

Background Work, Thoughts, Observations, & Considerations

Acts 1:9 - 14

9) And when He had spoken these things while they watched,
He was taken up,
and a cloud received Him
out of their sight. 10) And as they gazed toward the heaven
as He went up,
and behold, to men stood by them in white apparel

11) who also said, "Men of Galilee, who do you stand gazing up into the heaven?
This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into the heaven,
will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into the heaven."

12) Then they returned to Jerusalem
from the mount called Olivet,
which is near Jerusalem,
a Sabbath day's journey.

13) And when they had entered,
to the upper room
they went up
where they were staying:

Peter,
and John,
and James,
and Andrew, Philip,
and Thomas, Bartholomew,
and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus,
and Simon the Zealot,
and Judas the son of James.

14) These all continued in one accord, in prayer,
with the women
and Mary the mother of Jesus,
and His brothers.

- A. Christ spoke, they watched
- B. i. Christ taken up
 - ii. Cloud receives Christ
- C. Christ out of their sight, they gaze to the heaven
- B' i' Christ went up
 - ii' 2 men stand by (as Christ went up)
- A' Angels speak: Apostles *gaze* into the heaven
Christ *taken* into the heaven
Christ *returns* as He went into the heaven

- A. Return to Jerusalem
- B. From Mt. Olivet
- A' Near Jerusalem
- B' Sabbath day's journey (from Mt.)
- A'' Enter Jerusalem
- B'' Upper Room
- C. Ascend
- B'' Stay in Upper Room

Theme of Mountain Tops:

- Mt. Zion
- Mt. Olive
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- Mt. Zion
- Mt. Upper Room (U.R.)
- Apostles Ascend
- Apostles Stay In Mt. U.R.
- List of the 11 Apostles

(The word "and" is mentioned 7 times in this list of the 11 Apostles)

List of other witnesses

Observations:

1. Six times in 9-11 it mentions looking words: "watched", "sight", "gazed" (2x's), "behold", "saw". Four times "the heaven" is mentioned. (v.9-11)
2. Mountain top experiences are emphasized in verses 12-13. The Apostles follow Jesus' pattern. He ascends into the heaven, they ascend to the U.R.
3. Women ascend with the Apostles into the upper room. This reflecting Jesus' ascension in the heavenly Holy of Holies, demonstrates the inclusion of women to come "behind the veil"; thus abolishing the Old Covenant barriers of the Tabernacle and Temple. (See Gal. 3:28)