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The Prophecy of Jesus Christ: Shout Grace!

Zerubbabel and Joshua came back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple after being released from Babylon by King Cyrus along with 50,000 Jews. The Samaritans hired lawyers and sought an injunction from the Persian government to stop the building process, and it was greatly hindered for 12 years. Because of this, it took 21 years to complete the temple. After the dedication of the temple in 515 B.C. it took nearly 60 years before Ezra came and restored proper temple worship. 13 years later, Nehemiah came as Governor to build the walls. Prior to Nehemiah's arrival, an economic crisis had struck. A famine and high taxes forced many families into insolvency. **Nehemiah's presence emboldened the dispossessed to cry out for justice.** The poor had found a champion for their cause. An exceedingly angry Nehemiah set about to right these wrongs, resulting in the reform of audit policies and the redressing of past excesses (Foot Notes **Neh 5:1-13**).

Ezra 4:4-5 *Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building, 5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.*

Zechariah encouraged the people to continue building the temple, and pointed them to the day the Messiah would rule from a restored temple in a restored city. This gave them hope to build. Zion will radiate with the glory of her ruling King as Jesus will rule the nations of the earth. We keep building the Kingdom of God until the return of our Lord.

Zech 4:6-7 *So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. 7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"*

"Not by might nor by power" means not by man's might or man's power. This task is too great for any man. It is through the Holy Spirit that the Lord of Hosts operates. "Lord of Hosts" in Hebrew is Yahweh Sabaoth and means "God of the Universe and Ruler of the Armies of Heaven."

"O great mountain" are powerful and mighty obstacles that are stopping us from building or advancing the Kingdom of God and they seem impossible to move. This can be in our personal lives or a mighty system built up in our government or culture that dominates everything around it.

The "capstone" is the "headstone" meaning the top stone. Jesus Christ is both the Cornerstone and the Capstone. The cornerstone is set in the foundation and the capstone is set at the top, usually of a wall or entrance. Mount Zion is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ, and it will be completed by Jesus Christ as **Christians shout "Grace!"**

The Seven Mountains of Structure 1. Religion, 2. Family, 3. Education, 4. Government, 5. Arts and Entertainment, 6. Media and Communication, 7. Business and Finance. Each mountain influences other mountains and whoever sits on top of these mountains has control over the society and its culture. People are "built up" into these structures, just like we are "living stones" being build up as a spiritual house. If the people come out of the mountain (structure), the mountain falls. The Seven Mountains all have a foundation, a cornerstone. Satan and his principalities have built Seven Mountains on his foundation, rejecting Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. From **Mount Sinai**, God gave Israel the 10 Commandments on which to build. America is built on the Constitution, and the Constitution was built on the 10 Commandments. The original Babylon was the Tower of Babel, and it fell, the next Babylon fell and King Cyrus released Israel to rebuild the temple. Babylon in the book of Revelation will fall before Jesus returns.

Jer 51:24-27 *"And I will repay Babylon And all the inhabitants of Chaldea For all the evil they have done*

In Zion in your sight," says the Lord. 25 "Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, Who destroys all the earth," says the Lord. "And I will stretch out My hand against you, Roll you down from the rocks, And make you a burnt mountain. 26 They shall not take from you a stone for a corner Nor a stone for a foundation, But you shall be desolate

forever," says the Lord. 27 Set up a banner in the land, Blow the trumpet among the nations! Prepare the nations against her, Call the kingdoms together against her:" 27: Bible commentary sites **Rev 8:8** as a reference.

"**O destroying mountain**" was located at the original **Tower of Babel** in Shinar.

Rev 14:6-13 The Proclamations of Three Angels (after the sounding of the 7th Trumpet)

First angel: preaching the everlasting gospel to those who dwell on earth saying "*Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come.*"

Second angel: "***Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.***"

Third angel: "*If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God*"

Rev 14:12-13 Here is the **patience of the saints**; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." Saints are believers that are still on the earth. Some theologians believe these are the Jews, the 144,000, but God made the New Covenant with the Jews and the Christians were grafted in to make one new man and the Jew and Gentile are one in Christ, there is no distinction. So why now in Revelation are theologians making a distinction as if a new church was formed of Jews only?

Rev 14:14-16 the Great Harvest of souls from the earth.

Rev 18:4-6 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.** 5 For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Rev 19:11-21 Jesus comes back on a white horse with the armies of Heaven as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS and captures the beast and the false prophet and casts them into the lake of fire.

From my understanding, Babylon, the great harlot and the seven mountains on which she sits, fall before Jesus returns.

In the book of Revelation, Mystery Babylon, is the Mother of Harlots who sits on a scarlet beast that has 7 heads. The 7 heads are the 7 mountains on which the woman sits.

Rev 17:9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are **seven mountains** on which the woman sits."

Heb 12:18-24 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire...

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.

Heb 12:26-29 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.

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God's grace is the power to overcome sin. God's grace comes through His agape love. God's grace and love will take down Babylon, and that is why we shout "Grace! Grace to this mountain!"

We first shout "Grace, grace!" to our personal mountain, and then we shout "Grace, grace!" to the mountains of this world. Babylon is coming down!