

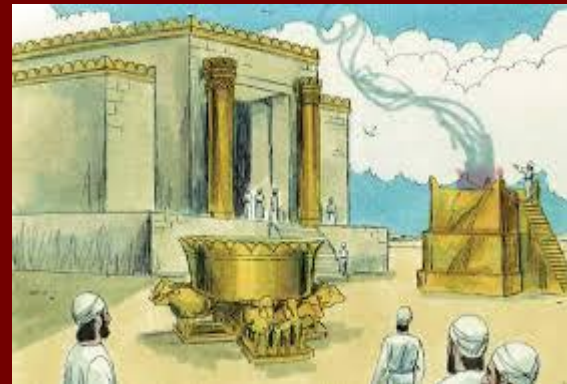
Message

Destroy This Temple,
and in Three Days
I will Raise It Up

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- **The Jews considered the temple to be God's House.**
- **Jesus altered this understanding of the temple.**
- **The glory of God would be found in different location.**



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- Jesus cleansed the temple of the money-changers and sellers of merchandise because of His disgust at what they had made of God's house of prayer and His zeal to purify it from the abuse of ungodly men.



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- Judea was under the rule of the Romans, and the money in current use was Roman coin. However, the Jewish law required that every man should pay a tribute to the service of the sanctuary of "half a shekel" (Exodus 30:11–16), a Jewish coin.
- As a matter of convenience to have a place where the Roman coin could be exchanged for the Jewish half shekel. The money-changers provided this convenience but would demand a small sum for the exchange. Because so many thousands of people came up to the great feasts, changing money was a very profitable business and one that resulted in fraud and oppression of the poor.

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- Also, according to the Law, two doves or pigeons were required to be offered in sacrifice ([Leviticus 14:22](#); [Luke 2:24](#)). Yet it was difficult to bring them from the distant parts of Judea, so a lucrative business selling the birds sprang up, with the sellers gouging the faithful by charging exorbitant prices. There were other merchants selling cattle and sheep for the temple sacrifices as well. Because of these sellers who preyed on the poor and because of His passion for the purity of His Father's house, Jesus was filled with righteous indignation.
- At some point, the priests decided that they will take advantage of the market themselves instead of letting business people on the outside reap all the profits. So they instituted a market with the merchandising taking place within the temple grounds, more specifically in the court of the Gentiles. The worship center became an area where worshippers could find any kind of service they needed.

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- Jesus' display of anger made an impact upon those who witnessed His zeal. It actually reminded them of Psalm 69:9 - Zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.
 - John 2:17 - His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Thy house will consume me".
 - Psalm 69 - The psalmist complained that he was being persecuted by his friends and his own relatives because of his zeal for the Lord and His house. Though his heart burned with great concern for God's house, even his closest people became his enemies. Their insults against God were directed to him. The disciples came to understand the meaning of Jesus' behavior by remembering Psalm 69:9. Jesus, like the psalmist, was extremely concerned about purity of worship in the temple.

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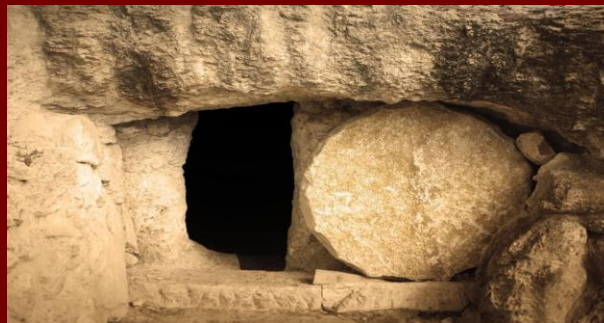
■ Psalm 119:137-144 – "...My zeal has consumed me, Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words. "

■ Isaiah 9:1-7- "...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. 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."

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- What was Jesus talking about; the temple or is it something else?
 - *The Jews therefore said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body (vv. 20-21).*
 - Does the statement 'I will raise it up on the third day', mean that Jesus is going to rise from the dead? If that is the case, does it mean that His zeal for God's house is a zeal for His own resurrection, since the temple is His body?



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- **House, Temple and Body:** In v. 16, we have 'the house of God'. In vv. 19 and 20, we have the word 'temple'. In v. 21, we find the term 'body', the body of Jesus. House, temple, body. Are the House, Temple and Body linked?
- **I Timothy 3:15,** *I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God...* The house of God is the church of the living God.
- **I Corinthians 3:16,** Paul writes, *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* The individual Christian and the community of believers as a whole, the church, represent the temple of God.
- **Ephesians 1:22-23,** *He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body...* The church is the body of Christ.

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■ **II Corinthians 5:17:** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation... Did Paul receive this teaching from Jesus Christ? Could this relate to the church?*

■ **Mark 14:58** - *We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'*

■ **Hebrews 9:11** - *But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation.*

■ **I Corinthians 6:19** ... **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.**

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■ I Corinthians 3:16-18: *Know you not that you are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you?...*

■ Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

■ I Peter 2:5 - 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.,

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■ Luke 19:41-48

– *"It is written, My House shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers."*

■ **Isaiah 56:7:** *for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.*

■ **Jeremiah 7:11:** "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.."

■ **I Corinthians 12:13-** *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body*

■ **John 8:31-36** *If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free*

