

# Kingdom Report

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## Occupy Till I Come....and the mystery of Zion

For those waiting for the rapture there is a common preaching call..."occupy till He comes!" But the context of this verse gives us interesting clues as to what Jesus meant...which is why we must understand the mystery of Zion.

You have heard this many times from the pulpit..."Occupy till He comes!". But the "occupy" seems to be very vague. Most of the time the implication is do what you can where you are to be a witness for Jesus until He returns. Nothing wrong with that by the way. But let me give you what I think the real war strategy that I believe Jesus was referring to.

This phrase occurs only in Luke chapter 19. It occurs in a parable about a nobleman (Jesus) who leaves His servants to go to a far country (heaven) to receive a kingdom and leaves each servant with "pounds" and a command "Occupy till come".

But what interests me and for me illuminates the parable is the verse that introduces the parable, verse 11....

***"And as they heard these things he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem and because they thought that the kingdom of God would immediately appear..."***

So two things prompted Jesus to relate the parable:

- they were approaching Jerusalem
- and the disciples thought that the kingdom of God was about to appear.

Sounds a lot to me like evangelicals on a Holy Land trip to Israel...your tour guide takes you around Israel and then you get to the outskirts of the city and you get excited, there is the Mount of Olives where Jesus will touch down, there is the Temple mount where the new Temple will be built...there is the city from which Jesus will rule the earth for 1000 years.

You get close to Jerusalem and you are overwhelmed with prophetic visions...any moment the Messiah will enter Jerusalem and set up the Kingdom! That is what the disciples of Jesus thought....and they were wrong, they did not know the strategy of the Lord for the establishment of the kingdom and the coming of the Messiah. Which is why the parable...to correct their thinking.

So let me explain what I believe about is the strategy of the Kingdom that Jesus is referring to. And to do that we need to go back to David, Jerusalem, Zion, the tabernacle of David and the coming of the Lord.

I need to do this so you can understand the following about the coming of the Lord and His Kingdom:

The idea that is commonly held by prophecy preachers that the Kingdom of God can only appear when Jesus appears on earth is wrong. That is the idea that the disciples had. When Messiah appears He leads an army to take Jerusalem and fight for His Kingdom. That is what Christians think today. Jesus knew their thinking was wrong as our thinking is wrong today.

Look carefully at the parable:

- Jesus says the nobleman goes away to receive his kingdom.
- He leaves behind gifts to his servants and tells them to use those gifts to "occupy"
- After they occupy he returns and hands out rulership to his servants according to what they did to occupy territory for him...you rule over 5 cities, you rule over 10.

What is the interpretation for us?

- Jesus said "I go away, but I will not leave you comfortless, I will send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not come unless I go away".
- The Holy Spirit comes with gifts from God...for what?
- "You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you..."
- Power to what? To occupy those territories that the enemy holds.
- When we have secured His kingdom then He will return as the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Which brings me to the parable acted out by David and a hill called Zion outside Jerusalem and the coming of the Lord.

### **The Mystery of Zion and the City of God**

The first mention of Zion or Sion in scripture is in Deuteronomy 4:48...

***"From Aroer which is by the banks of the river Arnon even to mount Sion which is Hermon."***

Now that is very significant. Mount Hermon was also known as Mount Sion. The ancient prophetic book of Enoch tells us that it was at Mt. Hermon that the fallen angels, the Nephilim came down from heaven and where Genesis 6 tells us the sought out the daughters of men to marry and have children. The children were giants in the earth, men of renown, One of the great giants that Israel killed was king Og who Joshua 12:5 tells us ruled from Mt. Hermon.

It was the infestation of Canaan by these Nephilim rebels, half-angel, half-human that were squatting on Abraham's promised land. When the Israelites came to border of Canaan they were afraid to enter. 10 spies said the land is full of giants, the offspring of fallen angels. God told them go in and wipe them all out, all 7 nations that were interbred with rebel angels. People don't understand this. They look at these scriptures and think how could a loving God tell His people to wipe out these peaceful inhabitants, man, woman and child? Because they were not human! Satan bred through genetic engineering terrible and powerful warriors to prevent Israel from possessing their inheritance!

But Hermon was not the only Zion. Jerusalem had a Zion as well. I need to explain this to you because it is important for you to know the secret places of darkness and the war of the saints and the coming of the Lord.

The ISBE Bible dictionary says "*Considerable confusion has been caused in the past by the want of clear understanding regarding the different sites which have respectively been called Zion during the centuries.*"

Well lets take the example from David and see what he did to Zion....

In 2 Sam. 5:6-9 "*The king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites...nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David....and David dwelt in the stronghold and called it the city of David.*"

This citadel of the Jebusites called Zion was on a hill outside of Jerusalem on the southeastern side of the city. In Old Testament times these places were called "the high places" where temples were built to gods (fallen angels) and sacrifices made, the most gruesome being sacrifice of children to Baal. These were special places of high occult activities where spirit divination was practiced. Mt. Hermon was a main Zion, a high place of demonic activity and so was the high place outside Jerusalem called Zion.

David gathered his army and stormed that citadel and destroyed the high places of demonic activity that controlled the city of Jerusalem. A city that once was a Godly place with Melchizedek as priest/king and now possessed by the enemy.

After David took the citadel of Zion he brought the Tabernacle tent there and set it up along with the Ark of the Covenant and also made it his dwelling place. And called the citadel "The city of David". Or the dwelling place of David, where he ruled from.

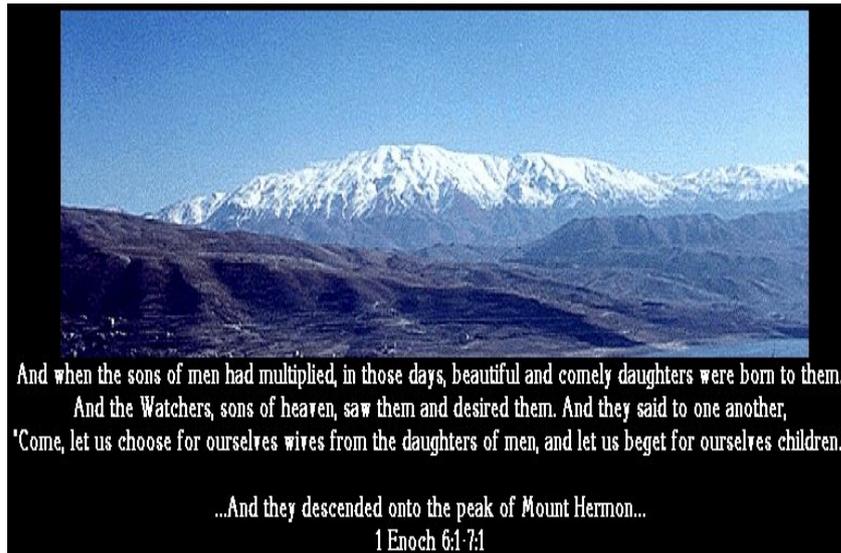
Now lets fast forward to Jesus day and see what Jesus did and say about the Mt. Zion of the north on Mt Hermon. Mt. Hermon by the way was in the far north of Israel in the territory of the tribe of Dan and borders on Syria. During Jesus time the city of Caesarea-Phillipi was there close to Hermon.

It was here that something very memorable happened that was illustrated by what David did to the Zion of Jerusalem.

In Matth. 16-17 we have Jesus and His disciples going to Caesaria-Phillipi. It was here that Jesus asked the famous question "Who do you say I am" and Peter replied "You are the Messiah the son of God". And Jesus made the famous statement that the Catholic church and the evangelicals mistake...

"Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

The rock He was pointing to was Mt. Hermon.



### **The Gates of Hell, Pan and the Church.**

There is a place in the Golan Heights in Israel that has a sign pointing to "HELL". Below is a picture of this tourist attraction. In Jesus day it was known as "**The gates of hell**" by the Jews or the Grotto of Pan by the Greeks and Romans.



**Pan's Grotto or the "Gates of Hell" today and the shrine is Jesus' day.**

- The location of the "gates of hell" was at the base of Mt. Hermon in the Golan Heights, Northern Israel and at the base of the mountain in Jesus day was the city of Caesarea Philippi.
- In past history of Israel this was Dan the place where Jeroboam erected a golden calf worship centre to stop Israel from worshipping in Jerusalem.
- It was on this Mt. Hermon that the fallen angels of Genesis 6 and 1 Enoch 6 descended in human form and inter-married with the daughters of men.
- Its location is therefore sacred to all occult societies being on the 33 degree latitude and 33 longitude (from the Paris meridian) and why 33 degrees is important to the Masonic orders.
- One of the leaders of the fallen angels was called Azazel (meaning "goat") but the Greeks called him Pan and was depicted as half man and half goat. In Revelations he is referred to as Abaddon (meaning "destroyer"), in Isaiah in the KJV he is (incorrectly) referred to as "Lucifer" but Jesus called him "Satan".

- As a recognized place of high occult power, a shrine to the god Pan (Azazel, or Satan) was built here with a temple that led into a cave in the mountain. It was a place to seek help and power from the priests of Satan. The Romans called it the Grotto of Pan, the Jews called it "the gates of hell".
- This was the high mountain that Satan took Jesus to in the temptation in the wilderness to show him the kingdoms of the world that he rules over,
- It was here that Jesus took His disciples and for the first time revealed to them that He was the Messiah, the Son of God and that He would die and be resurrected.
- Then He told them He would build His Church and "the gates of hell would not prevail against it".
- And then He took Peter, James and John up Mt. Hermon to go and pray and there Jesus was transformed before them into His glorified body with Moses and Elijah communing with Him and God declaring, "This is my beloved Son...."

Now I want to take you to the last mention of Zion in scripture, Rev. 14:1

***"And I looked and lo a lamb stood on mount Zion and with him an 144,000 having his father's name written in their foreheads."***

Here is my interpretation of the parable of Jesus and the coming of the King and His Kingdom....

The 144,000 standing with Jesus on Mt. Zion is the great army of God here on earth. And just like David and his mighty men that stormed the citadel of Zion and took Jerusalem for their king, then David brought the Tabernacle of God and His Ark, which are the presence of God into the Tabernacle and God came down on Zion and ruled from Jerusalem.

So in the same way God's great army, His Church is going to destroy the gates of hell, the high places of the earth where occult powers rule from, the ancient Zion's of political and economic and occult power that rule the earth.

And this Church and army of God will fulfil the prophecy of Acts 15:16:

***"And after this I the Lord will return and will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down and I will build again the ruins thereof and I will set it up that the residue of men might seek after the Lord...."***

We will build again the Tabernacle of David on the Zion's of the earth so that the manifest presence of the Lord will once again be present in the earth...so that Jesus once again has a Temple and Tabernacle in which to dwell here on earth and rule from the New Jerusalem here on earth.

We are called to OCCUPY! Occupy what? The high places of the earth, the citadels of Zion that have become occult places of rebellious demons occupying the inheritance of the saints...and after occupying, we erect the Tabernacle of God so that He might be found of all men on earth....that is how the Kingdom of God comes and that is how the King returns to earth. That same Jesus glorified on the mount with Elijah who met Jesus in the air when he was taken up in a war chariot, and with Moses who met Jesus in the cloud on Mount Sinai...is the same Jesus who will be with us when we storm Zion and destroy the works of Satan.

