

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a rocky mountain peak. They are looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and mountains. The sky is bright, with light rays visible, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The person is wearing a dark jacket. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

# Revelations from on High

Torah Portion: Terumah



Much of the  
Torah from this  
point

- At Mt. Sinai
- Instructions
- Revelation  
from God

What does “revelation”  
mean?

# 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. Hill of Golgatha

9. Great Commission

10. Mount of Olives

Mt. Sinai  
Mt. Horeb

## Mt. Sinai/Horeb – Exodus 31

- more than about patterns of tabernacles and sacrifices
- “When YHWH finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.”

# Mt. Sinai/Horeb – Exodus 31

## Testimony:

1. No god but YHWH
2. Don't bear his name for misrepresentation
3. Keep the Sabbath rest – “So the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations as a permanent covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever”
4. Adultery and murder are out of the question
5. Coveting is out of the question
6. He has no rivals; no idol worship



# Mt. Sinai/Horeb – Testimony

What revelation (character, plan, wisdom) comes from the tablets of testimony?

What revelation (character, plan, wisdom) comes from all the commands given at Mt. Sinai?

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

# Mt. Pisgah/Nebo

Numbers 21-23, Deuteronomy 34

## Mt. Pisgah – Numbers 21-23

Then Balak said to him, “Come with me to another place where you can see them; you will not see them all but only the outskirts of their camp. And from there, curse them for me.” So he took him to the field of Zophim on the top of Pisgah, and there he built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

# Mt. Pisgah (Nebo) – Deuteronomy 34

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There YHWH showed him the whole land...Then YHWH said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”



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

Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 16-18

Ahab – King of Israel

Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of YHWH more than all who were before him...he married Jezebel...and went and served Baal, and worshiped him...he erected an altar for Baal at the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. Ahab also made the Asherah. So Ahab did more to provoke YHWH God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 16-18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

1 Kings 17:1 - Elijah said to Ahab, “As YHWH, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

1 Kings 18:1 - After a long time, in the third year, the word of YHWH came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.”



Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

When Ahab saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” Elijah replied “I have not made trouble for Israel, but you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned YHWH’s commands and have followed the Baals.

Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If YHWH is *the* God, follow him; but if Baal is, follow him.” But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of YHWH’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it.





# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of YHWH. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.”





# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.”





# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of YHWH, which had been torn down.





# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of YHWH had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” With the stones he built an altar in the name of YHWH, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs (24 *lb*) of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.





# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

“Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “YHWH, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.





# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

Answer me, YHWH, answer me, so these people will know that you, YHWH, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of YHWH fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “YHWH—he is God! YHWH—he is God





# Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18 - Elijah – Prophet of Yah

Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there. And Elijah said to Ahab,

“Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.”



# What does the Mt. Carmel account reveal?

- Baal is not real; Yah is
- Yah listens
- Yah is jealous for Israel
- Yah seeks repentance + true worship
- Yah provides to demonstrate who He is
- Yah provides opportunity for repentance from mistakes

## Plan & Character



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 back. Isaac, a young boy with curly hair, lies on the ground, looking up at his father with a pleading expression. To the left, a woman, likely Sarah, is shown from the back, her hand reaching out to stop Abraham. She wears a red garment. The background features a dark, hilly landscape with a small village and a church on a distant hill under a cloudy sky. A ram's head is visible in the lower right corner.

# Mt. Moriah

Genesis 22



# Mt. Moriah – Genesis 22:1-18

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”





# Mt. Moriah – Genesis 22:1-18

Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

But the angel of YHWH called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.





# Mt. Moriah – Genesis 22:1-18

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

So Abraham called that place YHWH-Yireh. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of YHWH it will be provided.”





# Mt. Moriah – Genesis 22:1-18

The angel of YHWH called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares YHWH, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. 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.”



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



Mt. Moriah – What kind of revelation is this?

NIV: “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

KJV: “In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.”

LXX: “The LORD was seen”

Hebrew: בְּהַר יְהוָה יֵרָאֶה (b’har YHWH Ye’ra’eh)

- “on a mountain, YHWH will be seen”
- “on the mountain of YHWH, he will be seen”
- “on the mountain of YHWH, “he will be provided”

Character, Plan, and Wisdom

What is the mountain of YHWH?

Mt. Moriah becomes Mt. Zion

Mt. Moriah becomes Mt. Zion

2 Chronicles 3:1 - Then Solomon began to build the house of YHWH in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where YHWH **had appeared** to his father David.

*Had appeared = had been seen – same as Genesis 22*

What is the mountain of YHWH?

Isaiah 2:2 — In the last days the mountain of the house of YHWH will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

What is the mountain of YHWH?

Zechariah 8:3 - This is what YHWH says: “I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, and the mountain of YHWH of Armies will be called the Holy Mountain.”

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 – God for anyone

*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*

*Credit to Bible Project for the video*



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

“bring them to an end”?

Why continue teaching the Torah?

# 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 loves & will bless the humble, lowly, merciful, peacemakers

Wisdom – Deeper instruction about what Torah means

To fulfil is to bring about that to which Scripture pointed, and that is what [Yeshua] has now done.

But the fulfilment of the law does not mean its abolition; it remains wholly authoritative and demands the fullest respect of the disciple...by showing how Jesus' demand surpasses that of current ethical teaching based on the OT law

*Richard T. France, "Matthew," 4th ed. 1994, 912.*

There is probably a deliberate attempt on [Matthew's] part to liken [Yeshua] to Moses, especially insofar as he is about to present the definitive interpretation of Torah, just as Moses, according to the Pharisees, had given the interpretation of Torah on Sinai to be handed on orally. [Matthew], however, does not press the Moses typology. For him, [Yeshua] is far more than a new Moses, and his teaching is not to be construed as a new law. Indeed, Jesus can teach as he does because of his unique identity as the Messiah, the Son of God. His teaching alone, and not that contained in the Pharisaic oral tradition, penetrates to the full meaning of God's commandments.

*Donald A. Hagner, Matthew 1–13, vol. 33A, 86.*



# The Transfiguration



# 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 Jesus.

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) the confession at Caesarea Philippi – “you are the Messiah”
- 2) don’t tell anyone
- 3) the announcement of Yeshua’s suffering and death
- 4) the transfiguration

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.*

# The Transfiguration – Sequence in the Synoptics

- 1) Confession – acceptance of the messiah
- 2) don't tell anyone -won't understand the Messiah's mission yet  
*(even Peter misunderstood)*
- 3) Suffering -''suffering servant''



# The Transfiguration – revelation

- Yeshua is the son of God, the Messiah, the authority
- Moses and Elijah – attendants
- Yeshua – climax of the story – fully glorified
- glory in the resurrection
- Plan & character

# Hill of Golgatha - Calvary



# 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

Wisdom: Follow the Messiah

Character: true king

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





# The Great Commission



# Great Commission

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

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

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.*

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 Jesus 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

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



# Mount of Olives

An aerial photograph of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. The foreground shows a large, light-colored stone wall, likely the Temple Mount wall, with a small arched gate. Below the wall is a field of olive trees. In the middle ground, the Church of All Nations is visible, a large stone building with multiple arches. The background shows the hillside of the Mount of Olives, densely populated with olive trees and other vegetation, with some buildings visible on the ridge under a clear blue sky.

# Mount of Olives – Acts 1

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; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women violated. 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, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. 5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee 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 neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. 7 It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—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.