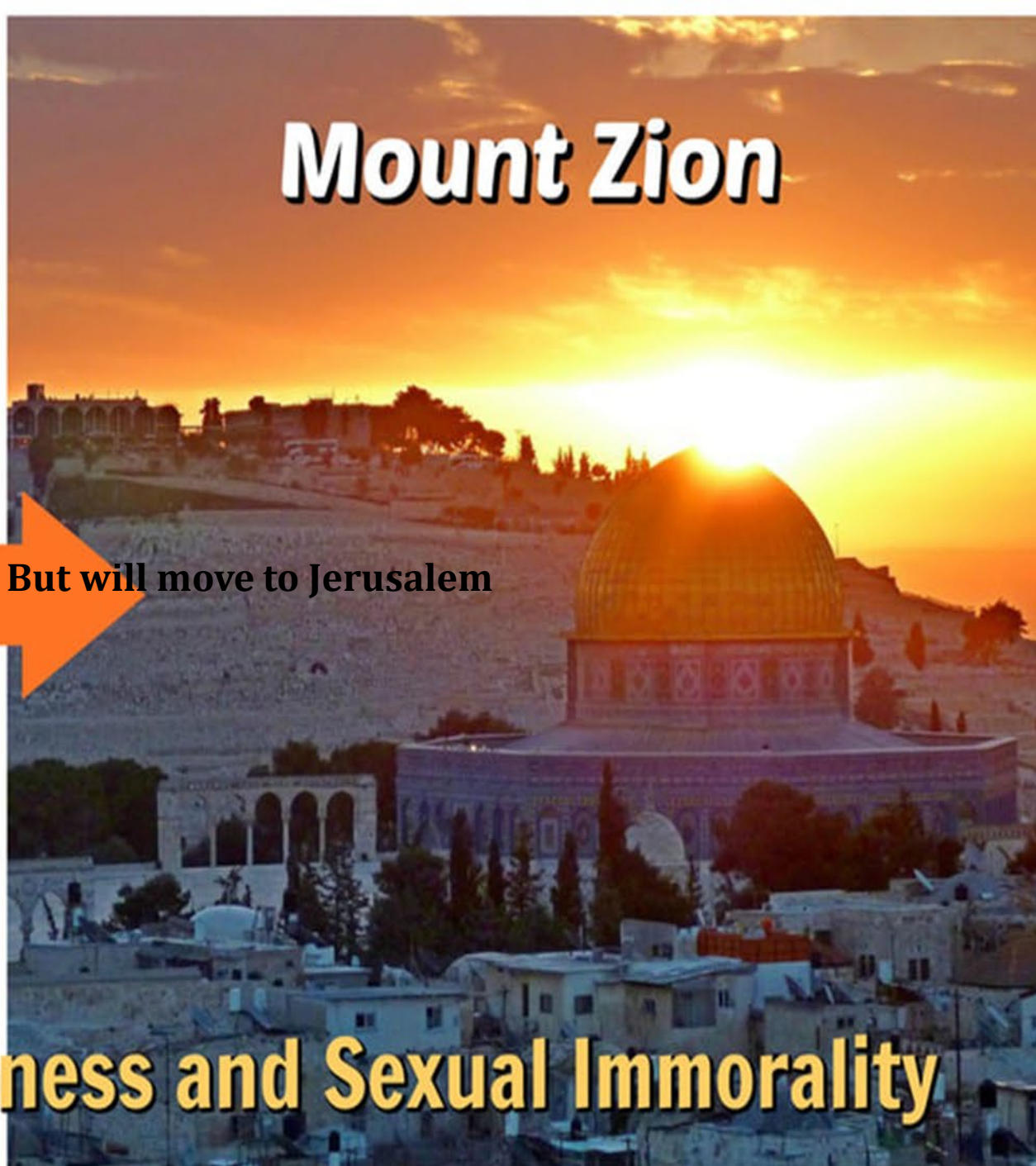
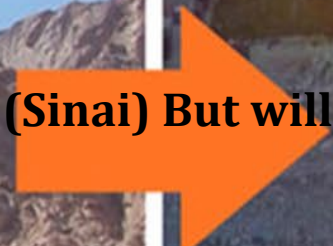
# Mount Sinai

Grace is the Cure

God lives on this Mtn. (Sinai) But will move to Jerusalem too!

Grace is the Cure for Bitterness and Sexual Immorality

# Mount Zion



# 2 Mountains

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- **Mt. Sinai vs. Mt. Zion**
- **Law = 3,000 dead, Spirit = 3,000 saved**
- **Untouchable to Indwelt, fire!**
- **God's voice to many languages!**

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# TWO SYMBOLIC MOUNTAINS HEBREWS 12:18-24

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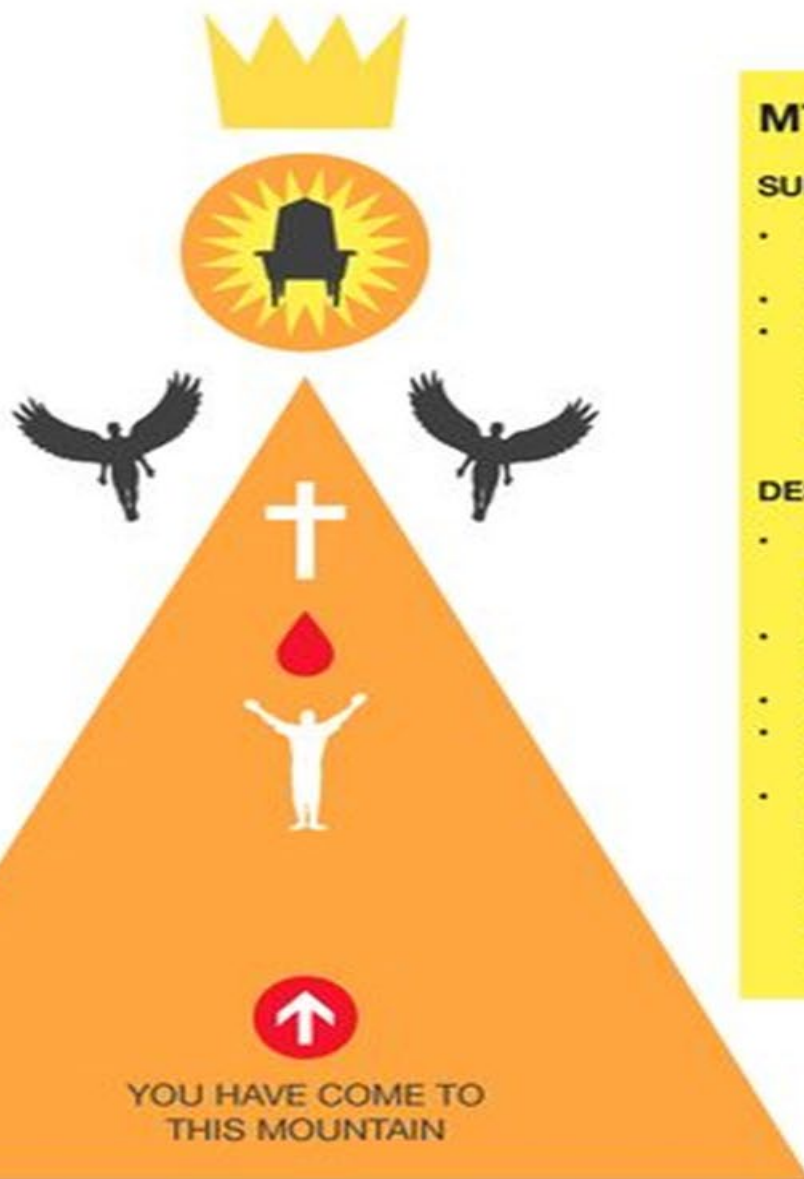
## MT SINAI (18-21)

### SUMMARY

- The *earthly* mountain
- The *old* covenant
- The unapproachable, awesome God

### DESCRIPTION

- 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 ZION (22-24)

### SUMMARY

- The *heavenly* mountain
- The *new* covenant
- The awesome God, approachable through the blood of Jesus

### DESCRIPTION

- The heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the 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 the righteous made perfect through the sprinkled blood of Jesus

# Mt. Zion

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- The city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,
- And to myriads of angels,
- The general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven

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**THE OLD COVENANT**

with 'our fathers' 'in the past'

promise = shadow

fulfilment = reality

**THE NEW COVENANT**

with 'us' 'in these days'

**Levitical priests** = serve in human tent on earth = copy & shadow

Jesus' place of service is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (8:1-6; 9:1-5)

**Jesus** = our true High Priest = serves at divine throne in heaven = original & reality**Levitical priests** = mediate old covenant = ineffective & obsolete

Jesus' covenant is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (8:7-13; 9:6-10)

**Jesus** = our true High Priest = mediates new covenant = effective & eternal**Levitical priests** = blood of animals in earthly tent, repeated sacrifices, no true redemption, outward cleansing only

Jesus' sacrificial blood is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (9:11-28)

**Jesus** = our true High Priest = own blood in heaven itself, single sacrifice, eternal redemption, inward forgiveness & purification**Levitical priests** = bodies of animals, continual & many, reminder of sin, no lasting sanctification or perfection, stand daily to serve

Jesus' sacrificial body is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (10:1-18)

**Jesus** = our true High Priest = own body, singular & once for all, takes away sin, eternal sanctification & perfection, sits down at right hand of God**God's old covenant people** = examples of faith

Jesus is superior to the people of God (11:1 - 12:3)

**Jesus** = God's Son = the founder & perfecter of our faith, endured the cross, seated with God**Sinai** = earthly mountain, terror & fear toward God, laws & penalties = condemnation from God

Jesus' New Covenant is superior to the Old Covenant as symbolised by Sinai &amp; Zion (12:18-24)

**Zion** = heavenly mountain, grace & kindness in the presence of God, forgiveness & cleansing in the blood of Jesus

# Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion

	Mt. Sinai	Mt. Zion
Reality	“You have not come to...”(v.18a)	“You have come to...”(v.22a) as if heaven is a present reality
Nature	Mountain of fire and darkness (v.18b)	City of perfection (v.22b)
Mood	Gloom (v.18)	Joy (v.22)
Privileges	Fear even touching Sinai (v.20)	Names recorded in heaven(firstborn) (v.23)
Location	Earth (v.25-26)	Heaven (v.22,25)
Covenant	Old/Mosaic (v.21)	New (v.24)
Atoning blood	None was yet shed (v.20)	Perfect atonement (v.24)
Participants	Jews under the law (v.25)	God (v.21,23b) Angels (v.22) Church (v.23a) OT saints (v.23c) Jesus (v.24)
Listening	Ask not to hear God (v.19b)	Should listen to God speaking (v.25)
Application	Never turn back to your past religion (v.25)	Press on to your future reward with thanks and worship (v.28b-29)

# Faith inspires Hope!

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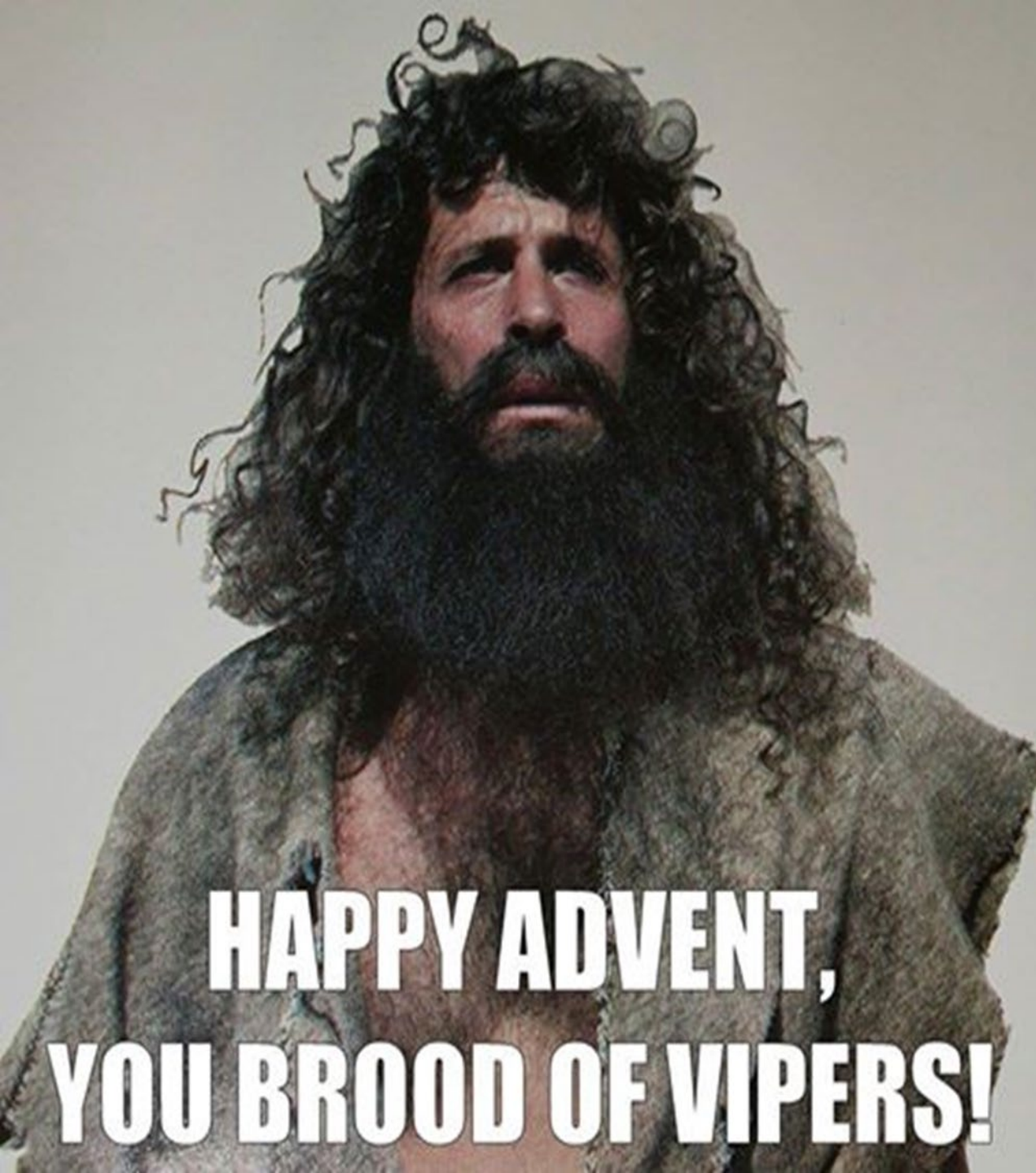
- **Vss. 21-22 – Jesus is approachable**
- **He is going to prepare a place**
- **Jerusalem and O.T. worship ends**
- **Better covenant and blood!**

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# Finish line in view

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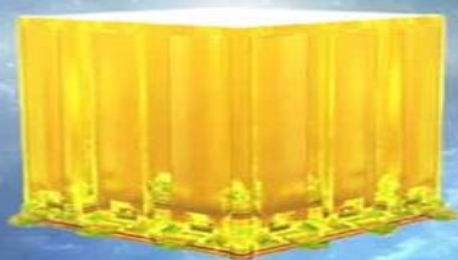
- **Jesus came humbly with grace**
- **“Familiarity breeds contempt?”**
- **Do you fear the Lord or fear failing Him?**
- **A Better Mediator!**

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# New Jerusalem

YHWH "Tabernacles" with the New Earth  
through His Temple of New Jerusalem

"New Heavens"  
Revelation 21:1



"I saw the Holy City,  
New Jerusalem, coming down  
out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride  
adorned for her husband"

Revelation 21:2

"Behold, the **Tabernacle**  
of God is with man.  
He will dwell with them"  
Revelation 21:3




"New Earth"  
Revelation 21:1


Revelation 21:4

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, & death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a piece of flat, golden-brown Passover bread. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the bread held between the fingers. In the background, a wooden bowl is partially visible, and the lighting is warm and soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere.

“This [The Passover bread] is my body given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.” (Luke 22:19)



“This cup [The Passover wine] is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”







## TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD God
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy
5. Honor your father and your mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor
10. You shall not covet

# Which Commandments Are We Suppose To Keep

### Revelation 12:17

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the **commandments** of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

### Revelation 14:12

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the **commandments** of God, and the faith of Jesus.

### Revelation 22:14

Blessed are they that do his **commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.



EUROPE

AFRICA

CYPRUS

SYRIA

Mediterranean Sea

LEBANON

Damascus

WEST BANK

Jerusalem

ISRAEL

Dead Sea

JORDAN

ARABIA

Petra

SINAI PENINSULA

150 MI (240 KM)

SAUDI ARABIA

EGYPT

Nile River

Gulf of Suez

Gulf of Aqaba

Mt. Sinai

Red Sea

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### Mt. Sinai in Arabia?

It's unclear why Paul says Mount Sinai is in Arabia (Galatians 4:25), when most scholars today place it in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. In Roman times, Arabia was the land east of Israel: Southern Syria, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. There were old Jewish stories that put Sinai in the area of Petra, Jordan. Paul may have been referring to that tradition, some say.









# Key Passage

## Hebrews 12:18-25a *(Message Translation)*

18-21 Unlike your ancestors, you didn't come to Mount Sinai—all that volcanic blaze and earthshaking rumble—to hear God speak. The earsplitting words and soul-shaking message terrified them and they begged him to stop. When they heard the words—"If an animal touches the Mountain, it's as good as dead"—they were afraid to move. Even Moses was terrified.



## Hebrews 12:22-24 (TNIV)

22 **But you have come to Mount Zion,**

- to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.
- You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,
- 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.
- You have come to God, the Judge of all,
- to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
- 24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant,
- and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

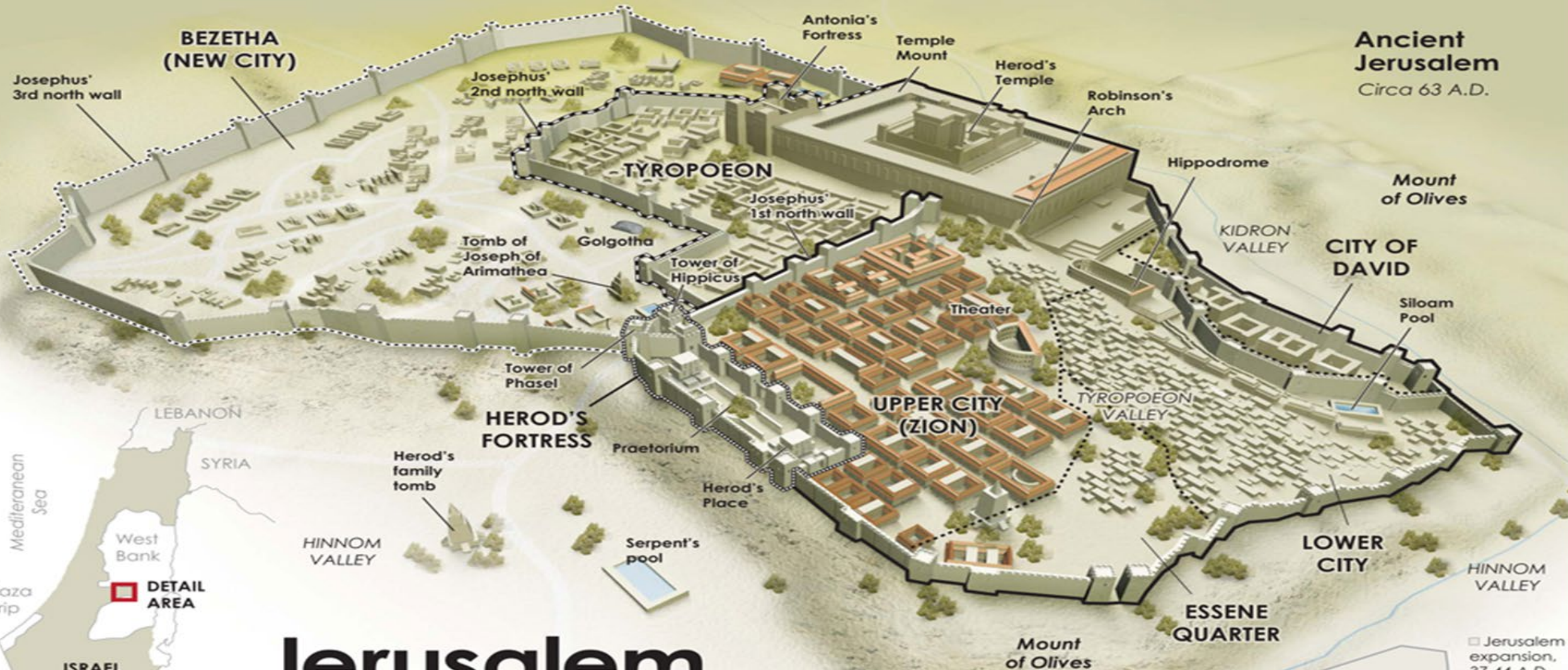


# Mount Sinai Experience

## BEZETHA (NEW CITY)

## Ancient Jerusalem

Circa 63 A.D.



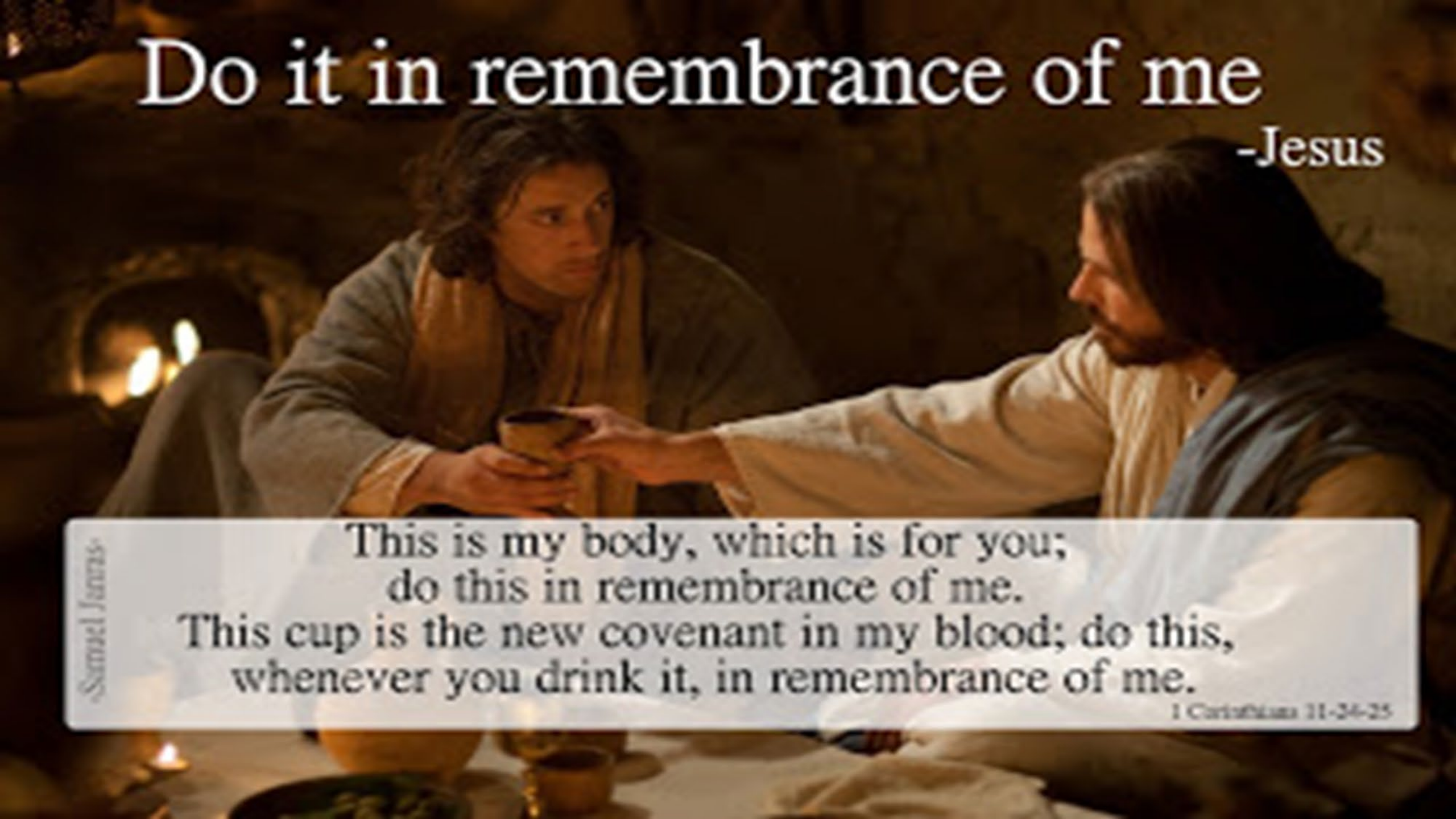
# Jerusalem

By 34 B.C., under King Herod's rule, ancient Jerusalem went through major redevelopment, crowned with the rebuilding of the Second Temple and a bigger Temple Mount. In 66 AD, the Great Jewish Revolt challenged Roman rule over Jerusalem, resulting in the destruction of the temple and the fall of Jerusalem by 70 CE.

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Do it in remembrance of me

-Jesus

This is my body, which is for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this,  
whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24-25