

Establishment of the Church¹⁰

[Psalms 72:16] There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and [they] of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth¹¹. We have here the few that were to be set in, or as the prophets say, a handful which Webster's dictionary says means a small quantity or number. Also Young's Concordance gives about the same meaning, sheaf. To illustrate this he gives Jer. 9:22 as the "handful after the harvest man," which is a small amount. Using Psalms 72:16, he gives expansion, superabundance. The meaning no doubt is the church was to start with a small number and expand to the extent to become even more than enough to carry the gospel to all nations. Next we have the designated location which is in the earth upon the top of the mountains. It also was to be a fruitful and flourishing institution.

[Isa 2:2-3] And it shall come to pass in the last days, [that] the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law,

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and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem¹². The last days spoken of in the Bible is having reference to the time Jesus came into the world until the end of it. The mountain of the Lord's house simply means it was to be an exalted institution, established in the top of the mountains telling the location where it was to be set up. The Lord's house is having reference to the church; let the Bible testify to this fact. Taking Paul in [1Ti 3:14-15] These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: 15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth¹³.

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