

GOD IS HOT

Come to Mount Zion...if you dare

Thesis: Everything that is shakable will be shaken; everything combustible will be consumed; everything out of harmony with God's character will burn at its brightness; everything contrary to His love will cease to be.

Hebrews 12:18-24—22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, **23**to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **24**to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. **25**See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven, **26**whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." **27**Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. **28**Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. **29**For our God *is* a consuming fire.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15—9You are God's building. **10**According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. **11**For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12**Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **13**each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. **14**If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. **15**If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. **16**Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? **17**If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Psalms 50:2-4—2Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. **3**Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. **4**He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

Isaiah 4:3-6—3It shall come to pass that *he who is* left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. **4**When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning.

Joel 3:14-16—14Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the Day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision... **16**The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake; but the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel... **21**For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted.

Psalms 68:2—As wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

NOTE: Ex. 19 & 20; Gal. 4:21-31; Dan. 7:9-11; Isa. 14:12-14;

NOTE: "Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King" (Ps. 48:2).

"In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion" (Ps 76:2).

"How lovely *is* Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young... Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You, whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage... They go from strength to strength; *each one* appears before God in Zion" (Ps. 84:1-7).

"The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells *between* the cherubim; let the earth be moved! The LORD *is* great in Zion, and He *is* high above all the peoples" (Ps. 99:1-2).

"For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory" (Ps. 102:16).

"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever" (Ps. 125:1).

God = Fire = Law = Glory = Love = Wrath

Isaiah 33:10-18—10“Now I will rise,” says the LORD; “now I will be exalted, now I will lift Myself up. **11**You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble; your breath, as fire, shall devour you. **12**And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire. **13**Hear, you who are afar off, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge My might.” **14**The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: “Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?” **15**He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, he who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil: **16**He will dwell on high; his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him, his water will be sure. **17**Your eyes will see the King in His beauty.

NOTE: Also compare Mal. 4:1-3 and Dan. 7:9-11

Exodus 24:17—The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7, NASB—6Put me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, jealousy is as severe as Sheol; its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD. **7**Many waters cannot quench love, nor will rivers overflow it; if a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, it would be utterly despised.

NOTE: Compare Rev. 6:15-17 with Isa 25:9.

Deuteronomy 33:2-3—2The LORD came from Sinai, and dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints; from His right hand came a fiery law for them. **3**Yes, He loves the people.

Romans 3:20, NIV—Through the law we become conscious of sin.

Romans 4:15—The law brings about wrath.

Romans 7:10-13—10The commandment, which *was to bring* life, I found to *bring* death. **11**For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed *me*. **12**Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. **13**Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

NOTE: Wrath is the negative result of opposition to the positive principle of love embodied in God’s Law.

Romans 2:5-9—In accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God... to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth... indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil.

The Face of God

Exodus 33:20—You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.

Psalms 17:15—As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

Revelation 22:4—They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

Job 19:26-27—26After my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, **27**Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

NOTE: “To you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of His power in flaming fire, **8**rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: **9**who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of His might” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, ASV).

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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