

— Hebrews 12.18 – 29 —  
Kingdom Mini-Series 22  
**Shaking Heaven and Earth**

Hb. 12.18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) 22 But 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” [quoting Hg. 2.6]. 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.

\* What kind of texts have we looked at in this series?

\* One of the main lessons we have learned is: You don't have to understand every detail in order to understand \_\_\_\_\_. Don't be afraid to say, “I am not \_\_\_\_\_ what that means, but I know what the \_\_\_\_\_ is. The details may be complicated, but the \_\_\_\_\_ is simple.

\* Our text was written to Jewish Christians living in ...

\* They were tempted to turn away from Christ because ...

\* The Hebrew Christians were failing to understand ...

\* What the Hebrew Christians needed to understand is how \_\_\_\_\_ to promote the advancement of \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Paul tells them that it is \_\_\_\_\_ who is shaking things up, so that his \_\_\_\_\_ might cover the world, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

\* This is all according to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Haggai 2.6 “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (in a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory ... 9 The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace ...”*

\* When did Haggai write, and why, and what is the essence of Haggai's message to the people?

\* In Hb. 12, Paul is telling the Hebrew Christians of the first century that Haggai's prophecy is being fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_. Those Christians were making the same mistake as Haggai's generation. They were looking at ...

\* Paul is telling them in so many words, “The day Haggai was looking for is ...”

\* What Paul is saying in vs 22-24 of our text?

*22 But 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.*

\* What is our first example of Jesus shaking the nations?

*Mat 24.5 ... false Messiahs ... 6 ... wars [i] rumors of wars ... 7 ... nation ... ris[ing] against nation ... famines, pestilences, and earthquakes ...*

\* In a word, shaking the nations means \_\_\_\_\_ through ...

\* Who is the Desire of Nations, and what does that mean?

\* If God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, and if Jesus came to save, and that's what his kingdom is about, why does Jesus shake the nations?

\* For those in the midst of the shaking, it is not \_\_\_\_\_.

\* God calls us \_\_\_\_\_, which means we need \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ps. 23.1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters ... 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me ...*

It's not wrong to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for that.

*1Tim 2.1 ... I exhort ... that ... prayers ... be made ... 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

\* In Rm. 2, it says that God exercises great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward all of us, so that men see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

\* When we put all that together, we see that Christ rules the world with a \_\_\_\_\_ of undeserved peace and blessing, together with times of \_\_\_\_\_ everything up, all in \_\_\_\_\_ to bring people to their \_\_\_\_\_, to throw down their phony \_\_\_\_\_ and self-delusions, and turn to the one true \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Paul concludes with the key truth & moral of this passage:

*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.*

The key truth is ...

and the key moral is ...