

UPON MOUNT MORIAH

Mount Moriah receives scant mention in Scripture, but it was a site where major events unfolded on multiple occasions.

I. UPON MOUNT MORIAH, ABRAHAM SACRIFICED ISAAC

A. **Genesis 22:1-19**

It was upon Mount Moriah, a place specified by God (2, 9), that Abraham offered the son whom he loved (2) when God commanded it. Observe the place was three days' journey from where he had been when called (4); that's a lot of time to dwell on what he had to do and plenty of time to change his mind, but he never did. He followed through with obedience and, as he trusted He would (8), God provided (14). Thus, the name of Mount Moriah is also "*Jehovah-Will-Provide*."

B. **James 2:20-24**

It was at Moriah, that Abraham proved his faith by his works.

C. **Hebrews 11:17-19**

Abraham's faith moved him to act. That faith had him convinced if he followed through on the sacrifice that he would witness a resurrection! That's how faith moves mountains!

II. UPON MOUNT MORIAH, DAVID SACRIFICED AT ORNAN'S THRESHING FLOOR

A. **2nd Chronicles 3:1**

The account of what happened at Ornan's threshing floor does not specify that threshing floor was on Mount Moriah, but this verse informs us.

B. **1st Chronicles 21:1-30**

Ornan's threshing floor was the location where David, by his sacrifice, stayed the hand of Jehovah's angel, stopping a plague that killed 70,000 Israelites.

C. **Numbers 26:1-4**

At other times, God commanded a census to be taken in Israel, so it was not the act itself, but the motive that God condemned. Evidently, it was a king's pride to know how many subjects were under his command. That's probably why the Lord's punishment was to reduce that number (**Exodus 18:11**).

D. Malachi 1:6-14

Ornan had generously offered what was needed for the sacrifice to David free of charge, but David knew it needed to cost him something to be meaningful. Serving God must involve real sacrifice.

III. UPON MOUNT MORIAH, SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

A. 2nd Chronicles 3:1

As noted, the site of Ornan's threshing floor, atop Mount Moriah, became the site upon which Solomon would build the temple of Jehovah.

B. 2nd Samuel 7:1-17

David wanted to build God's temple, but God intended for David's son to fulfill that task.

C. 1st Chronicles 22:1-19

David did not resent that the Lord declined him in favor of Solomon. Rather, he spent his final years making "*abundant preparations*" for the work. When one is not qualified to carry out a work for the Lord, he must be zealous to assist those who are.

IV. UPON MOUNT MORIAH, THE CHURCH BEGAN TO ASSEMBLE

A. Acts 2:40-47

When the church was established in Jerusalem, its first place of assembly was the temple, which we now know to have been located atop Mount Moriah.

B. Ephesians 3:10-11, 21

The church has a grand role in God's plan for eternity.