

Treasure Hunt

- What earlier historical event does the Lord invoke by saying that the temple will be “desolate”?
- In what way was the temple abandoned before the Babylonian destruction? Before the Roman war?
- Why does the Lord Jesus call the temple, “your house,” and not “God’s house”?
- To what OT prophecy does the challenge of 23:39 refer?
- In Ezekiel, who observes the corruption of the temple, and who abandons it?
- What statement about our Lord is Matthew making by emphasizing the parallels between his actions and Ezekiel 8-11?
- What common error do the disciples commit in 24:1b?
- According to Isaiah, what future day will be characterized by the destruction of lofty things?

v. 38 your house is left unto you desolate

“house ... desolate ερημος”

Jer 22:5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this **house** shall become a **desolation** ερημωσις.

Ezr 9:9 For we *were* bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the **house** of our God, and to repair the **desolations** ερημος thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

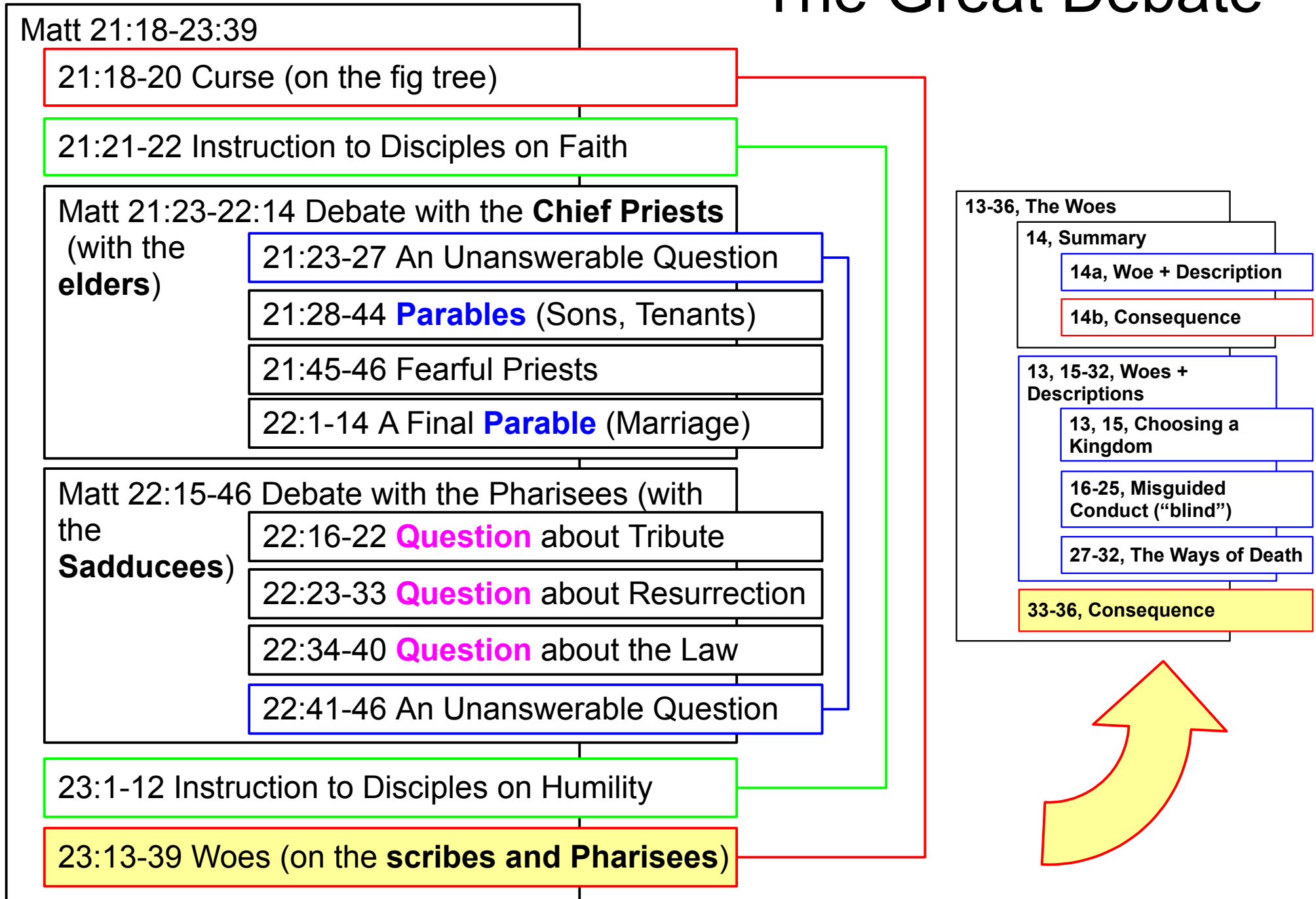
Hag 1:9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, *it came* to little; and when ye brought *it* home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine **house** that *is* **waste** ερημος, and ye run every man unto his own house.

“your house”

Mat 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 13 And said unto them, It is written, **My house** shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Isa 64:9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people. 10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 **Our holy and our beautiful house**, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

The Great Debate



Structure of 20:17-25:45

		Genre	
		Narrative	Exposition
Participants	Disciples	20:17-34 Final Ascent	Ch. 24-25 Olivet Discourse
	Jewish Leaders	21:1-17 Triumphal Entry	21:18-23:39 Great Debate

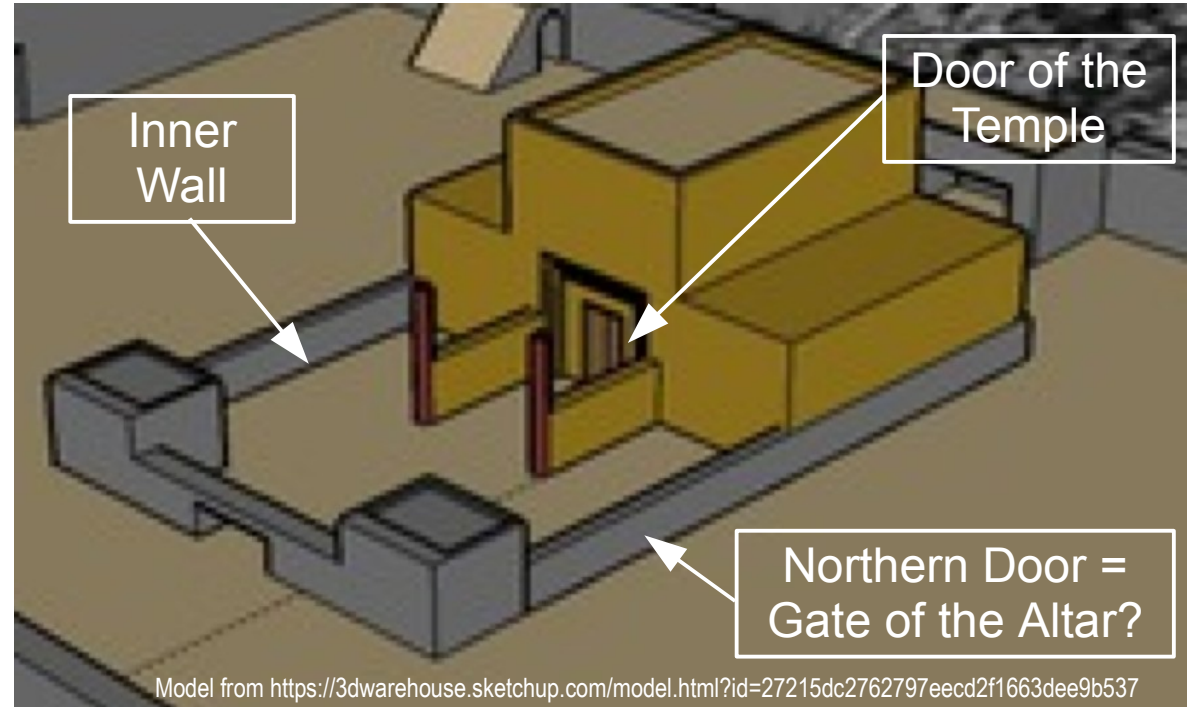
Ezekiel 8, the Son of Man sees the defiled temple

Eze 8:5 behold northward at the **gate of the altar** this **image of jealousy** in the entry. 6 He said furthermore unto me, **Son of man**, seest thou what they do? ... but turn thee yet again, **and thou shalt see greater abominations**. ...

10 So I went in and saw; and behold **every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols** of the house of Israel, pourtrayed **upon the wall** round about. 12 Then said he unto me, **Son of man**, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark,... 13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, **and thou shalt see greater abominations** that they do.

14 Then he brought me to **the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north**; and, behold, there sat **women weeping for Tammuz**. 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O **son of man**? turn thee yet again, **and thou shalt see greater abominations** than these.

16 And he brought me into **the inner court** of the LORD'S house, and, behold, **at the door of the temple** of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and **they worshipped the sun** toward the east. 17 Then he said unto me, **Hast thou seen this, O son of man?**



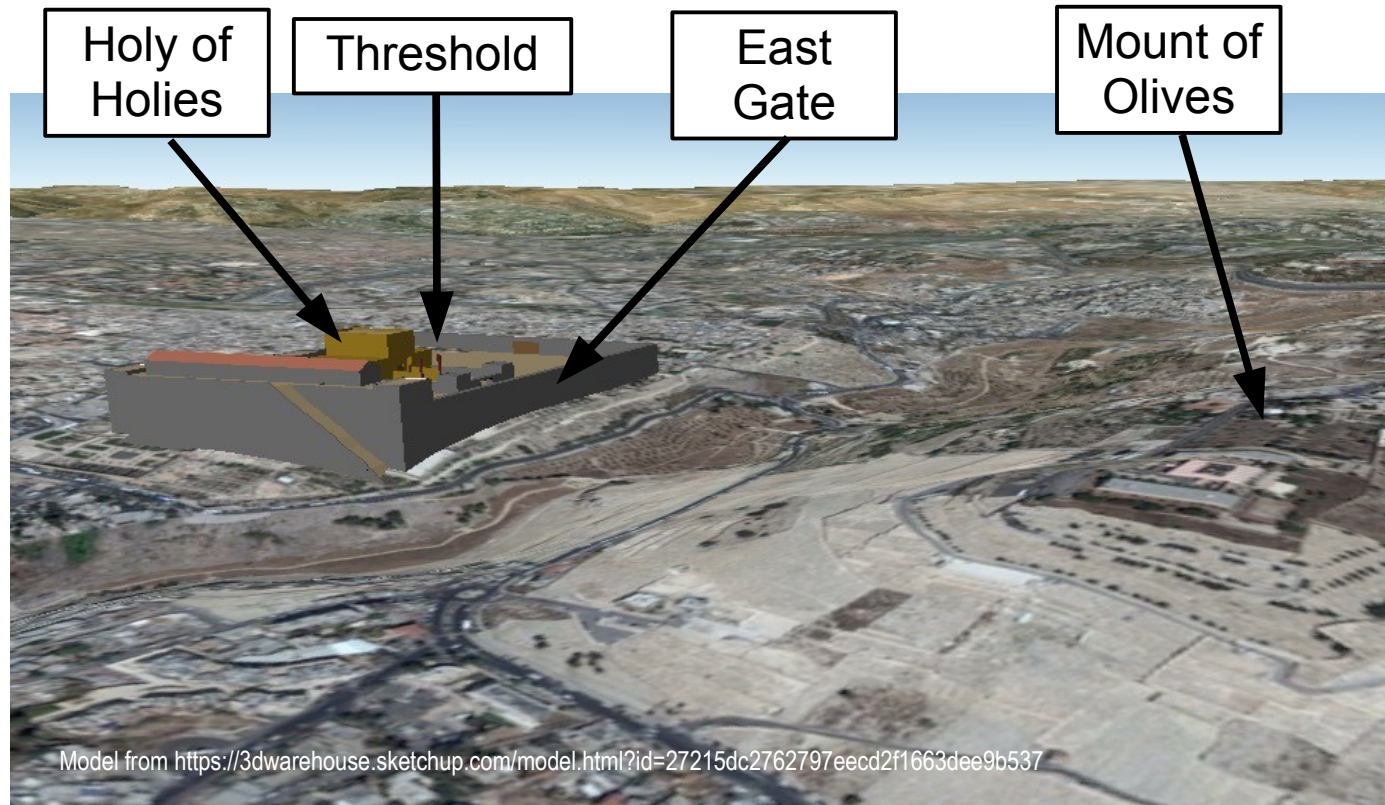
Ezekiel 10-11, The **Glory of the Lord** Departs

Eze 10:4 Then the **glory of the LORD** went up **from the cherub** [of the ark in the Holy of Holies],

and stood over the **threshold** of the house; ... 18 Then the **glory of the LORD** departed **from off the threshold** of the house,

and stood **over the cherubims**. 19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: ... and *every one* stood at **the door of the east gate** of the LORD'S house; and **the glory of the God of Israel** was over them above.

Eze 11:22 Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, ... and **the glory of the God of Israel** was over them above. 23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood **upon the mountain** which *is* on the east side of the city [the Mount of Olives].



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Recall End of the First Temple

	Babylon, ~600 BC	Rome, AD 30-70
The Son of Man witnesses corruption in the Temple	Ezek 8, 18 Sept 592 BC	Matt 23 31 March AD 33
The Glory of the Lord = Son of God abandons the temple, looking back from the Mount of Olives	Ezek 10-11	Matt 23:38 Your house is left unto you desolate
	10:18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house	Matt 24:1 And Jesus went out and departed from the temple
	11:23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.	24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives ...
The temple is destroyed	Jer 52:12-13, 28 Aug 587 BC	10 Aug AD 70

The Seduction of Beautiful Buildings

Man's View:

Matt 24:1 his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Talmud, Baba Basra 4a He who has not seen the Temple of Herod has never seen a beautiful building.

God's View (past)

Jer 7:4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, *are* these.

Jer 7:12 But go ye now unto my place which *was* in **Shiloh**, where I set my name at the first, and **see what I did to it** for the wickedness of my people Israel. 13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; 14 Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

God's View (future):

Isa 2:12 For **the day of the LORD of hosts** *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he/it **shall be brought low**: 13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, 14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up, 15 **And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall**, 16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. 17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.