



Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"Tears of the Messiah"

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- Jesus did not weep because of His coming suffering on the cross. He wept over Jerusalem.

"wept" - κλαίω – to sob, wail aloud.

- What Jesus saw, broke His heart.
- He did this in the midst of a grand entrance into Jerusalem with Israel shouting, and praising Him. Tens of thousands of people laying down their coats, exclaiming Hosanna to the King.
- But Jesus saw through their superficiality, their shallowness, their fickleness.
- He was not fooled. This is discernment.
- 4 reasons He wept . . .

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1. Jesus wept over Israel's past rejection of the Messiah.

- This isn't head knowledge, this is heart knowledge. If they had received and approved what they knew, they would have had peace.
- This is not national peace or any other kind of peace. This is the peace that comes from salvation, from repenting, and believing in the Messiah.

Rom 5:1

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2. Jesus wept over Israel's present blindness as He heads toward the cross.

- "now" – present.
- Jesus spent His 3 years going all around Israel teaching and preaching the truth about salvation, and was largely rejected.
- There comes a time when rejection will turn to judgment.
- There is always a window of time:
 - Noah – 120 years.
 - Jeremiah – 40 years
 - Jesus + Church – 43 years.
- If you choose blindness, God will accommodate you with permanent blindness.
- Pentecost was only a small token of those of Israel who would be saved.

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- Lasted 5 months.
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- Made for an easy slaughter by the Romans.
- Once they broke through the walls, the soldiers ravaged the city killing hundreds of thousands (men, women, children, infants. – 1 million total.
- Rome ran out of wood to build crosses. No room in Jerusalem to put the crosses.
- Jerusalem was leveled. They burned it all down. All that was left, is the Wailing Wall.

Prov 29:1

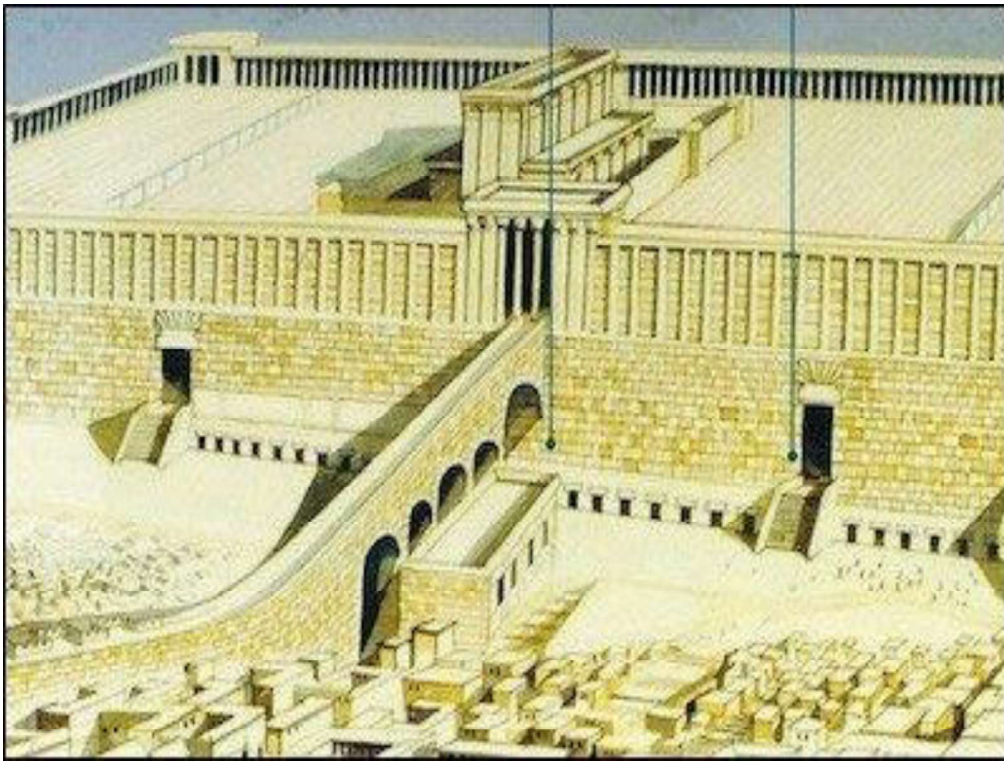
29 A man who hardens his neck after much reproof

Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

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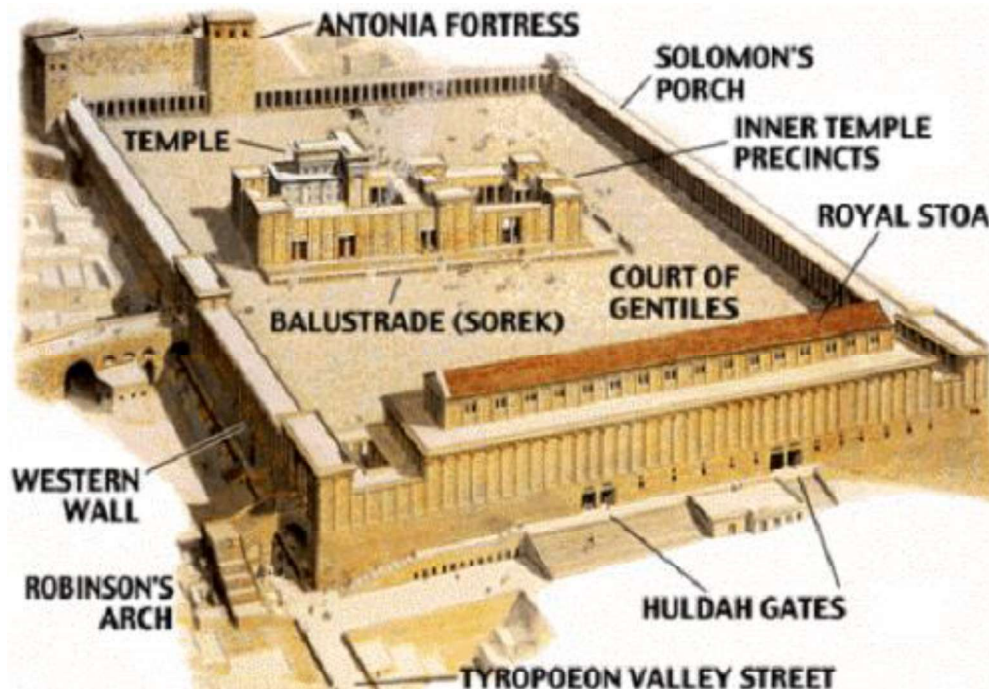
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4. Jesus wept over the corruption in His house.

- On Passover, people would bring their animals to be sacrificed. Inspected by a priest and then sacrificed.
- The Temple Court of the Gentiles became a corrupt area where people were charged exorbitant prices to buy their animals from approved vendors who ran "shops".
- Jesus exhibited a tremendous amount of strength as he overturned tables, stools, scattered the money and animals and drove out the corrupt people running the shops. Here is a "man's man." A carpenter with great strength.

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- People brought their animals to be inspected by the priest. Priest would reject. People would have to buy their animals from a shop.
- They would have to pay 10-20 times the going rate outside the court. 260,000 lambs sacrificed at Passover.
- Moneychangers – charged 25% to exchange your money if you did not have the exact amount to make your purchase or to pay your temple tax.
- Annas and Caiaphas, high priests, ran the show. Sold franchises to vendors. Incredibly rich.
- Martin Luther faced the same situation with Roman Catholicism. Selling indulgences.

Ps 27:4

4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord

And to meditate in His temple.

Jer 7:11

11 "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," declares the Lord.

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Application

1. Peace to Israel will only come when she makes peace with her Messiah.
2. Israel in 33 A.D. was ripe for judgment for rejecting the gospel. Judgment fell 40 years later. Today the U.S. is ripe for judgment for having rejected the message of the gospel. How soon will we fall?
3. No church is immune from becoming a "den of thieves." Churches meet to pray, worship, sing, teach and fellowship.

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- Jesus continued teaching the gospel in spite of the mess.

Luke 20:1

20 On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel,

- Chief priests – those who were in charge of those running the shops.

- Scribes – lawyers, interpreters of the Law.

"destroy" – ἀπολλυμι – cause to perish, die.

- But these guys have a problem – right now there is nothing they can do to Jesus because the people want to listen to Jesus, not destroy Him.
- Without the people, they have no ability to do anything. They would be overpowered.