

Worship the Lord Your God

The Third Temptation of Jesus - *The Will to Power*



Duccio di Buoninsegna, "The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain."

9... and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for **it is written**, "*Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.*" "

[Matt 4:9-10]

Three aspects of the final temptation:

1. The symbolism and references to mountains in the Bible.
2. Why Jesus always responded, "It is written" (once in Luke "it is said")?
3. The purpose of seclusion, being placed in the "wilderness"

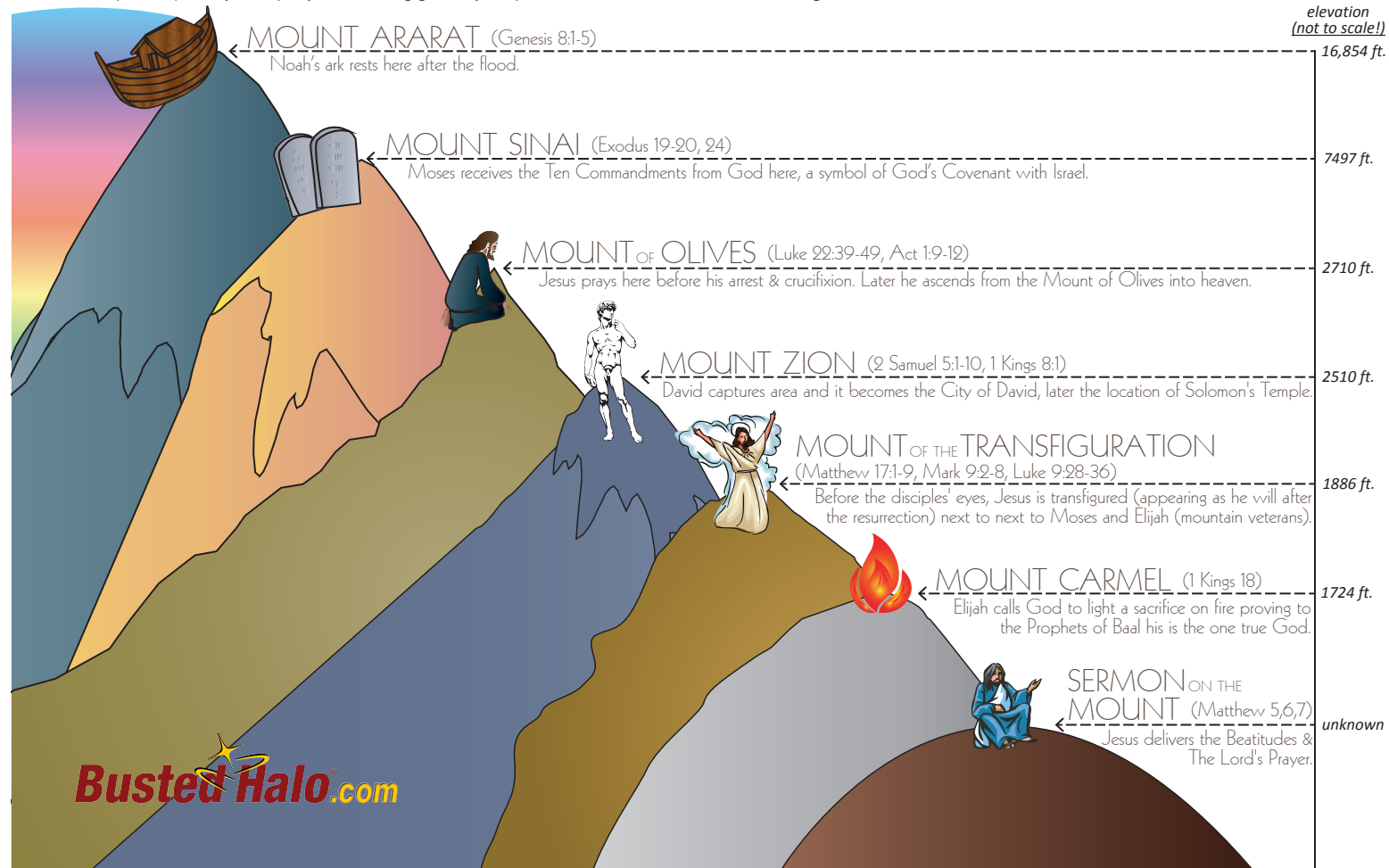
The Mount of Temptation



Mountains in the Bible

CLIMBING THE MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE

Mountains are mentioned more than 500 times in the Bible. While they have a significant symbolic value, mountains first and foremost were part of the physical landscape of biblical times. Mountains have a logical religious symbolism for biblical cultures since they are "closer to God" who was believed to dwell in the sky and the heavens. As a result, God often reveals himself on the mountaintop and we hear people today talk about their own "mountain top" experiences in their spiritual journeys. So, put your climbing gear in your pack and let's head out on a hike through the mountains of the Bible!



Christ's Road to Glory



“When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. [Luke 4:13] and suddenly the angels came and waited on Jesus. [Mtt 4:11]

Yet, after three years devoted to teaching and healing, Jesus was led onto His final earthly destination – to the mount of Golgotha, the Scull. His triumph, His resurrection, appeared only after His sacrifice on the cross.

Resurrection of Jesus Christ



Raphael, Resurrection of Christ

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