

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a rocky mountain peak. They are looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range under a soft, golden light, likely from a low sun. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Revelations from on High Part 2

Torah Portion: Tetzaveh

# Revelation

- “reveal”
- Greek: ἀποκάλυψις (*apokalypsis*)
  - “unveiling, disclosing, making fully known”
- *The Lord’s Wisdom*
- *The Lord’s Character*
- *The Lord’s Plan*

Revelations from on High

*Revelations from mountains/hills (Hebrew:  
הַר, "har")*

1. Mt. Sinai

2. Mt. Pisgah

3. Mt. Carmel

4. Mt. Zion

5. Mt. Moriah

6. Sermon on the Mount

7. Transfiguration

8. Great Commission

9. Mount of Olives

10. Hill of Golgatha

Mt. Sinai  
Mt. Horeb

## Mt. Sinai/Horeb – Testimony

- Character – Yah is one and only, no rivals
- Plan – priesthood, true worship
- Wisdom – right way to live

# Mt. Pisgah/Nebo

Numbers 21-23, Deuteronomy 34

What do the Mt. Pisgah accounts say?

- Yah — stops any curse
- Uses anyone/anything
- No shema, blessings limited
- Yah fulfills promises — Abraham to Jacob

Plan & Character

# Mt. Carmel

1 Kings 16-18

# What does the Mt. Carmel account reveal?

- Baal doesn't exist; Yah exists
- Yah is jealous for Israel
- Yah seeks repentance + true worship
- Yah provides opportunity for repentance from mistakes
  - Even wicked king Ahab

## Plan & Character

## 1 Kings 21 – Ahab's Repentance

Elijah said to the king, “you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of YHWH. He [Yah] says, ‘I am going to bring disaster on you. I will wipe out your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free. I will make your house like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and that of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have aroused my anger and have caused Israel to sin.’

## 1 Kings 21 – Ahab's Repentance

“And also concerning Jezebel YHWH says: ‘Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.’ ‘Dogs will eat those belonging to Ahab who die in the city, and the birds will feed on those who die in the country.’” (There was never anyone like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of YHWH, urged on by Jezebel his wife. He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites YHWH drove out before Israel.)

## 1 Kings 21 – Ahab's Repentance

When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted. He lay in sackcloth and went around meekly. Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite:

“Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son.”

A dramatic painting depicting the biblical story of the Binding of Isaac. In the foreground, an elderly Abraham with a long white beard is shown in profile, holding a knife over Isaac's chest. Isaac, a young boy with curly hair, lies on the ground, looking up at his father with a pleading expression. To the left, Isaac's mother, Sarah, is shown from the back, her hand reaching out to stop Abraham. She is draped in a vibrant red garment. The background features a dark, hilly landscape with a small village and a church spire visible in the distance under a cloudy sky. A ram's head is visible in the lower right corner, looking towards the scene.

# Mt. Moriah

Genesis 22

Mt. Moriah – What kind of revelation is this?

“Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Character – Promises kept

Plan – taken to holy land

What is the mountain of YHWH?

Mt. Moriah becomes Mt. Zion

Mount Moriah = Mount Zion

Micah 4 & Isaiah 2:3 - Many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The Torah will go out from Zion, the word of YHWH from Jerusalem.

Zion Revelation

Plan – Torah for all

Character – Repentance for all who seek the Lord

*2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

Wisdom – a place for all nations



# Sermon on the Mount

*Matthew 5-7: Right Relationship with Adonai*

Sermon on the Mount

Yeshua magnifies the Torah

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

# Sermon on the Mount

- “provide fullness” to the Torah and Prophets
- full wisdom
- provide full understanding
- Reveal the deeper meaning
- completion — completes the story

# Sermon on the Mount Revelation

## Plan – Torah for all – Isaiah 2

- Light of the world
- Give light to everyone in the house

Character – God favors the humble, gentile, merciful, peacemakers

Wisdom – Deeper instruction about what Torah means

-Yeshua magnifies the Torah

# The Transfiguration

*Matthew 17*

*Mark 9*

*Luke 9*



# The Transfiguration

After six days Yeshua took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Yeshua.

4 Peter said to Yeshua, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

# The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Yeshua came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Yeshua.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Yeshua instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

## The Transfiguration – 2 Peter 1:16-19

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Messiah Yeshua in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

# The Transfiguration – Sequence in the Synoptics

- 1) Confession at Caesarea Philippi
- 2) Don't tell anyone
- 3) The announcement of suffering and death
- 4) The Transfiguration

Why do you think this is the  
pattern in the gospels?

# The Transfiguration – Sequence in the Synoptics

- 1) Confession – acceptance that Yeshua = messiah
- 2) Don't tell anyone
  - won't understand the Messiah's mission yet
  - (even Peter misunderstood)*
  - other disciples didn't get it*

# Peter Misunderstood Messiah's Mission – Matthew 16

21 From that time on Yeshua began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the Torah, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

23 Yeshua turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

# Disciples don't Understand – Matthew 17

22 When they came together in Galilee, Yeshua said to them,  
“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.  
23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to  
life.”

And the disciples were filled with grief.

*Previously...*

## Disciples don't Understand – Matthew 17

a man approached Yeshua and knelt before him. 15 “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly...16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”

“You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Yeshua replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” 18 Yeshua rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy...19 the disciples came to Yeshua in private and asked, “Why couldn't we drive it out?”

Disciples don't Understand – Matthew 17

He replied, “Because you have so little trust.  
Truly I tell you, if you have trust as small as a  
mustard seed, you can say to this mountain,  
‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move.  
Nothing will be impossible for you.

# The Transfiguration – Sequence in the Synoptics

## 1) Confession

– acceptance that Yeshua = messiah

## 2) Don't tell anyone

-won't understand the Messiah's mission yet

*-(even Peter and the disciples don't get it!!!)*

## 3) Suffering = Suffering Servant

# Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53 - But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Zechariah 12 - God says, “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him...”

# The Transfiguration – revelation

- Yeshua is the son of God, the Messiah, the authority
- Yeshua – climax of the story – precursor
- glorified in the resurrection

*Plan – Salvation; continuity of His story*

The present-day church needs once again to discover the absolute authority of the teaching of Yeshua.

Yeshua, as our passage shows, **stands in continuity with the revelation of the OT**, symbolized by Moses and Elijah, but because of who he is and what he brings (i.e., the kingdom of God, **the climax of salvation history**), his utterances have a final and incomparable authority. The transfiguration dramatically underlines that fact.

*Donald A. Hagner, Matthew 1–13, vol. 33A, 495.*

# Why Elijah and Moses?

Usual explanation:

Moses and Elijah → Yeshua

- Moses – Deuteronomy 34:

*And Moses the servant of YHWH died there in Moab, as YHWH had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.*

- Elijah – 2 Kings 2:11

*As Elijah and Elisha were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.*

# Why Elijah and Moses?

Moses – dead and buried

Elijah – taken into Heaven

Yeshua –

- dead and buried
- **Resurrected**
- taken into Heaven

## Why Else? – Numbers 27

Moses said to YHWH, “May YHWH, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community. to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so YHWH’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.” So YHWH said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him...Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him...At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

## Why Else? – Elijah transfers his Spirit – 2 Kings 2

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

Elisha replied, “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit.”.

*After Elijah was taken up...*

The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, “The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.” And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

# Elijah and Moses transfers

## Moses

- transfers leadership
- Joshua has the spirit

## Elijah

- transfers prophet status
- Elisha has the spirit

## Yeshua

- to transfer leadership to disciples
- disciples to receive the Holy Spirit

Following: Disciples/Proteges

Recipient 1 – Joshua:

*YHWH is Salvation*

Recipient 2 – Elisha:

*“My God is Salvation”*

Recipient 3 – Disciples:

power in the name of Yeshua

Much more to the Transfiguration

Luke 9:30-31

And behold, two men were talking with Yeshua; and they were Moses and Elijah, who, appearing in glory, were speaking of **His exodus**, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Something to discuss at table fellowship...read the whole chapter!



# The Great Commission

## Great Commission – Matthew 28

the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Yeshua had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Yeshua came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Great Commission – what does this mountain reveal?

- Plan: nations

The consummation of the story takes place where the ministry began: in “Galilee of the Gentiles” the light dawns that overcomes the shadow of death (4:15–16) and makes possible the mission to the Gentiles...

*Donald A. Hagner, Matthew 1–13, vol. 33A, 883.*

Great Commission – what does this mountain reveal?

- Plan: nations
- Plan: command everyone what Yeshua said
- Wisdom: discipleship of all people

The word “disciple” means above all “learner” or “pupil.” The emphasis in the commission thus falls not on the initial proclamation of the gospel but more on the arduous task of nurturing into the experience of discipleship, an emphasis that is strengthened and explained by the instruction “teaching them to keep all that I have commanded”. To be made a disciple...means above all to follow after righteousness as articulated in the teaching of Yeshua.

Now, after the death and resurrection of Yeshua, for the first time the limitation of the gospel to Israel (cf. 10:5; 15:24) is removed. The direct commission is given to take the message of Yeshua to “all the nations”...Now we finally arrive at the full inclusion of the Gentiles in the history of salvation (cf. Dan 7:14), something hinted at in the Gospel from the very beginning and throughout

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An aerial photograph of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. The foreground shows a sandy area with scattered olive trees and a low stone wall. In the middle ground, the Temple of the Holy Sepulchre is visible, featuring a large arched entrance. To its right, the Church of the Ascension with its golden domes is perched on a hillside. The background shows more of the mountain's ridge under a clear blue sky.

# Mount of Olives

# Mount of Olives – Acts 1

Yeshua said, “in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

# Mount of Olives – Acts 1

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Yeshua, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives.

# Mount of Olives – Zechariah 14

2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it...Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. 3 Then YHWH will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...5 And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then YHWH, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

# Mount of Olives – Zechariah 14

6 On that day there will be no light; the luminaries will die out.<sup>7</sup> It will be a unique day—a day known only to YHWH—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.

9 YHWH will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be YHWH only, and his name the only name.

## 2 Peter 3:9-13

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

# Hill of Golgatha - Calvary

The background of the image shows three large, dark silhouettes of crosses standing on a hill. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, glowing light that illuminates the scene from below. The sky is a deep blue with some wispy clouds. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

# Golgotha

Matthew 27:27-31 27 Then the governor's soldiers took Yeshua into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

# Golgotha

Matthew 27:33-37 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). 34 There they offered Yeshua wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Yeshua, the king of the Jews.



# Golgatha

- Yeshua is a true King vs. ancient kings (King of kings)

- Yeshua is the suffering servant

*“He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed”*

Plan: completed, climax of the story

Plan and Wisdom: our response: Follow the Messiah

Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised Yeshua from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.