

## Disappearing mountains in the Bible

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### To CREATE A “WAY” OUT OF EXILE IN BABYLON

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low (Isaiah 40.4)

I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbage; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. (Isaiah 42.15)

I will go before you and level the mountains (Isaiah 45.2)

And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. (Isaiah 49.11)

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed (Isaiah 54.10)

### To SHOW GOD’S SUPERIOR POWER OVER THAT OF BABYLON

all human beings that are on the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground. (Ezekiel 38.20)

### AS PART OF LARGER NARRATIVE OF THE FALL OF EMPIRE

And [great and mighty clouds] shall destroy cities and walls, mountains and hills, trees of the forests, and grass of the meadows, and their grain. And they shall go on steadily to Babylon, and shall destroy her. (4 Ezra 15.42-43)