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The  
**Mount of Olives**  
**Jesus**  
and  
**Mountains**

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# The Mount of Olives, Jesus, and Mountains.

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## Topics.

- Jesus and the Mount of Olives.
- Four things' mountains can refer too.
- Mountains of prey.

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## JESUS AND THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

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### The LORD will Return and Stand on the Mount of Olives.

- **Luke 24:50-53:** And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.
- **Acts 1:9-11:** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the glory of Scripture, the very mountain Jesus ascended to heaven from is the very mountain he returns to stand on, when this glorious event comes to pass, it will bring about widespread changes to the world as we know it today.

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## FOUR THINGS MOUNTAINS CAN REFER TOO

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- **Psalm 114:4:** The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Skipped comes from the Hebrew word (*raqad*) and means to *spring* about. It carries the idea of dancing, jumping, skipping, and wildly leaping (generally for joy), but in verse seven of this Psalm it is written:

- **Psalm 114:7:** Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

The words, "tremble, O earth," shows that the word skipped in this context is not symbolising skipping for joy, but the power of God to shake the earth, which means it could embrace the following four things:

1 To the trembling and quaking, the thunders and lightnings of Horeb and Sinai, (two tops of one mountain), and other surrounding hills and mountains peaks when the Omnipotent God descended from heaven and came down to the mountain to deliver the law.

- **Exodus 19:16-18:** On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

2 To the people of Israel trembling as they stood at the foot of the mountain watching the spectacular and awesome quaking and trembling of the mountain and the thunders and lightening's.

- **Exodus 20:18:** now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off.

3 David's great victories and triumphs in battle:

- **Psalm 18:6-7:** In my (David's) distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.  
7 Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

The mountains in this context refer to David's enemies, the Psalm pictures God riding swiftly on a cherub on the wings of the wind with devouring fire from his mouth destroying those who hate David. It is a picture of God equipping David with strength for the battle and rewarding and exalting him above those who hate him.

4 The people of Israel and Judah.

- **Habakkuk 3:6:** He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. (Habakkuk 3:6).

Here the eternal mountains were scattered refers to Israel being invaded by Assyria and the everlasting hills sank low refers to Judah being judged and punished by Babylon and taken into captivity for seventy years.

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## MOUNTAINS OF PREY

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The following shows that mountains can be used to symbolise nations:

- **Psalm 76:4:** Glorious are you (the LORD) more majestic than the mountains of prey.

The King James Bible says:

- **Psalm 76:4:** Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

**Prey:** carries the idea of something being obtained by hunting or by plunder. It is usually applied to the food of wild beasts of prey, so when the expression, "the mountains of prey," is used in Scripture it carries the idea of a place and stronghold of robbers and thieves from where they hide and venture out to plunder. The heights and rocks of the mountains furnish a safe place of retreat for robbers and because of this they became symbols of power.

**Victory over the mountains:** when Israel did what was right before the LORD, He stood up to defend them, it mattered not how great or mighty the armies of a nation was that came against them, if the LORD'S anger was aroused against them, they had no hope of conquering God's people. This clearly shows that it is God who is more majestic than the mountains of prey. In the context of these verses the mountains of prey refer to prideful men and the armies of Egypt who God drowned in the Red Sea and by extension to all other great nations and empires that came against God's people. Great victorious secular nations, great kings, and empires

of the earth in the prophetic writings of Scripture are often compared to mountains, such great nations are called mountains of prey because they were generally established by war and tyranny and maintained their greatness and power by preying on their own subjects, or other inferior kingdoms.

**The following verses show that nations in Scripture are often referred to as mountains and hills:**

Nations that are enemies of Israel are referred to as mountains:

- **Isaiah 41:15:** Behold, I make of you (Israel) a threshing sledge, new, sharp, and having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and crush them, and you shall make the hills like chaff.

Babylon is referred to as a mountain:

- **Jeremiah 51:24-25:** I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea before your very eyes for all the evil that they have done in Zion, declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>"Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, declares the LORD, which destroys the whole earth; I will stretch out my hand against you, and roll you down from the crags, and make you a burnt mountain.

Judah is referred to as an eternal mountain and Israel as everlasting hills.

- **Habbukkuk: 3:6:** He (the LORD) stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains (Judah) were scattered; the everlasting hills (Israel) sank low. His were the everlasting ways.

These verses show that in prophetic writings of Scripture the following are often referred to as mountains:

- Israel.
- Judah.
- Great victorious secular nations.
- Great kings.
- Great empires of the earth.

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