

**My House Shall Be Called
A House of Prayer**

Matthew 21: 12-17

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)

The Decree to Restore

Messiah the Prince

The Coming Prince

Messiah Returns

69 Weeks



Messiah Apr. 3, "cut off" A.D. 33

Church Age

1 Week

1/2 Week

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March 5, 444 B.C.

March 30, A.D. 33

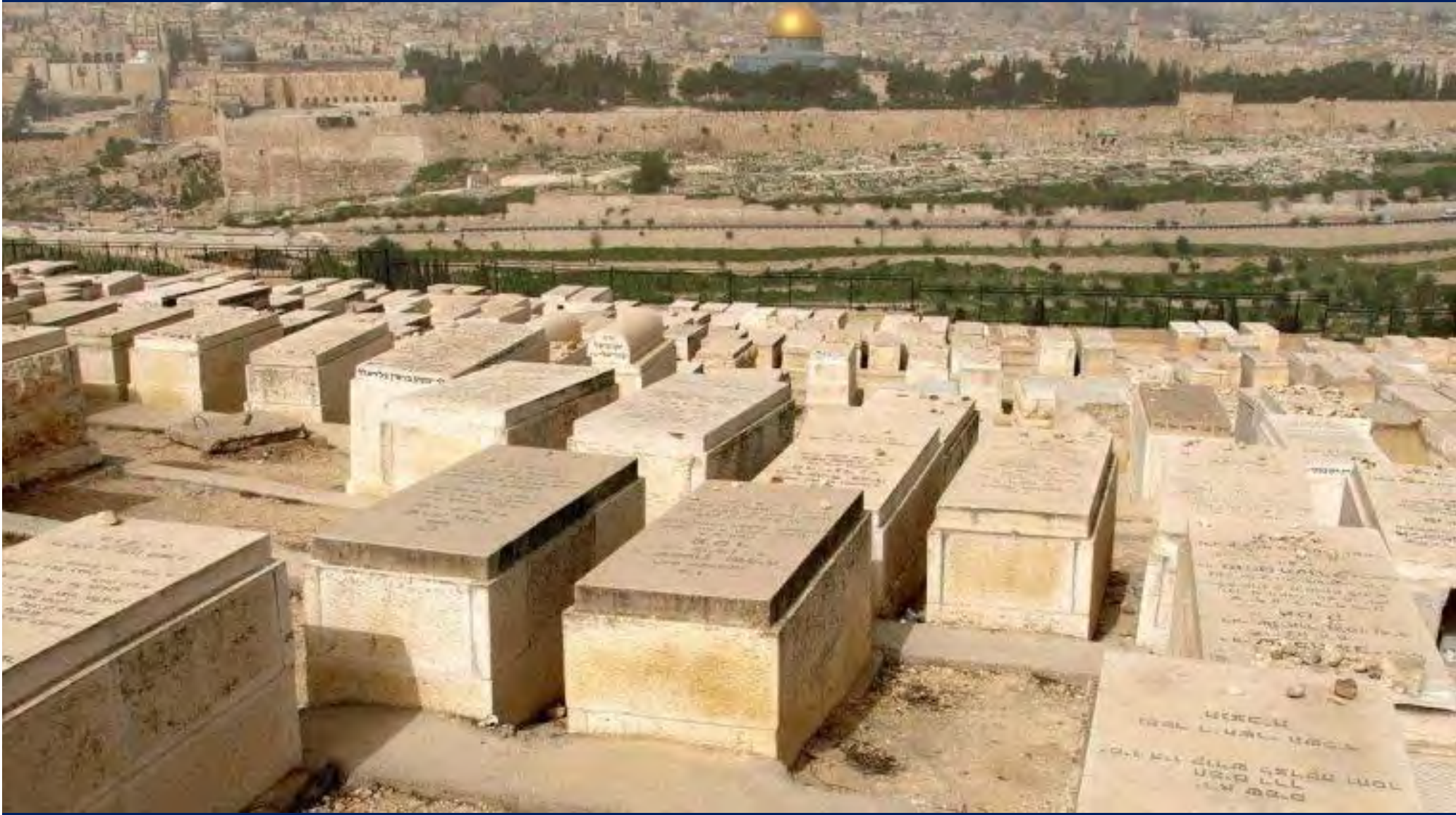
City & Temple destroyed Aug. 6, A.D. 70


Artaxerxes' Decree Neh. 2:1-8

Triumphal Entry Luke 19:28-40



PALM SUNDAY ROAD





He said to the crowd:
“When you see a cloud
rising in the west,
immediately you say, ‘It’s
going to rain,’ and it does.
And when the south wind
blows, you say, ‘It’s going
to be hot,’ and it is.

Hypocrites! You know how
to interpret the
appearance of the earth
and the sky. How is it that
you don’t know how to
interpret this present
time?

Luke 12:54-56

Verse 12 - 13

My house has become a den of thieves

What Jesus sees in the temple is appalling to Him, *blatant sin!*

The nation is far from God, there was blatant sin in Father's house

Sin must be dealt with, not ignored, not swept under the rug, not downplayed!

There is a day of reckoning, an appointed time when God says no more = **JUDGMENT!**

“My house shall be called a house of prayer”

Prayer focus, not program focus!

The Church's focus is well described in
Acts 2: 40-42:

- 1) The Apostles doctrine – teaching**
- 2) Fellowship – encourage one another to keep going**



- 3) Breaking of bread – Communion;
remembering what Christ has done for us**
- 4) Prayer – God wants us to talk with Him**

What many churches have become:



Where is the fear of God?

fear = “*yare*” = awesome respect for GOD

Many “*Christians*” treat God with casualness;
they are almost dismissive of Him



The purpose of the Church:

- 1) Glorify God
- 2) Edify the saints
- 3) Evangelize the world

Do you see any place for foolishness in the presence of God?

NO!!



**The
Tabernacle
shows us a
prescribed
way to
approach God**



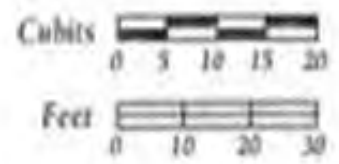
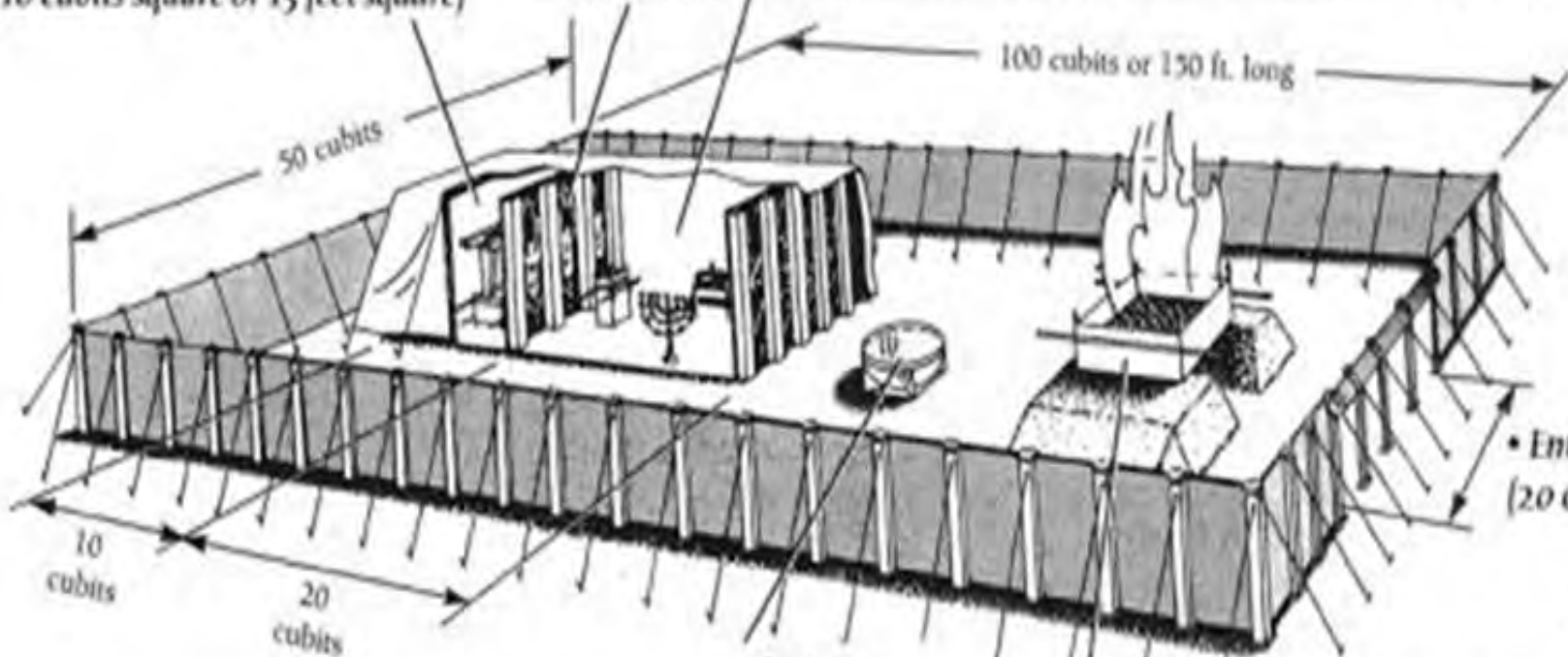
• The Most Holy Place with the Ark of the Covenant (10 cubits square or 15 feet square)

• The Holy Place with the Table and Bread, Lampstand, and Altar of Incense (length: 20 cubits or 30 feet, width: 10 cubits or 15 feet)

• The Curtain

100 cubits or 150 ft. long

• Entrance (20 cubits or 30 feet)



The Tabernacle and the Temple show us the
One Way to God

JESUS ONLY!!

Verse 14 - 15

**The Temple is cleansed – now used
properly**

**Jesus is preparing His people for His reign,
His Kingdom**

**A time when all will be whole, complete and
lacking nothing!!**

Verse 16a

The religious phonies' response to Jesus

The hyper-religious phonies' cry:

“Did You hear what these are saying?”

Loud and clear – may our world hear where we stand - no cowering, no falling back!

Scripture calls us the ***RESTRAINER*** – the Holy Spirit filled Church

Scripture calls us ***Salt and Light*** – impacting our culture with the ***TRUTH!***

Scripture tells us to ***WATCH*** and be ***READY!***

Scripture tells us to ***encourage one another*** to keep going and not to fall back

Hebrews 10: 35-39

The Church was originally called *“The Way”*,
responding to John 14: 6:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life”

Follow God’s way, not the phony world way!

Verse 16b - 17

Jesus' response to the religious phonies

Allow these words to permeate your soul:

“Have you never read”

Jesus expects His people to know what God has said in His Word

Bereans “searched the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” – Acts 17: 11

The normal Christian life is to be in God’s Word daily – *your daily bread!*


Jesus left them

**No more debating, no more revealing truth
to the blind**

Lesson:

“A time to be silent and a time to speak”

Ecclesiastes 3: 7



You gotta know when to hold 'em,
know when to fold 'em, know when
to walk away, know when to run.

Kenny Rogers

Be discerning with whom you speak

If people will not hear, hold your peace

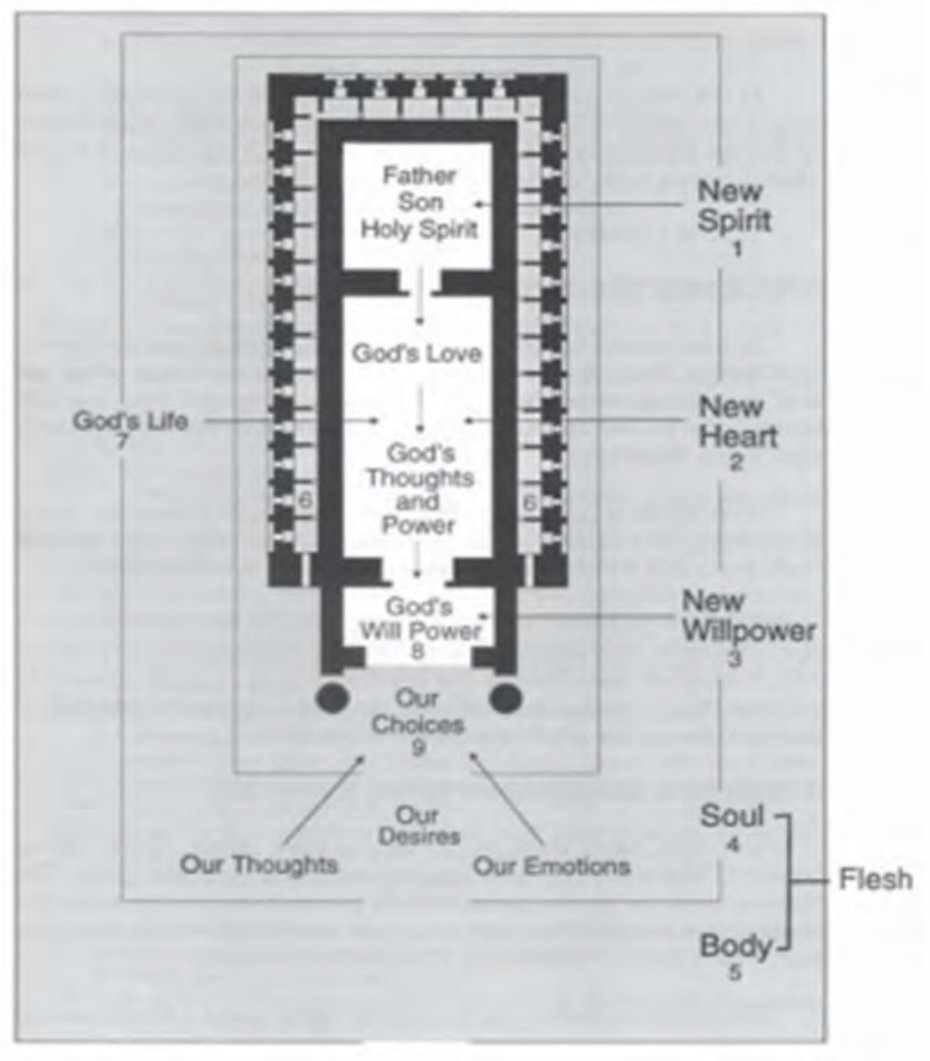
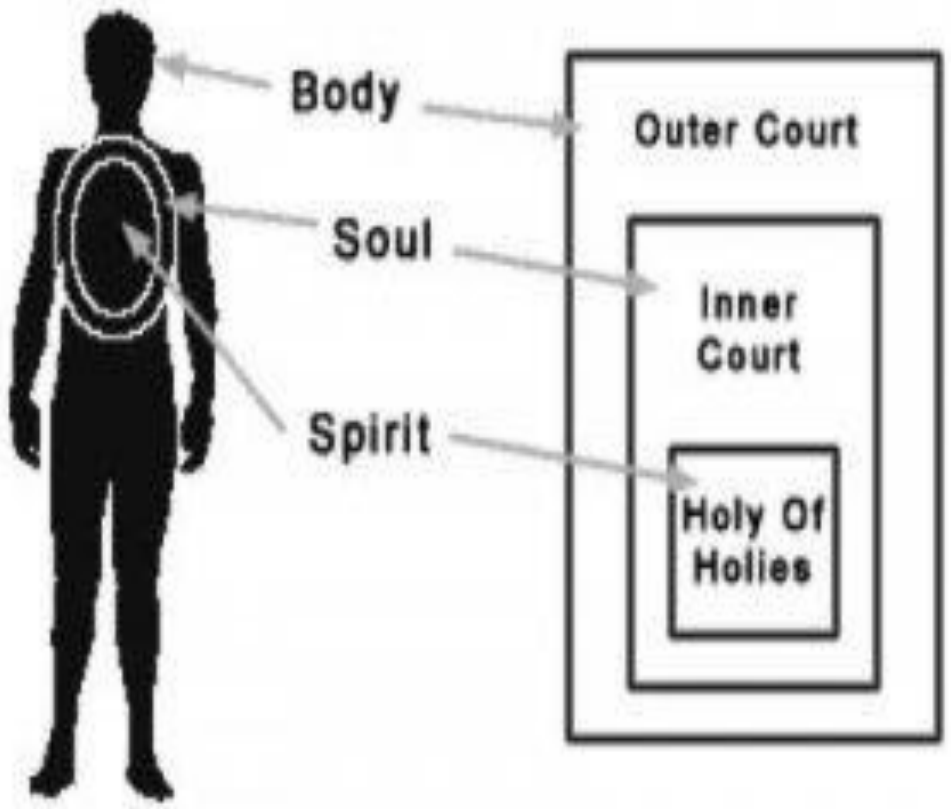
Matthew 7: 6

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Believers, you are the *temple of the Holy Spirit!*

God dwells in you!
I Corinthians 6: 19

The temple and spirit of man.



The Holy Spirit power allows you to live **FREE!**

Free to act different,

Free to give up your will and way,

Free to live as God made you

FREE!

It really is a daily, *moment by moment*, choice to live **Free** or live in bondage

Many believers live in bondage, never experiencing **FREEDOM in Christ!!**

You are **FREE!**

So live as a **free** person, not controlled by your feelings

Not controlled by your runaway thoughts!

Remember: **A thought is just a thought!**

“We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” – 2 Corinthians 10: 5b

If a thought is not in line with the Word of God, **throw it out!!**

KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST!!

Get the leaven out of your temple (*your house*) and live **FREE!**

No one can do this for you!

It's God and you in steps to freedom!

Then, you can say with Jesus and live **FREE:**

“MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER”

You have been set free

SO

LIVE FREE!!