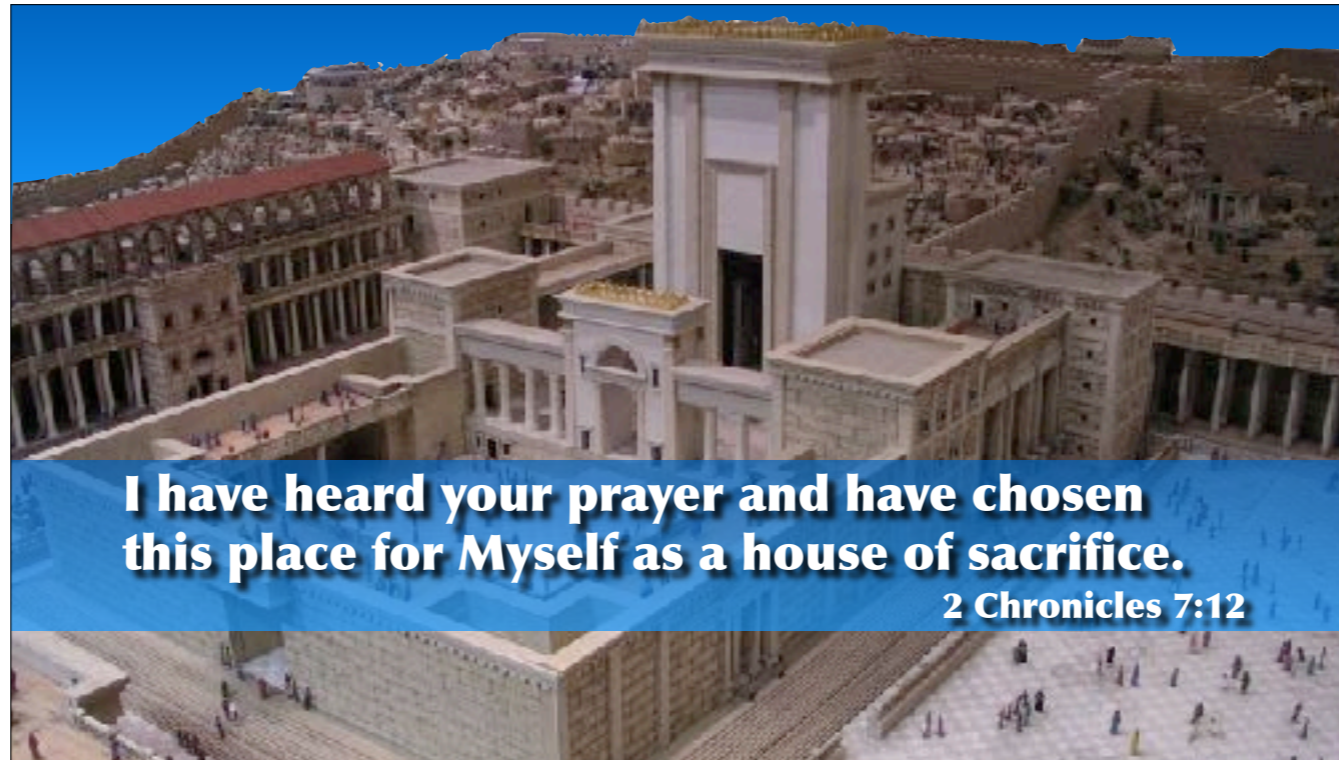






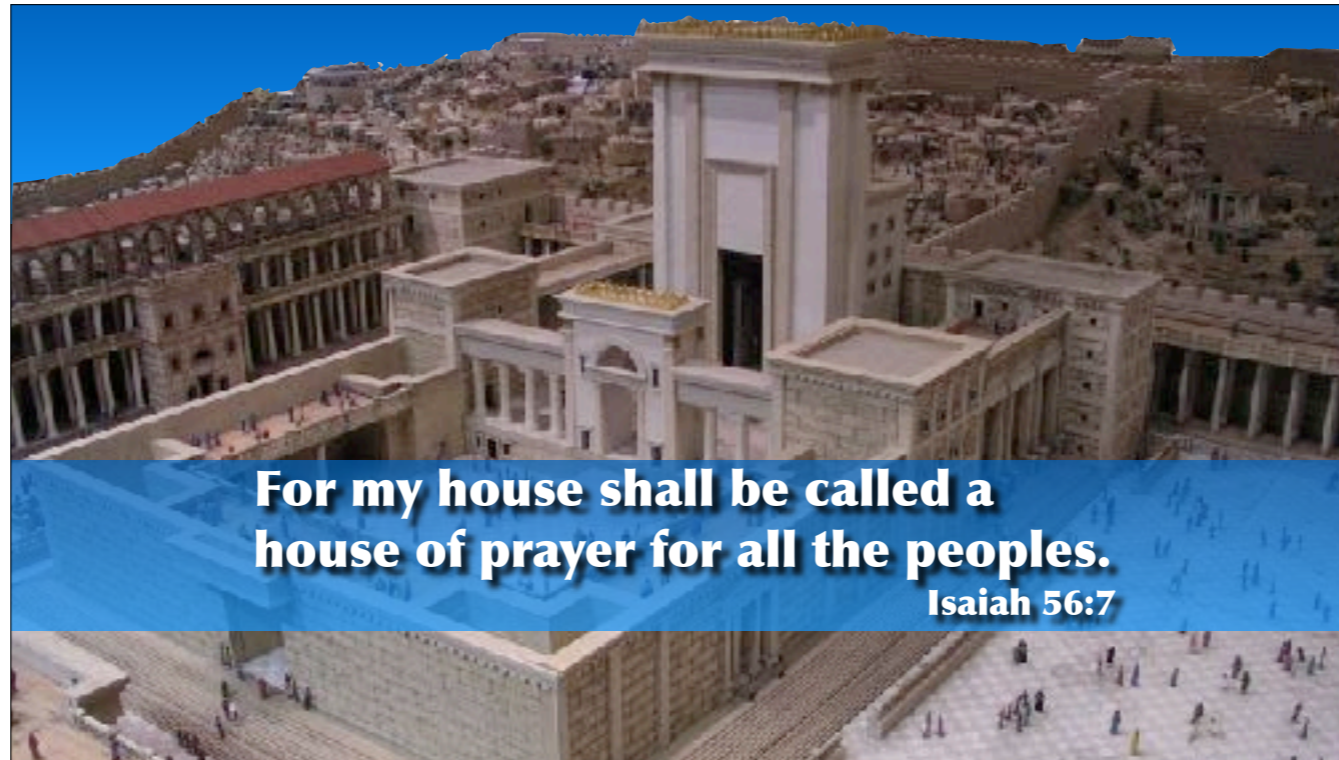
- 2 Chronicles 5:14 (ESV) so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.



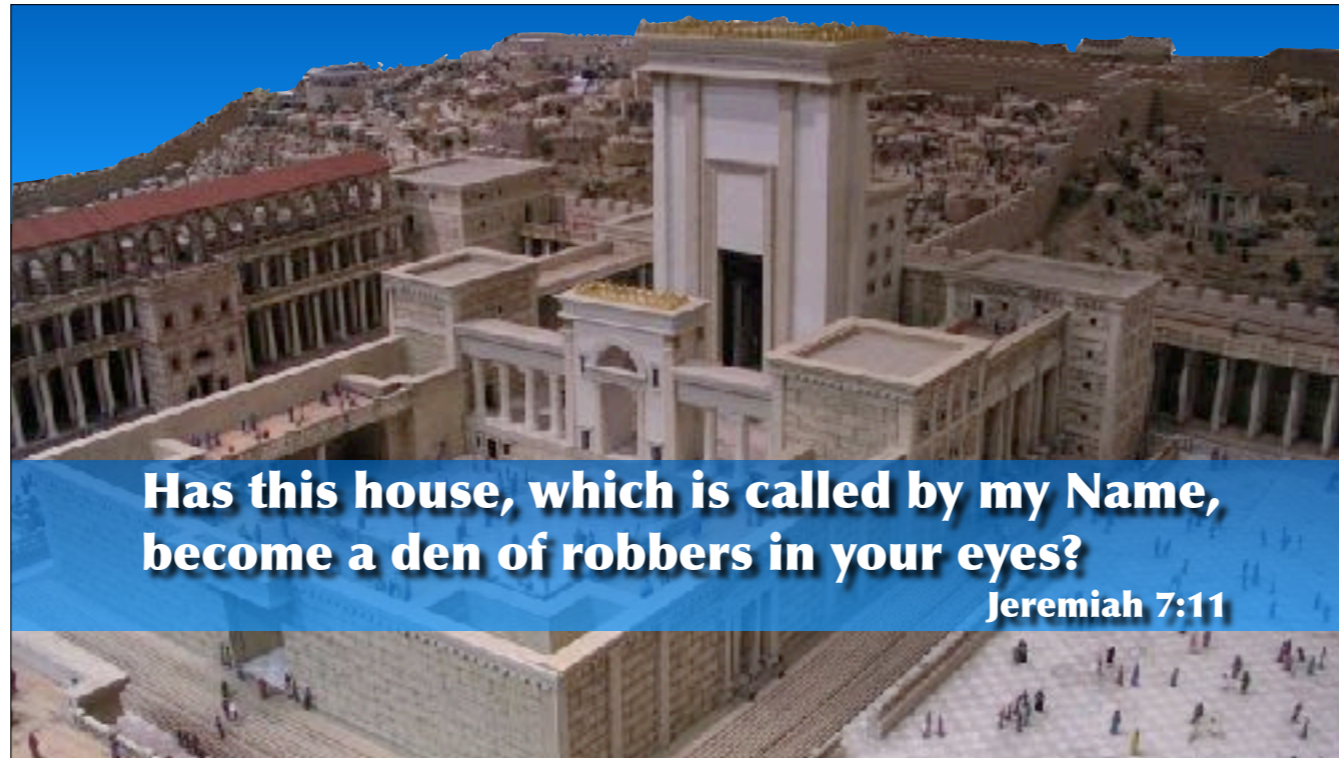
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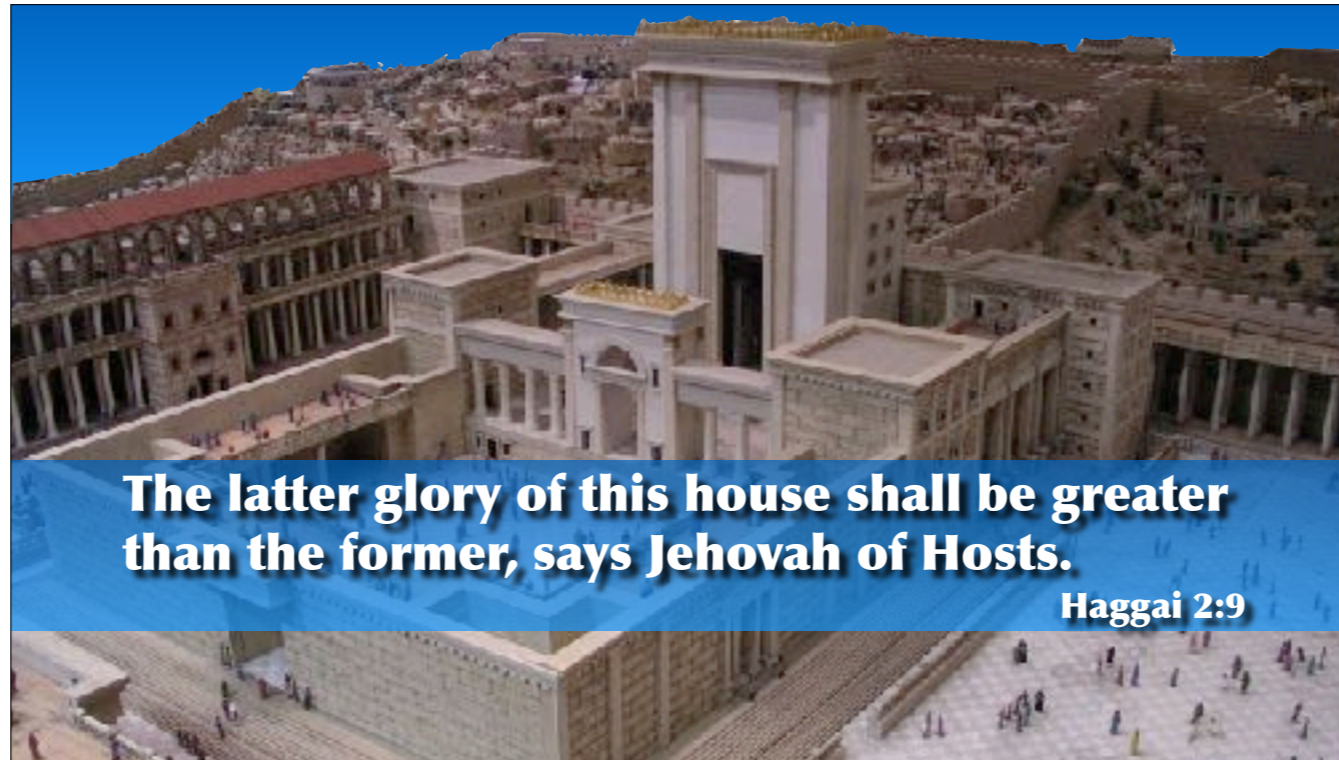
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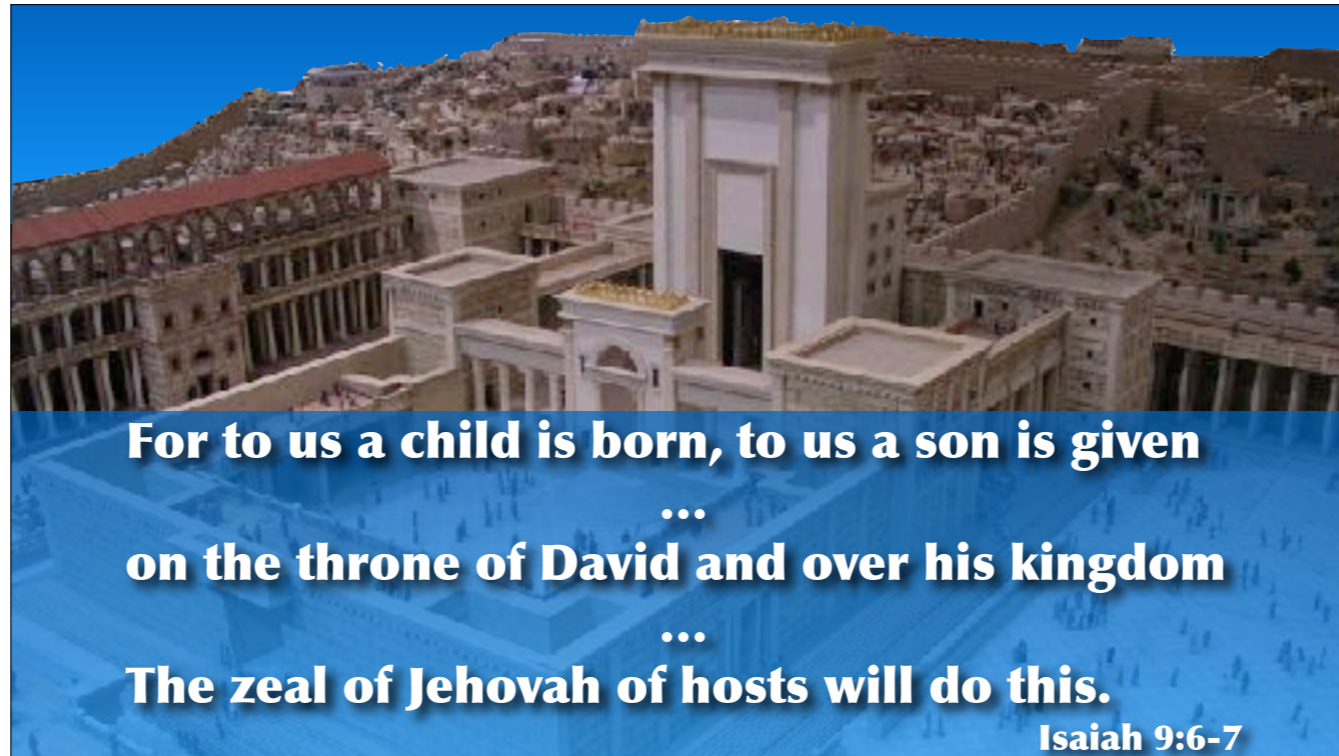
- Isaiah 56:7 (ESV) 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”



- Jeremiah 7:8-15 (ESV) 8 “Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. 9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, 10 and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? 11 Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord. 12 Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel. 13 And now, because you have done all these things, declares the Lord, and when I spoke to you persistently you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, 14 therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. 15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim.



- Haggai 2:9 (ESV) The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.”



**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given**

...

**on the throne of David and over his kingdom**

...

**The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will do this.**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

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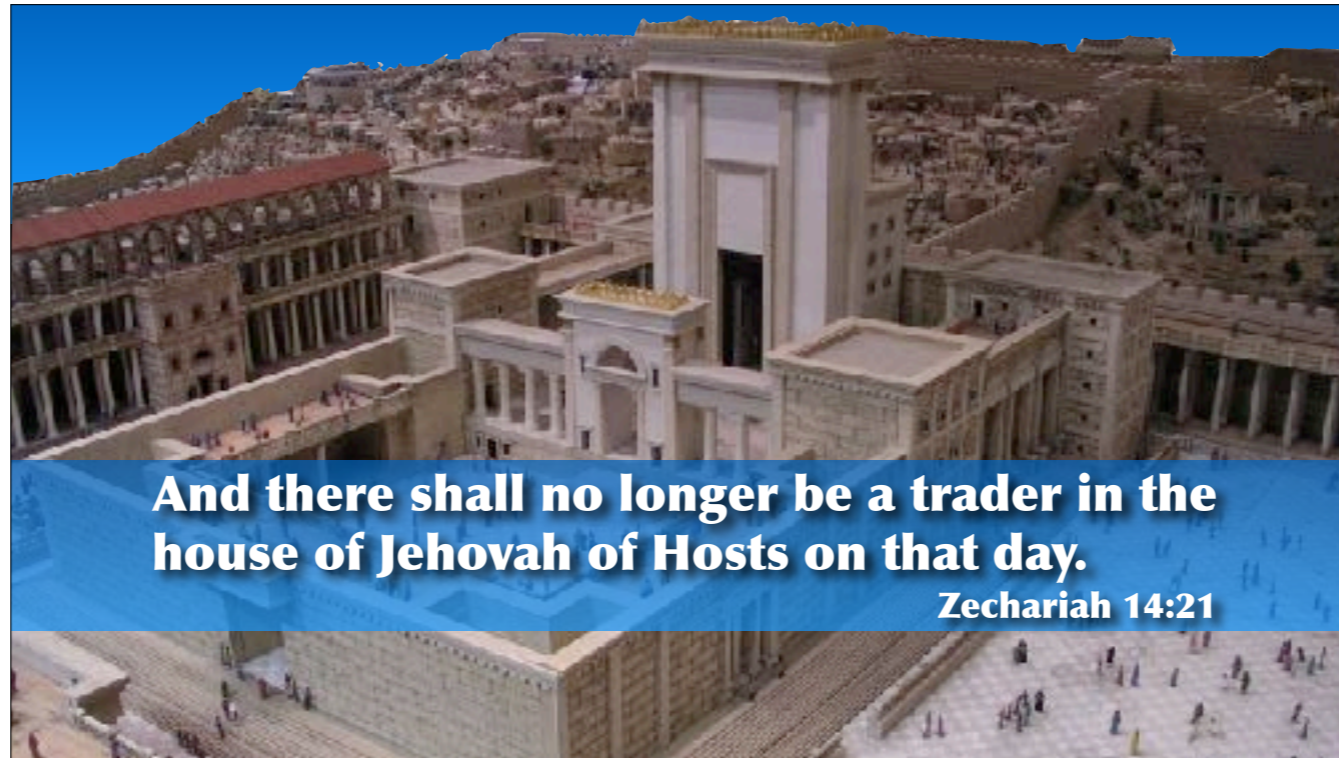


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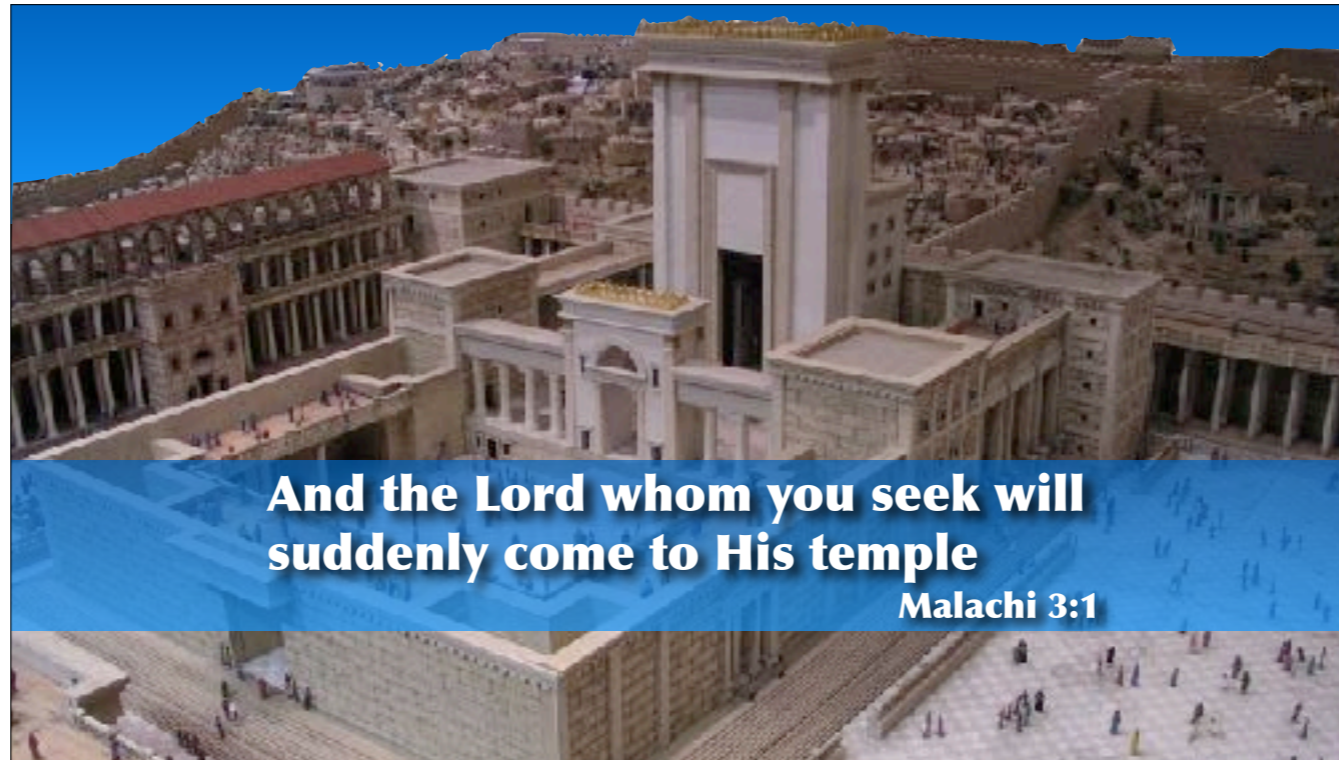
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- Zechariah 14:20-21 (ESV) 20 And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, “Holy to the Lord.” And the pots in the house of the Lord shall be as the bowls before the altar. 21 And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the Lord of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the Lord of hosts on that day.
- (NET Bible Notes - Full Notes) sn A marketplace. Zech 14:20-21, in context, is clearly a picture of the messianic kingdom. The Hebrew word translated "Canaanite" may also be translated "merchant" or "trader." Read in this light, Zech 14:21 states that there will be no merchant in the house of the Lord in that day (the day of the Lord, at the establishment of the messianic kingdom). And what would Jesus' words (and actions) in cleansing the temple have suggested to the observers? That Jesus was fulfilling messianic expectations would have been obvious - especially to the disciples, who had just seen the miracle at Cana with all its messianic implications.



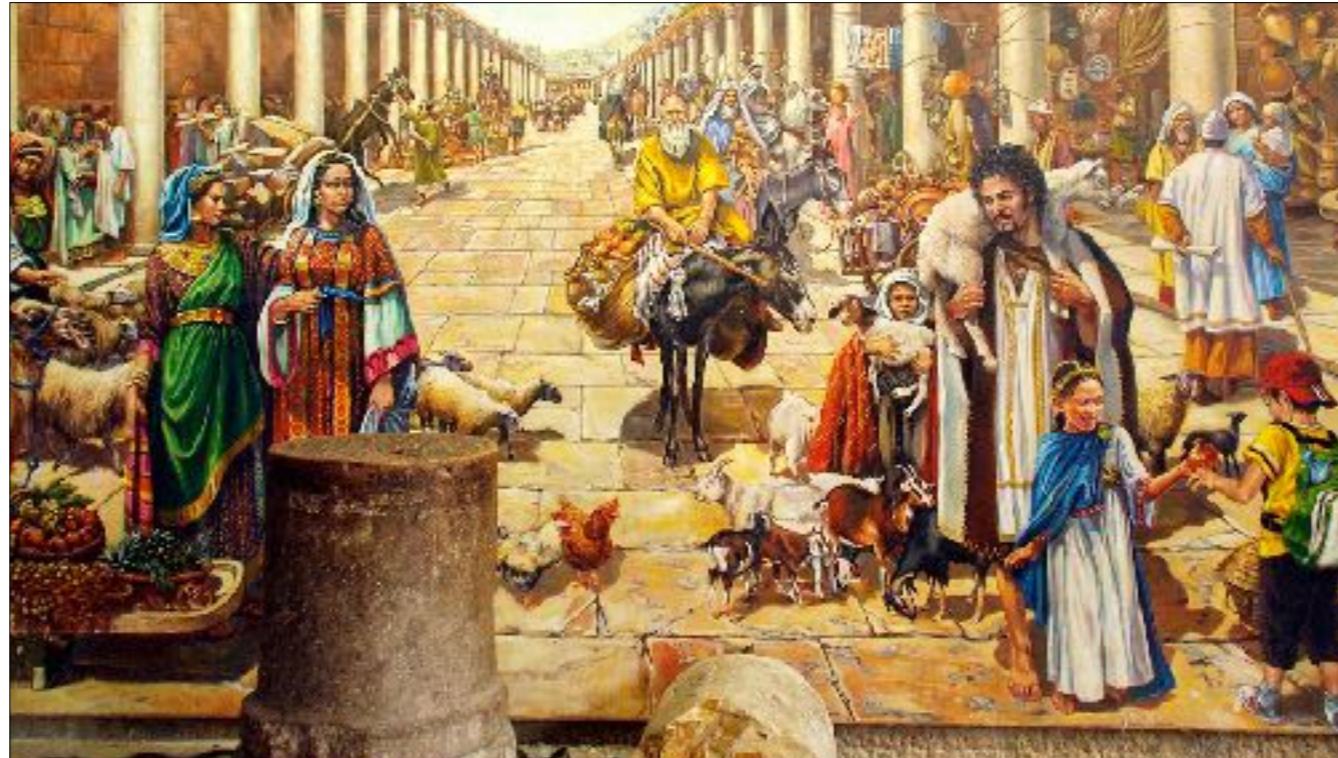
- Malachi 3:1-4 (ESV) 1 “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.



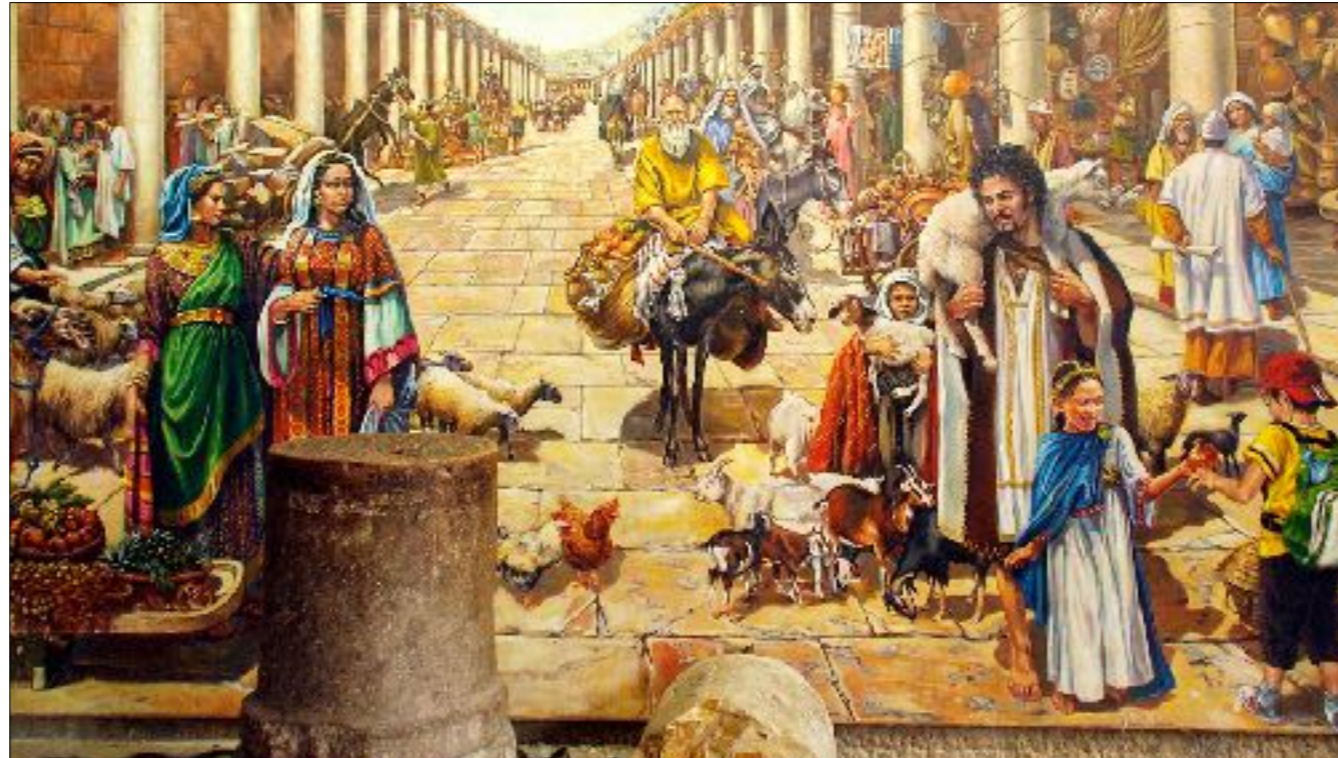
- As baby, Jesus was taken to the temple by his parents
  - Luke 2:27 (ESV) And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,



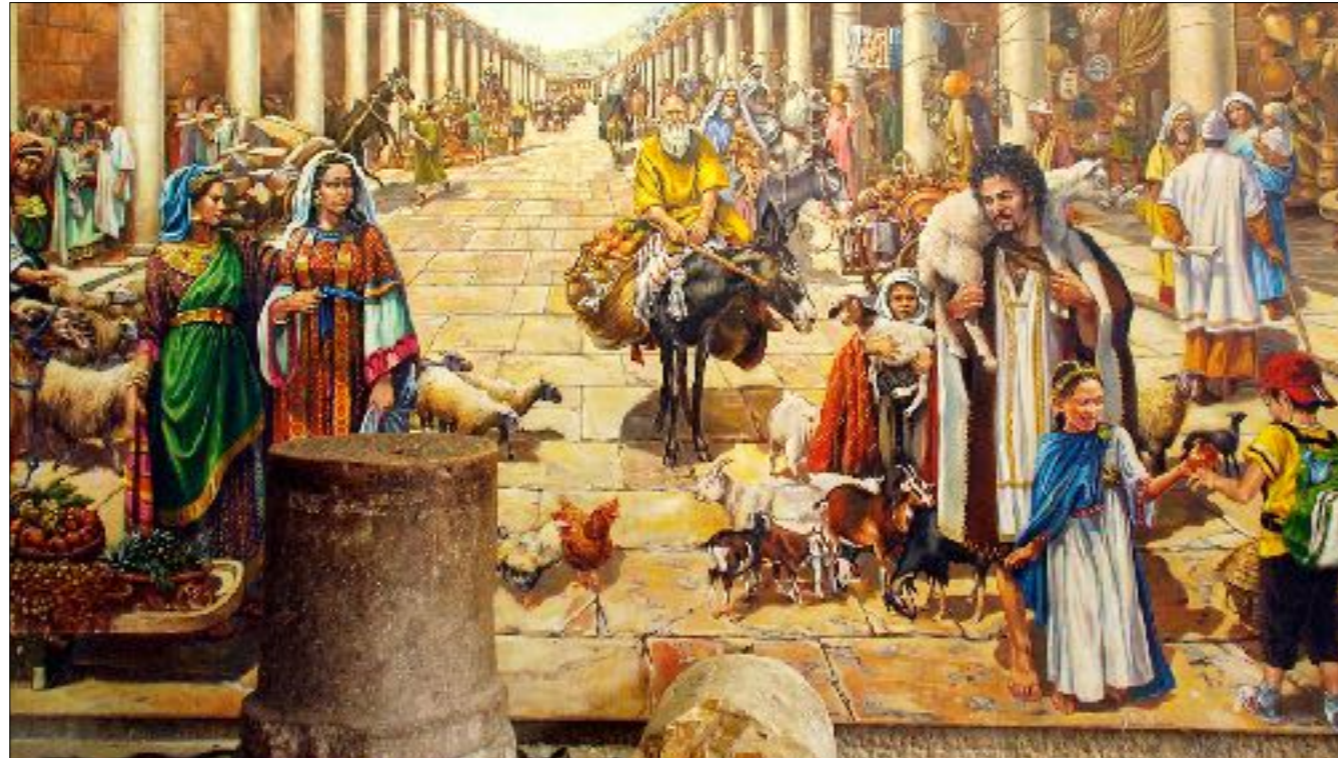
- Went every year at Passover
  - Luke 2:41-42 (ESV) 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.
  - Luke 2:46 (ESV) 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.



- John 2:13-14 (ESV) 13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple
- As the disciples enter the temple, everything looks “normal” (or at least what they are accustomed to)
  - It seems normal, I think, because Jesus has to do this twice



- Crowds of people: devout Jewish families come to worship
  - Needing to pay temple tax - with proper temple coin
  - Needing to sacrifice - buy animals that are approved
- Perhaps there was a special sense of pride and community?
  - All these Jews, from all over the world, gathered together



- How were the sellers hawking their wares?
  - Best prices on lambs and doves?
  - Low exchange rates?
  - How noisy was it?
- But what Jesus sees is far different



- But what Jesus sees is far different
  - John 2:14 (ESV) In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.
  - John 2:16 (ESV) And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”

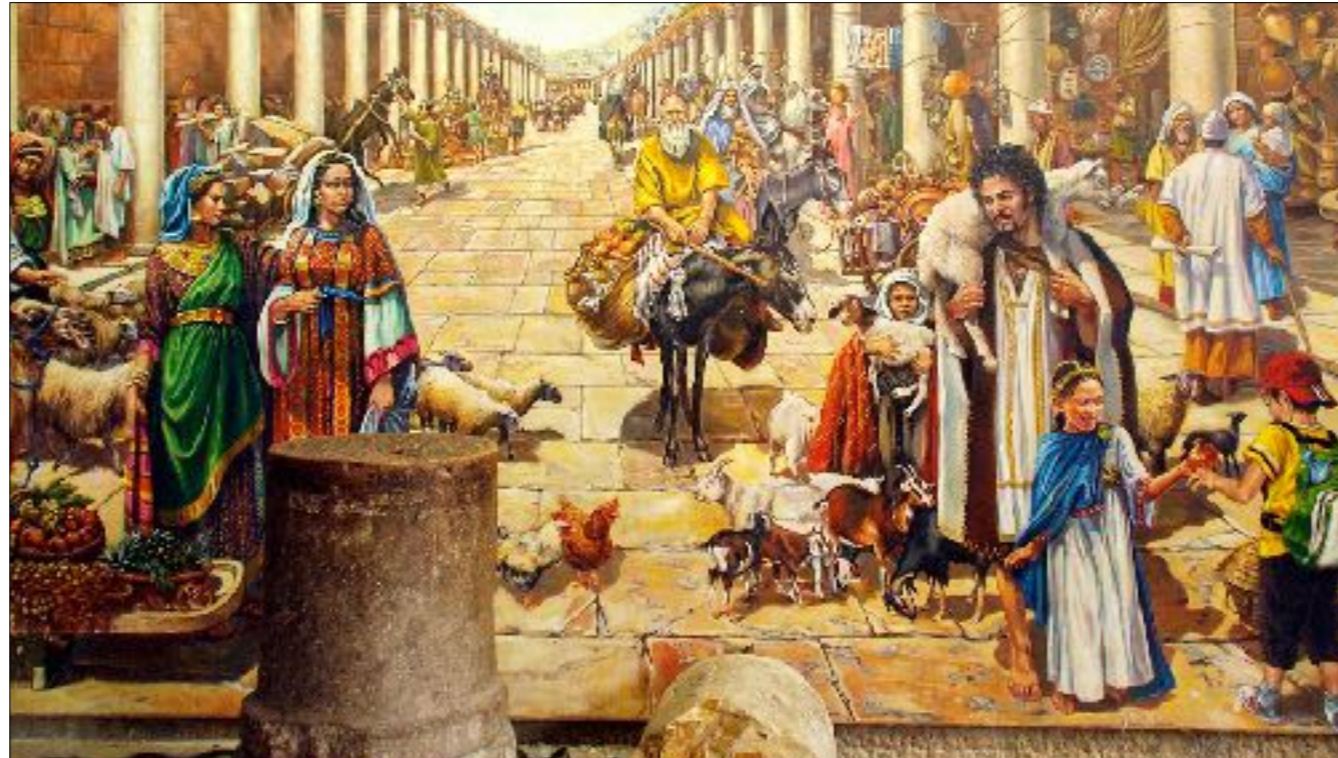




- Later:
  - Luke 19:45-46 (ESV) 45 And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, 46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”



- The amount of commerce happening turned the temple from a place of worship into a place of business.
  - And some seem to have been taking advantage of the system to profit unfairly over the worshipers.



- Those who came to worship didn't find a place where they could meet God, find atonement, peace, rest, communion, community
  - So how does Jesus react to this violation of the Temple? (of Jehovah!?)



- John 2:15-16 (ESV) 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”
- What didn't happen...



- It doesn't say that Jesus was out of control — because he was not ... is without sin!
  - 1 Peter 2:22 (ESV) 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth



- Saul was zealous for God, yet committed murder, etc.
  - Acts 22:3-4 (ESV) 3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,



- It doesn't say that Jesus hit anyone with the whip — maybe for the animals?



- It doesn't say that Jesus was angry — we infer that (may be justified...)
  - Mark 3:5: And he looked around at them with **anger**, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
  - Mark 10:13-14 (ESV) 13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was **indignant** and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.





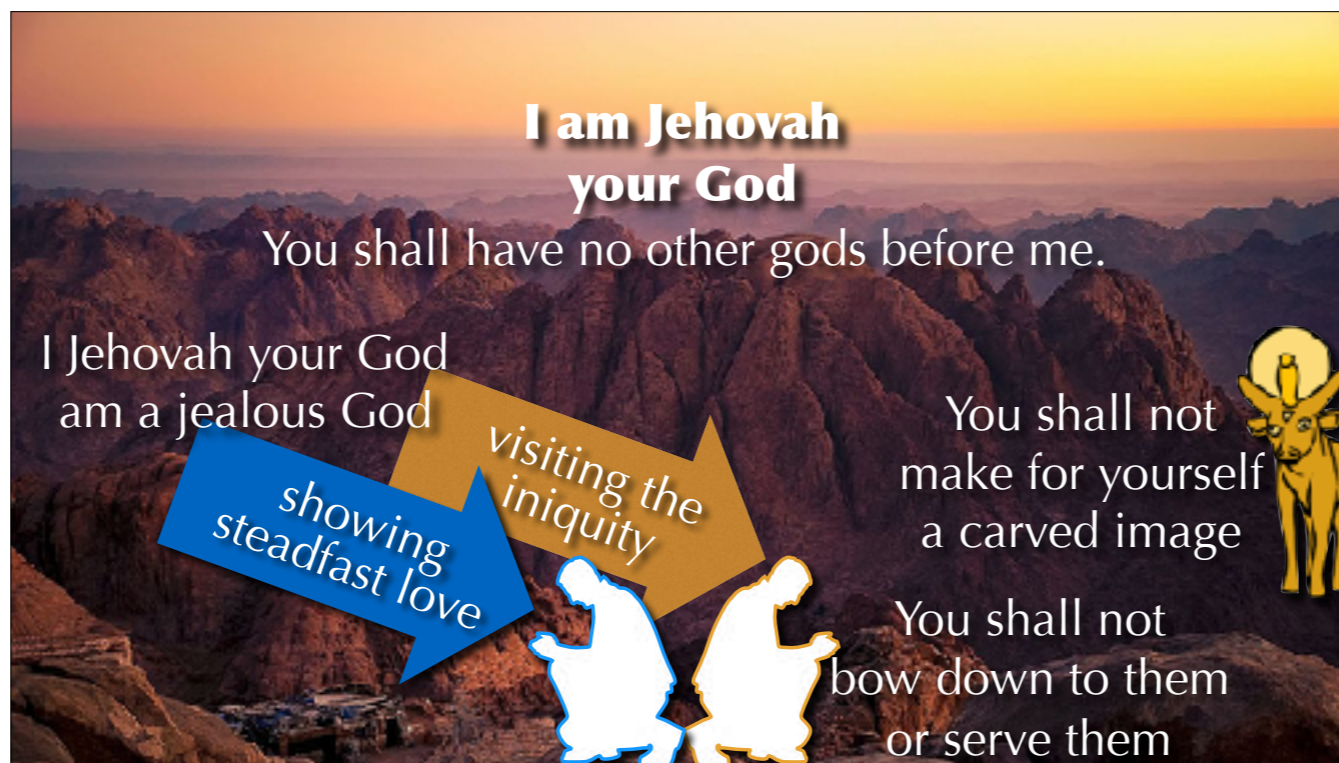
- Why did Jesus do this?



- John 2:17 (ESV) 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."



- 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.



- Was Jesus being Zealous against those who were putting other gods before Jehovah?
- Was Jesus showing steadfast love for those who had come to sacrifice and worship?



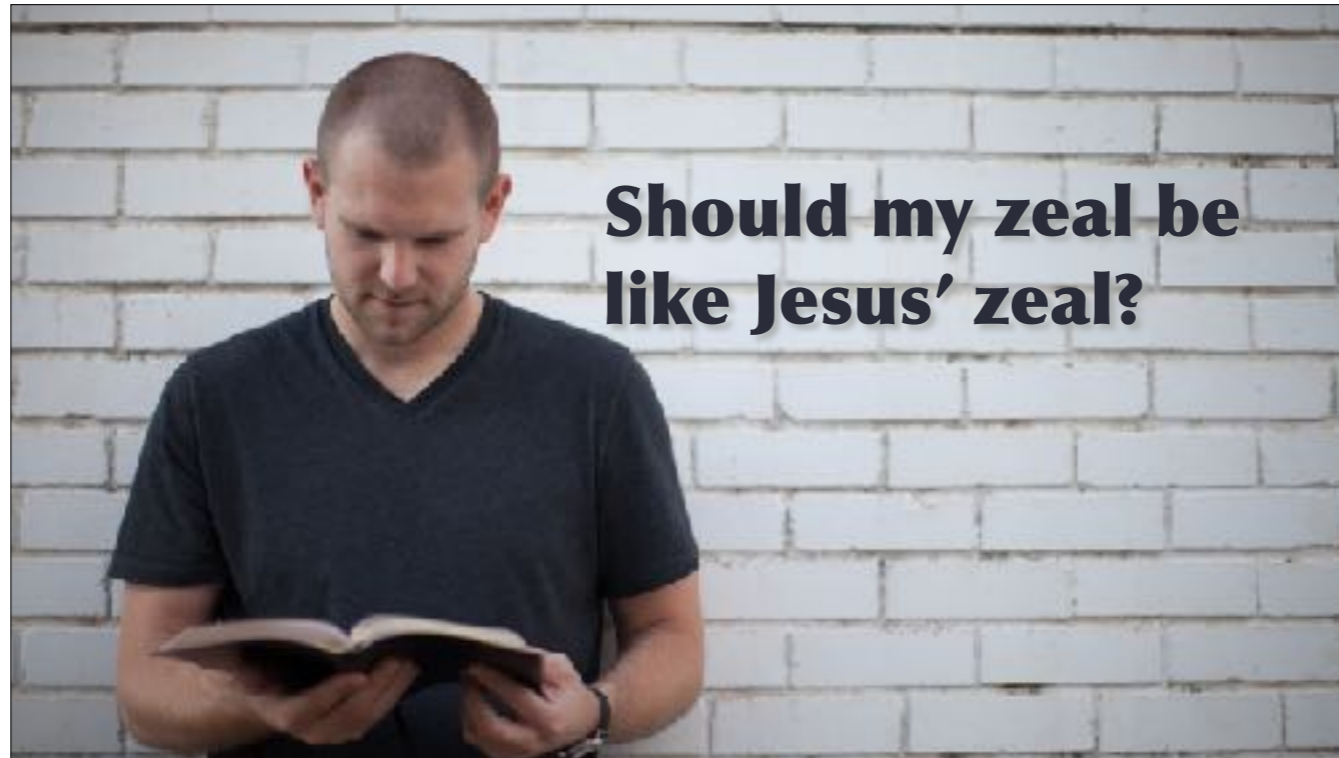
- Jesus is standing up and acting for the righteousness of God.
  - Necessary because those who were participating failed to honor God
  - Necessary because those who came to worship may have seen it as "normal"



- Necessary because they were making worship difficult.
  - His concern was for helping his people to have a right relationship with God.



- Jesus' Zeal for my Salvation
  - Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV) 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



- Should my zeal be like Jesus' zeal?





- The Church

- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (ESV) 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
- Ephesians 2:20-22 (ESV) 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



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- Am I zealous for the temple of God?
  - Examine ourselves carefully... what we think of as “normal” might not be what pleases our Father!



- Church
  - When we turn the church to any other purpose than God intended we are in danger of failing to be who God wants us to be



- The church is a spiritual group with spiritual purposes:
  - 1 Peter 2:4-5 (ESV) 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



**God's temple is holy, and you are that temple**

**1 Corinthians 3:17**

- We are holy, respect the purpose of God!
- We are not talking about an organization, but a group of people!



- Church is not about money-making
  - selling books, coffee shops
  - taking advantage of people, greed
- Church is not about convenience
- Church is not about entertainment
- Church is not about social activities



- Church is about sacrifice and worship and evangelism
  - 1 Timothy 3:15 (ESV) if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.
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- John 4:23-24 (ESV) 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”



- This is NOT about minor distractions during our assemblies
  - Baby crying - good!
  - Phone ring - refocus
  - Getting up to go to the back -



- This is more serious ... about our attitude and purpose when we gather together
  - Not about being formal and ritualistic either
  - Nor about being boring
  - Love for God and love for each other



- Being Zealous for the church
  - We don't just go along with those who would pervert the work and worship of the church.
  - We focus on true worship and holy lives before God.
- Warning: We are not Jesus, don't know the hearts. No whips!



- Let's be zealous for God and God's people
- 2 Corinthians 5:9 (ESV) So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please him.**

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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## Jesus' Zeal

John 2:13-17

Synopsis: Jesus's zeal for God and God's people is memorably demonstrated when he drives those who were making money in the temple out. Jesus' zeal is not merely anger, but a desire to correct what is wrong so that the right things may be done. Being the temple of God today, the church must be careful that we don't fall into the same patterns as the Jews did.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**