Hebrews 12:18-29

An unshakeable kingdom

Hebrews 8:13

By calling this covenant 'new', [God] has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

Hebrews 11:13

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ...

Hebrews 12:12

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.





Looking back (18-21)

Exodus 19:11-12

"... the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, "Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death."

Exodus 19:16

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Exodus 19:18-19

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

Hebrews 12:18-19

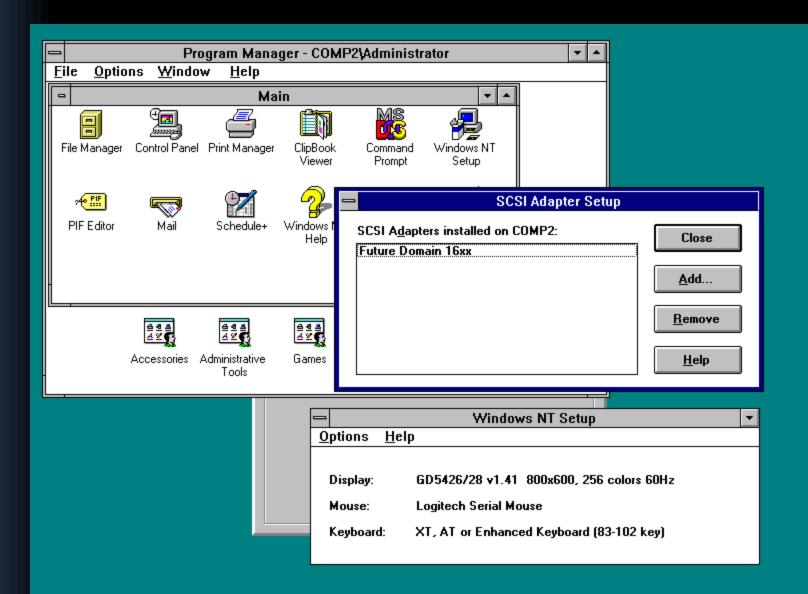
You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them ...

Hebrews 12:21

The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.'

Exodus 29:43,45

'[T]here also I will meet with the Israelites, and the place will be consecrated by my glory. ... Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God.'



John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 12:1-2

[L]et us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, ...

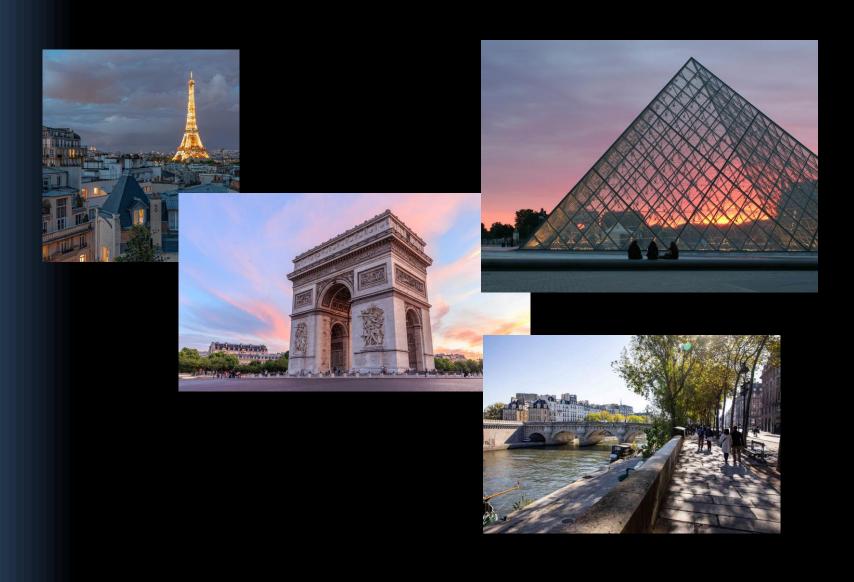
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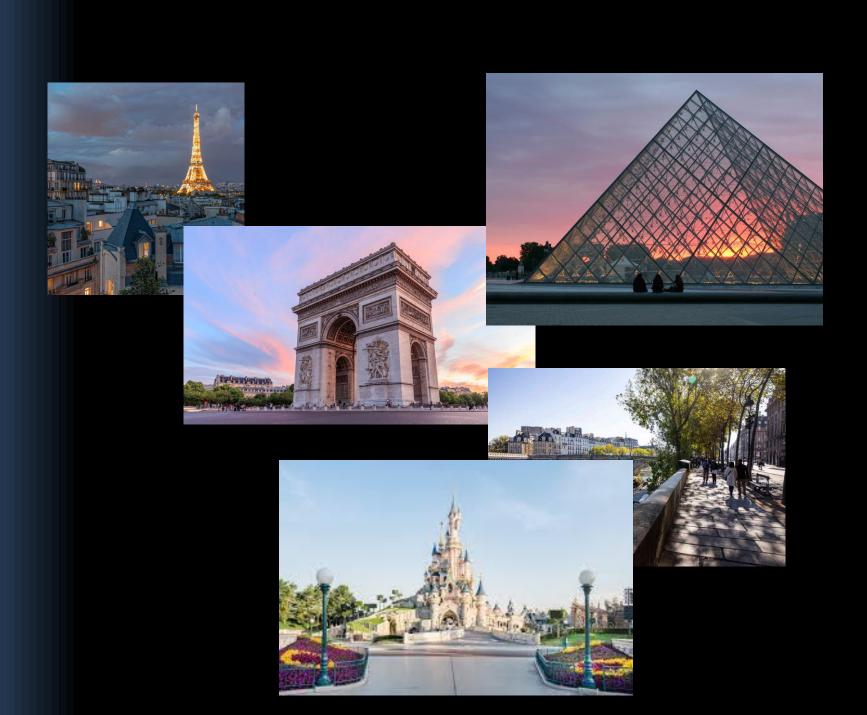


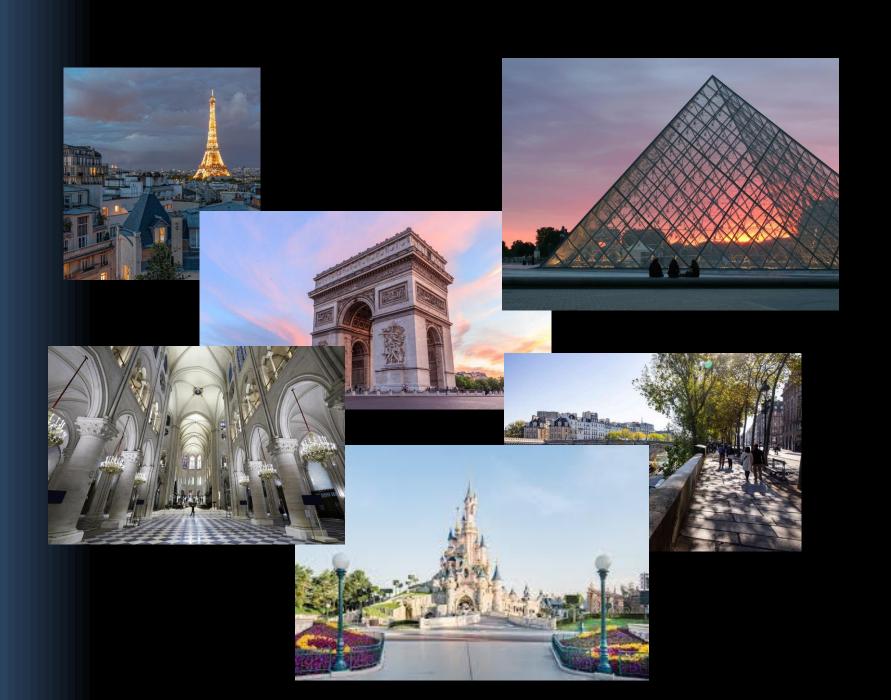












Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

Revelation 21:3

'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.'

Hebrews 12:23-24

You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

1 John 1:7

... the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.











If it is necessary for your eternal happiness that X should be there, it will be.





Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Don't be stubborn (unbelieving!)! (25-27)

Hebrews 12:25

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?



Hebrews 12:26-27

'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.' The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Let us be ... (28-29)

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, ...

Hebrews 12:28-29

... let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

Hebrews 1:3

... sustain[s] all things by his powerful word ...

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Hebrews 12:28-29

... let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ...