1 - **On The Mountain Of The Lord**

**Isaiah 25:1-10**

2 - The Mountain of the Lord

**Hebrews 12:18-24,** “***For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched*** *… 22 But* ***you have come to Mount Zion*** *and* ***to the city of the living God****, the* ***heavenly Jerusalem****, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the* ***general assembly and church of the firstborn*** *who are* ***enrolled in heaven****, and* ***to God, the Judge of all****, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and* ***to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant****, and* ***to the sprinkled blood****, which speaks better than the blood of Abel*.”

3- The Mountain of the Lord

Prophesied of in **Isaiah 2:2-4** “*in the last days*” when “***the mountain of the house of the Lord*** *will be established as the* ***chief of the mountains***” and the **invitation** will be made to “***come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord***” that we might be **taught** “*concerning* ***His ways*** *and that we might* ***walk in His paths***” and from where “***the law will go forth***”

* **Emphasis on teaching** on this “***mountain***”. (Matthew 28:20; 2 Timothy 2:2)
* A **place of worship and praise**. (Isaiah 27:13; John 4:24)
* For **all people** to **rejoice and offer sacrifices**. (Isaiah 55:6-8)
* It’s **permanency**. (Daniel 2:35, 44-45)

4 - **On This Mountain…**

**Isaiah 25:1-10**

* ***The Lord will prepare a lavish banquet (feast) for all peoples…” Isaiah 25:6***
* ***He will swallow up death for all time…” Isaiah 25:7-9***
* ***The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain...” Isaiah 25:10***

5 - **#1 - A Lavish Feast**

As in the occasion of a **great victory**; both **joy** & **abundant provisions**.
(Isaiah 55:2; Psalms 63:5)

**Who’s invited to this feast?**

* “***For all peoples***” (cf., Isaiah 56:6-8; Matthew 8:11)
* The “***afflicted***” or **spiritually impoverished**. (Psalms 22:26; Matthew 5:3, 6)
* **Spoken of by Jesus** (Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 22:1-14)
* **We’re invited to come**! (John 7:37; Matthew 11:28-30)
* **How sad** that so few did and continue to come to the feast!

6 - **Matthew 22:1ff, Parable of the Marriage Feast**

* **An initial invitation extended**…
* **Great and elaborate preparations made**. (Ephesians 3:9-12)
* A servant would sent out at the right time to give **the final invitation**. “***Come; for everything is ready now***.” (Luke 14:17; cf., Matthew 22:3)
* **Jesus has invited us** to this **spiritual feast**. (John 6:35, 50-51; 4:13-14; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17)

7 - **God’s Invitation To His Feast
Matthew 22:1ff**

**3 responses to the invitation in Matthew 22:**

1. Those **unwilling**. (vs. 3; cf., John 5:40; 7:17; Acts 7:39; Rev. 22:17)
2. Those **actively opposed**. (vs. 6; Acts 7:51; 26:14)
3. Those **not paying attention**. (vs. 5) Why? (Turn to **Luke 14:16-24**)
	1. **Possessions** (vs. 18)
	2. **Work** (vs. 19)
	3. **Family** (vs. 20)
	4. What’s interrupting what? Who’s interrupting who?

8 - **What If No One Comes?**

* **Lack of gratitude and appreciation for the preparations and blessings provided?** (Colossians 1:12)
* **Lack of focus on the things that matter?** (Luke 12:20;
2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
* **“No thanks, I already ate”?** (1 Corinthians 4:8; Acts 5:3)

9 - **Do we “eat and run”?**

* **What does that mean physically?**
* **How is that received?**
* **What does that mean spiritually? (Luke 17:17;
2 Chronicles 32:25)**

10 - **#2 - He Will Swallow Up Death (vs. 7-9)**

* **God will “*swallow up the covering which is over all peoples*”**… (Isaiah 60:1-3; Ephesians 4:18; 2 Corinthians 3:14-16)
* He will **comfort the mourning**. (“***wipe tears away***”) (Matthew 5:3-4; Revelation 7:17; 21:4)
* He will remove the “***reproach***”. Jesus did by taking it upon Himself. (Nehemiah 1:3; Psalms 22:6)
* He will “***swallow up death***”. (1 Corinthians 15:54)
* He will provide the **means for our salvation**. (note vs. 9; 1 Peter 1:6-9)

11 - **#3 - His Hand Will Rest On This Mountain (vs. 10)**

* **God will not leave His holy mountain** (the Church or Kingdom) and will **protect those who remain faithful to Him**. (Psalms 132:13-14; John 10:27-29; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:35-39), If…
* …We are “***all the more diligent***” (2 Peter 1:10) by continuing to **grow in Christ’s virtues**. (2 Peter 1:5-8)
* … we continue to be “***abounding in the work of the Lord***”
(1 Corinthians 15:58)
* … we **put our hand to the plow and don’t look back**. (Luke 9:62)