

Last week we concluded by being reminded that Esau treated his birthright as something profane (handling something holy as though it was common or insignificant). The warning here is to the Hebrew believers not to consider turning away from their faith in Jesus and the New Covenant, treating Him and it as profane. Because that's what turning back would do.

- And the way he will bring this up at this point is through a tale of two mountains. I say a tale, but it's rooted in reality. Throughout the Bible there is a tale of two cities. All people are either heading to Babylon or Jerusalem. Babylon is the city of paganism and humanism. Jerusalem is the place of God, His righteousness, and His holiness. **Which also makes it the place of perfect peace.** One day soon, nothing that defiles will enter there ([Job. 1:6](#), [Rev. 12:7-9](#), [21:27](#)).
- Now returning to these mountains, **they represent the Old Covenant and the New.** Even though they are literal mountains with significant historical ties.
- And as you will also see, the points being made here have been being built upon throughout the entirety of this letter. So now he begins to bring it all together once again, praying they are listening. And that what they would hear would bring about a change in their considering to turn back from grace.

This is hopefully the desire of every parent, spouse, pastor...that as one spends time in the word of God, **they are open to God providing course corrections along the way** (we covered that in [verses 3-11](#)). So as we jump in, we are taken to the first of the two mountains, before being given the contrast to it.

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.")

In [Ex. 19:16-20](#) we hear of when God came down on **Mount Sinai** to bring the law. Which is a significant part of the Old Covenant. There the scene is set as it tells us of this encounter. We hear before God would come down on the mountain to meet Moses there, He brought **1** thunderings and lightnings, **2** a thick cloud of smoke (or "*blackness and darkness*"), **3** the sound of a *trumpet* which just kept getting louder and more constant. **4** **Along with the voice of God, which everyone heard** (think of how loud that had to be for somewhere around 3-4 million people to hear Him). And when God did descend upon it, it says He was in fire and the whole mountain quaked (or shook) greatly.

- We're told in response the people trembled and even begged that God would stop, because they simply couldn't endure anymore of His power and holiness among their impurity. Even Moses was exceedingly afraid (something of this event which is recorded nowhere else).
- And I would have been right there with them. Because when we truly grasp even a portion of the holiness and might of God, such a response makes perfect sense. They were in a state of dread and terror in the presence of God. And they knew they were in no place to do anything other than just try and survive. **Because at this time they did not yet know of the grace of God.**
- Now what some do not understand is there were several meetings at and up Mount Sinai. And at the next meeting we're told, *"Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. ¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." ²⁰ And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin." ²¹ So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was* ([Ex. 20:18-21](#)).

I'm afraid that although we are no longer under the law, many have forgotten the holiness and might of God. Have you? Yet we should also see that **fear alone did little to transform them**, for while they sent Moses off to talk with God, they built a golden calf and engaged in fornication and idol worship ([Ex. 32:1-6](#)).

- It has been my experience (and I hope yours too) that it has been far more transformational to give reverence to God, knowing His holiness and righteousness, **which causes us to then be in awe of the gift of His grace towards us**. The Old Covenant was incomplete in that Jesus, and the grace He provided, had not yet come.

And one more piece before we move on to the next verses. Mount Sinai has a physical location on the earth, so in that sense it was tangible and could be experienced or **touched** with the human hand. We also know they were not to touch it because God was going to descend upon it (a theophany—an appearing of God).

- And if they did touch it, they (like the animal who did so) were to be put to death ([Ex. 19:12-13](#)).
- But this is **not** the mountain these believers in Jesus (or any others) had **come to** ([verse 18](#)). As we will soon hear, they had come to **Mount Zion** because of their faith in Jesus. And on that mountain (representing the New Covenant here) they were invited into the throne room of God, as children of God ([4:14-16](#) & [10:19-22](#)). **What a contrast that is!**

And there is an awful lot going on in these next verses (with eight specific details about this Mount Zion). So I'm going to add some commentary as I read the verses. And then we will go into some greater detail on a few of these points.

²² **But you** (every believer in Jesus, with an emphasis on these Jewish believers here) **have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem** (so now we have the location, and it's the heavenly Jerusalem), **to an innumerable company of angels** (these angels are in heaven, not on earth), ²³ **to the general assembly** (or "festival gathering" of all who are in Jesus- that's quite a different tone than Mount Sinai) **and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven** (we will take a look at how this relates to everyone who is in Jesus), **to God the Judge of all** (whose throne is in heaven [[Heb. 8:1](#)]), **to the spirits of just men made perfect** (speaking of OT saints), ²⁴ **to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant** (the One who brought the NC which made those who received it perfect positionally), **and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel**.

Now it might be helpful here to start with what Abel's blood was saying. For when his brother Cain killed him, Abel's blood cried out for justice. **But Jesus' blood cries out for mercy and grace**.

- Folks, justice is not wrong. It's just that grace was purchased by the just penalty of each of our sins being paid in Jesus' body and blood at the cross, so that we might receive His grace instead.
- They would have to be fools or spiritually deceived to say they wanted God to serve them justice instead of His free gift of grace. And it makes no more sense today than it did then.

Next, let's look at what is meant by this **heavenly Jerusalem** being **the city of the living God**. Mount Sinai was never described like a city, for no one was allowed to dwell with God there. They camped at the base of the mountain for a time during their exodus, but it is never recorded in the Bible as a place people dwelt. **In contrast, the heavenly Jerusalem is a place to reside with God forever** ([John 14:3](#)). And one day that heavenly Jerusalem is coming down. If you want to know more about that, take some time and read [Rev. 21:9-22:5](#). You will not be disappointed.

- We also find some amazing features of what we will experience when we are directly with God in this coming reality. But right now, as we speak, the OT saints (as well as those who have died in Christ since) **are in the presence of each other, the angels, and God**. Now, we too are surrounded by angels and in the company of God this very day. **But one day we will all be together in heaven worshipping God together**.

- Here's the thing, **we don't have to wait until that day to be found perfect in Christ**, because He has seated us in Himself in heaven already. We will come back to that in just a minute. But do know that is a reality scripture is clear on.
- Next, we hear that we are part of the *church of the firstborn registered in heaven*. Now that might seem like a strange way to describe us because many of us were not the firstborn among our siblings (so you can rule that out as being what is spoken of here). And we know the firstborn from among the dead was Jesus ([Col. 1:18](#)). And since we're not Him, I think we can safely rule that out also. 😊 But if you go back to where we finished last week with Esau who sold his birthright and then wanted it back because he realized it came with a double portion, we can grasp why this title is given to us. What it's saying is **1)** not only did Jesus get the inheritance from the Father, **2)** and not only has He told us He is giving us a portion of that inheritance as we have put our faith in Him ([Eph. 1:11](#) & [14](#), [1 Pet. 1:4](#)), **3)** but also that He is giving us, as it were, a double portion! Look, the blessings of heaven are more than we could possibly comprehend, so the Holy Spirit is trying to give these believers an idea of what they would be forfeiting in turning from grace through faith to legalism. **The reality is that God will simply not withhold any good thing from us. And there are only good things in the heavenly Jerusalem!**

And might I just add, for anyone here who thinks God somehow loves you less than another, would you stop listening to the voices in your head and from your past, **and just listen to the words He has spoken to and about you**. You are of His *church of the firstborn, registered in heaven*, so that He might spend eternity with you. How many ways will He need to say this before you will receive it? I hope you already have.

And let's cover one more thing before moving on. When he speaks of *the spirits of just men made perfect*, as I already mentioned, **this is a reference to the OT saints**. Why does that matter? I think it would be helpful to first identify that **Hebrews** has spoken about this issue of **perfection** in 3 ways.

1. The Law could make no one perfect ([7:11](#) & [19, 9:9, 10:1](#)). No one! It had no provision for that. The OT saints were stuck with this reality.
2. In Jesus we are positionally perfected ([10:14a](#)—we have been [past tense] perfected) and those who died before us are perfected in *spirit* ([11:39-40](#)—apart from us they (the OT saints) should not be made perfect, then we come here in [12:23](#), and believers in Jesus have already come to the spirits of the righteous made perfect). We were all waiting for Jesus and the better covenant until He came, then died, and then rose again to institute it. It was this covenant that made for the cleansing of the conscience ([7:19, 9:9, 10:1](#) & [14](#)). **So now that he has come, and we have been positionally perfected in Him, the OT saints have been perfected also** (see also [Eph. 4:8-10](#)).
3. Practical perfection does not fully occur until we make it to heaven ([10:14b](#)—because although perfected, we are still undergoing sanctification), **and then even our lowly bodies will be glorified** ([1 Cor. 15:50-57, Rom. 8:18-23, Phil. 3:20-21](#)). This third one is not so much mentioned directly here, but it's strongly alluded to. And I like to talk about this one because I am so looking forward to that day. 😊

Now, as we discussed when we were in **Ch. 2**, there are no less than 5 warnings contained in this book. And here we come to the fifth one. Each one progressively intensified, moving from **1)** the danger of drifting ([2:1-4](#)), **2)** to a warning about hardening the heart ([3:7-4:13](#)), **3)** to falling away after coming to the knowledge and life of Jesus ([5:11-6:12](#)), **4)** to willful sin by turning back ([10:26-39](#)), **5)** and finally to refusing the voice which speaks from heaven ([12:14-29](#)). So this is the last of the warnings.

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.” 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.

First off, do notice it is the same voice (the voice of God) speaking from two different locations, of two different covenants. **First** from Mount Sinai when He came down to bring the law. And as we’ve seen, that was a frightful thing for sure. Earlier when it said, “*those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.*” ²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded...(verses 19-20)”, we understand that they knew there was absolutely no way they could fully keep what they were agreeing to. They knew them coming under the Old Covenant was not going to turn out well for them because of their side of this conditional agreement.

- But the **second** location, because of the New Covenant, didn’t change the nature of God, but rather the conditions of the covenant. Now it was no longer conditional (or dependent on their own ability to keep their part). When Jesus ascended, not only did the Holy Spirit come to dwell in us (John 16:7), Jesus took up the position of our great high priest (Heb. 4:14) for each and every person who would put their faith in Him. To turn back from this removes the one and only way to escape the coming wrath of God upon a Christ-rejecting and sinful world (1 Thes. 1:10 & 5:9).
- The imagery here is far more than picturesque, it contains great accuracy of what has occurred, and what will occur. **1)** God shook the earth at Sinai (Ex. 19:18). **2)** He shook the earth at Jesus’ death upon the cross. **3)** He will shake the earth like nothing prior during the tribulation (Rev. 6:12, 8:5, 11:13-19, 16:18-21). **4)** He will shake the earth when He returns at the end of the tribulation (Hag. 2:6-7). And since he is quoting from Haggai here, **5)** we know this is a reference to Jesus coming to earth for a **final shaking** and the destruction of all things, in order to undo all that is fallen or cursed.
- That part is so necessary. But it’s not the part that excites me any more than the demo of a room in my house in preparation for remodel. It’s what comes afterward. Because we are told that even though heaven and earth will be dissolved in this shaking (2 Pet. 3:10), there are some things *which cannot be shaken*. **That’s everything that belongs to God’s Kingdom.** And you and I (if we are in Jesus through faith) are included in that list!

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.

This is not universally translated “let us have grace”. The NASB says we are to show *gratitude*. The ESV says let us be *grateful*. The NIV says let us be *thankful*. These three seem to be saying something different than the NKJV version. So which of these is correct? Apparently, there was a Greek idiom that used this phrase of “*let us have grace*” (which is more of a word-for-word translation), that meant to be thankful. So either could be correct.

- And **1)** on the one hand, of all the people ever born, we should be the most grateful, because we know we have not done one thing to inherit the kingdom of our God. **2)** On the other hand, we know that it is *grace* that has made the reality of a kingdom which cannot be shaken our eternal home.
- The point being made in either case is how such reality should impact our relationship and service to God. And in the case of these Jewish believers who were considering turning back, that would be a lack of thankfulness or respect for the grace God had given by sending His only begotten Son into the world to die for it—for them. It would be the opposite of showing reverence and awe (*godly fear*) for the work of *grace*.

- And since God is going to one day shake heaven and earth, you want to make sure you are under the *grace* of God and not His judgment. And the only way to receive that grace is to receive Jesus. All who have not, or have turned back from faith in Him, will be consumed.

This is the final warning of this book. And who knows if it's the final warning for some today. Tomorrow is guaranteed to no one. But *grace* has been made available for everyone. Yet not everyone will choose to receive it or continue to walk in it. Have you?

- The kingdom of heaven is real, and so is hell. Don't play games or be nonchalant about the grace of God.
- No one has earned it. But He has made it available to all. And that way is through faith in Jesus!

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 1:6 NKJV - Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Rev 12:7-9 NKJV - (7) And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, (8) but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. (9) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 21:27 NKJV - But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Heb 12:3-11 NKJV - (3) For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. (4) You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. (5) And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; (6) For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." (7) If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? (8) But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. (9) Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? (10) For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. (11) Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Exo 19:16-20 NKJV - (16) Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. (17) And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. (18) Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. (19) And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. (20) Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Exo 20:18–21 NKJV - (18) Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. (19) Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." (20) And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin." (21) So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

Exo 32:1–6 NKJV - (1) Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." (2) And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." (3) So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. (4) And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" (5) So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD." (6) Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Exo 19:12–13 NKJV - (12) "You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. (13) 'Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."

Heb 4:14–16 NKJV - (14) Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. (15) For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (16) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 10:19–22 NKJV - (19) Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, (20) by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, (21) and having a High Priest over the house of God, (22) let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 8:1 NKJV - Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

Jhn 14:3 NKJV - "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Col 1:18 NKJV - And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Eph 1:11 NKJV - In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Eph 1:14 NKJV - (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1Pe 1:4 NKJV - to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

Heb 7:11 NKJV - Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

Heb 7:19 NKJV - for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Heb 9:9 NKJV - It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—

Heb 10:1 NKJV - For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

Heb 10:14 NKJV - For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Heb 11:39–40 NKJV - (39) And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, (40) God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Heb 12:23 NKJV - 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,

Eph 4:8–10 NKJV - (8) Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (9) (Now this, "He ascended"--what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? (10) He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

1Co 15:50–57 NKJV - (50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. (51) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (54) So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (55) "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" (56) The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. (57) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:18–23 NKJV - (18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (19) For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; (21) because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (23) Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Phl 3:20–21 NKJV - (20) For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (21) who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Heb 2:1-4 NKJV - (1) Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. (2) For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, (3) how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, (4) God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Jhn 16:7 NKJV - "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

1Th 1:10 NKJV - and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1Th 5:9 NKJV - For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev 6:12 NKJV - I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

Rev 8:5 NKJV - Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

Rev 11:13-19 NKJV - (13) In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. (14) The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly. (15) Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (16) And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, (17) saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. (18) The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." (19) Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Rev 16:18-21 NKJV - (18) And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. (19) Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. (20) Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. (21) And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

Hag 2:6-7 NKJV - (6) "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is 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,' says the LORD of hosts.

2Pe 3:10 NKJV - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.