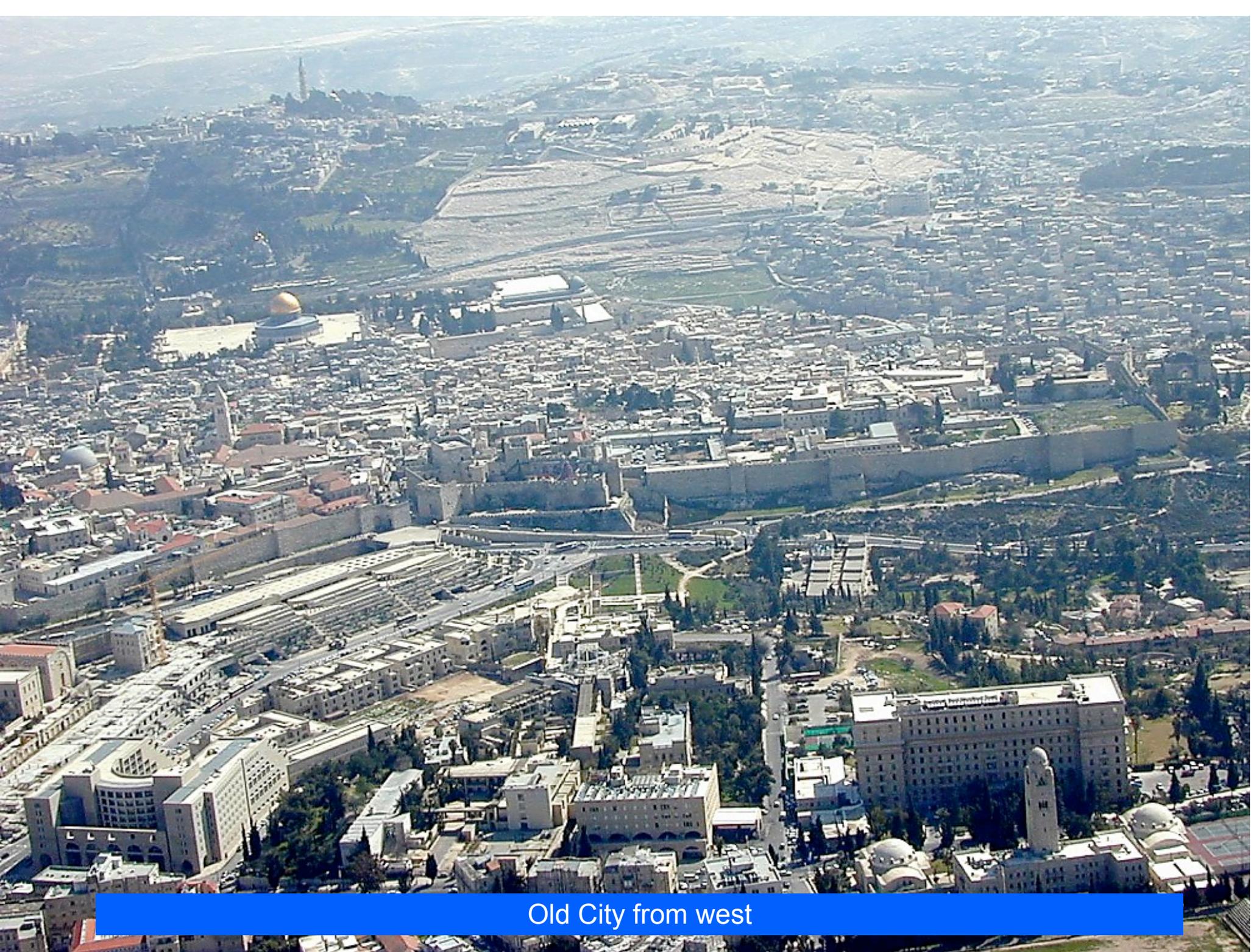


a moment to prepare to hear God's Word ...



Old City from west



# **The Evaluation of God's Lamb**

Sunday, July 8	Monday, July 9	Tuesday, July 10	Wednesday, July 11	Thursday, July 12	Friday, July 13	Saturday, July 14
arrives at Bethany	Messianic Monday	Tumultuous Tuesday	Wondrous Wednesday		Passover	
*Jo 12.1	*Jo 12.12					

Nissan 10

Nissan 14



Identification  
of the  
sacrifice lamb



Examination of  
the  
sacrifice lamb



1 Cor 5:7

.....For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.....

### Exodus 12:3-6 - Passover

.....“Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household. ‘Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb.‘Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.‘You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.....

**Wonderous  
Wednesday**



Four Tests upon the Lamb

Source of Authority

Authority over Material World

Authority over Immaterial World

Authority over Spiritual World

Mt 21:28-31a

Parable of Two Sons

Mt 21:31b-32

Parable of Tax Collectors and Prostitutes

Mt 21:33-41  
Mk 12.1-9  
Lk 20.9-16

Parable of the Vineyard

Mt 21:42; Mk 12.10; Lk 20.17

The Rejected Stone

Kingdom Taken Away

Bruised & Crush by the stone

Mt 21:31b-32

Mt 21:31b-32; Lk 20.18

Group	Description	Analogous
<b>Pharisees</b>	<p>the majority group of Judaism</p> <p>Josephus claims to have been a Pharisee (Life 9–12), and Paul’s enigmatic assertion that he was a Pharisee “as to law.” The Pharisees, he says, believe that the soul is imperishable, and that the souls of the wicked are punished eternally. They believe in fate, free will, and God. They make no concession to luxury, show respect for their elders, and follow the guidance of reason and what is good. Worship is conducted according to their views, which are influential among the people. They cultivate harmonious relationships with one another and with the community.</p> <p>(the Sadducees’ rejected the Pharisaic law “not recorded in the Laws of Moses)</p>	Mormons, red states
<b>Sadducees</b>	<p>the minority group of Judaism</p> <p>the majority of leadership</p> <p>the majority of temple priests</p> <p>mainly urban, wealthy, and educated Jews</p> <p>The Sadducees did not believe that the soul continued to exist after death or that people suffered punishments or received rewards after they died. Devalued traditions, any revelation outside of the Pentateuch.</p> <p>Josephus tells us that one high priest, Ananus, was a Sadducee. Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year</p>	Presbyterians, Congregationalist, blue states
<b>Herodians</b>	Political & religious mixture.	Islam, Nazis,
<b>Essences</b>	Ascetic Jewish separatists. These Essenes withdrew to the desert to protest what they regarded as the illegitimate Hasmonean claim to the high priesthood	monks, hermits, etc.

# **3. Authority over the Immaterial World**

# Mark

## 12:18-27

.....Some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) \*came to Jesus, and began questioning Him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN’S BROTHER DIES and leaves behind a wife AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER. “There were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died leaving no children. “The second one married her, and died leaving behind no children; and the third likewise; and so all seven left no children. Last of all the woman died also. “In the resurrection, when they rise again, which one’s wife will she be? For all seven had married her.” .....

only direct mention of Sadducees in Mark  
yet, most of Sanhedrin, Annias,  
Capria are Sadducees

“(who say that there is no resurrection)” \*all three gospels record  
they do to emphasize this transparent hypocrisy and entrapment

it is a “what if...” argument

Mosaic law to perpetuate the family  
name and land as Israelite Deut 25:4-10

# Mark 12:18-27

..... Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God? "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, and the God of Jacob'? "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken." .....

single compound reason for their error

- Ignorance of God's Word
- Ignorance of God's Character

to explain further with regard to marriage

OT Passages on Resurrection  
Dan 12:2; Isa 26:19; Job 19:25-26

Sadducees did not believe on any books outside the Pentateuch for doctrine, therefore Jesus proof text must come from the Pentateuch.

angels have never required marriage for procreation  
resurrected ones do not require marriage for procreation

Implied this woman would be cognizant and knowing of her seven husbands ?  
Assumption, she would have to choose between which one of the seven ?

# **4. Authority over the Spiritual World**

## Mark 12:27-34

.....One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” .....

Matt 22:35

.....a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, .....



Matt 22:34

.....But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, .....



ποία ἐστὶν ἐντολὴ πρώτη πάντων;

‘what kind’ Quality, kind, nature  
not Identity

**Mark**

**12:27-34**

..... Jesus answered,  
“The foremost is,  
‘HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE  
LORD OUR GOD IS  
ONE LORD; AND YOU  
SHALL LOVE THE  
LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART, AND WITH  
ALL YOUR SOUL, AND  
WITH ALL YOUR  
MIND, AND WITH ALL  
YOUR STRENGTH.’  
“The second is this,  
‘YOU SHALL LOVE  
YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF.’ There is  
no other commandment  
greater than  
these.” .....

The rabbis counted 613 commands in the  
Mosaic Law, 365 positive and 248  
negative.

## **Revolutionary Synthesis**

No one had ever put these verses together before.

**Mark**

**12:27-34**

.....The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM; AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." .....

## Agreement by the scribe

The value of spiritual worth-ship  
is greater  
than  
the value of ritual activity

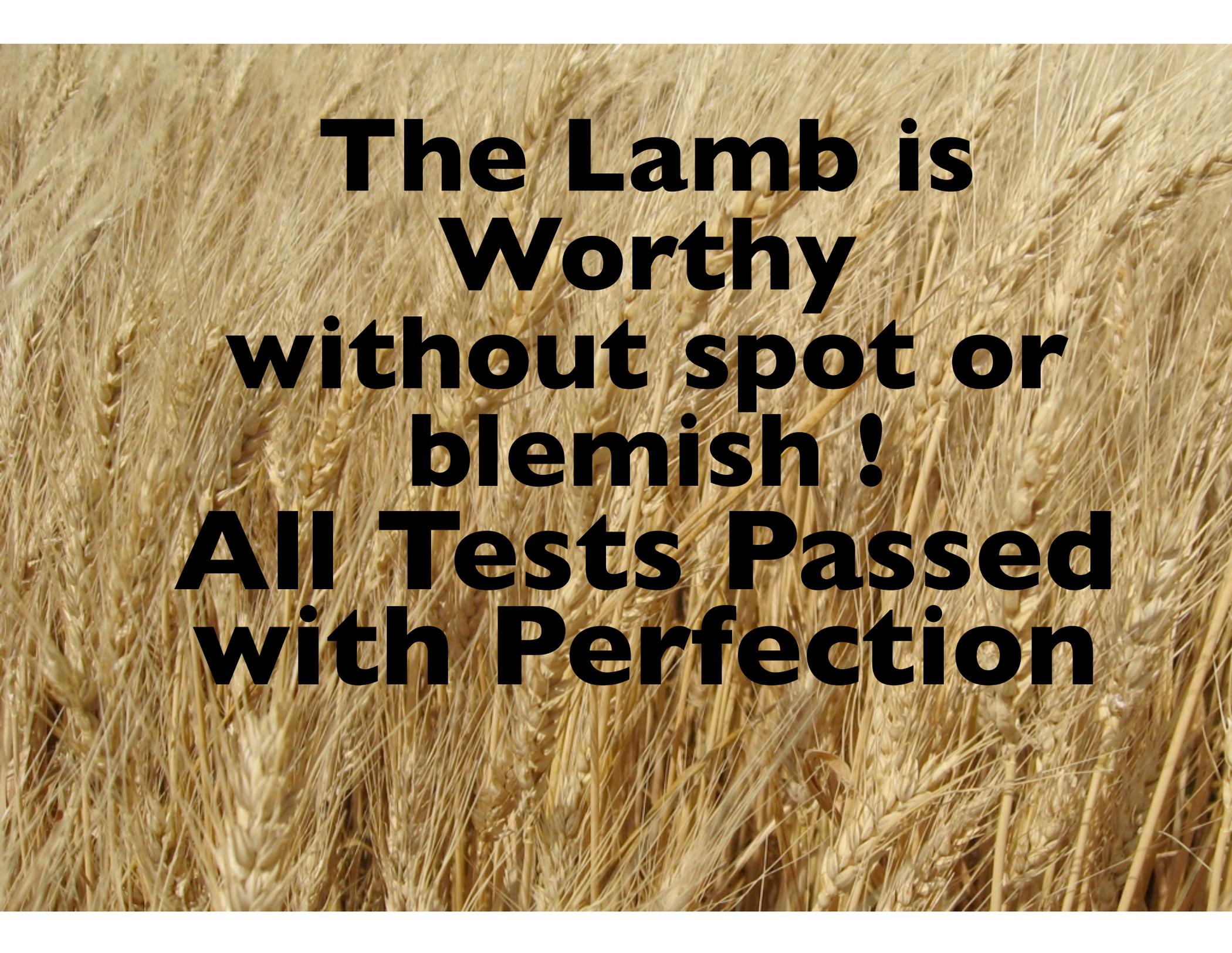
## **Mark**

### **12:27-34**

..... When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions. ....

The only example recorded in the NT where the opposition interrogator exhibited a growing spiritual insight.

The last testing and examination of the Lamb.

A close-up photograph of a golden wheat field, showing the texture of the stalks and heads of grain. The text is overlaid in the center in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**The Lamb is  
Worthy  
without spot or  
blemish !  
All Tests Passed  
with Perfection**

**Messiah  
Illumines  
His Nature**

**Mark**  
**12:35-37**

.....And Jesus began to say, as He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? "David himself said in the Holy Spirit, 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, .....

He asks a question to illuminate  
not embarrass, nor humiliate

Sets Foundation Parameter:  
Jewish leaders answer \*Mt 12:42

How does King David call his offspring, "Lord"?  
Psalm 110:1

**Mark**

**12:35-37**

..... "SIT AT MY  
RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I  
PUT YOUR ENEMIES  
BENEATH YOUR  
FEET." "David himself  
calls Him 'Lord'; so in  
what sense is He his  
son?" And the large  
crowd enjoyed  
listening to Him. ....

This point cannot be resolved without  
recognizing that the Messiah  
will be BOTH God and Man.

Jewish leaders could never admit to that

Rabbi Akiba is said to have explained the Plural "thrones" in Daniel 7:9 as "one for God, one for David." Hagiga 14a

In fact, they said the opposite. In Mark 3, they said  
his nature was demonic.

**Messiah  
Condemns  
Jewish leaders  
of Hypocrisy**

**Mark**

**12:38-40**

.....In His  
teaching He was  
saying: "Beware  
of the scribes  
who like to walk  
around in long  
robes, and like  
respectful  
greetings in the  
market  
places, .....

*He condemns the  
external hypocritical  
nature of the  
leadership of that  
generation,  
which lacks any  
spiritual real values.*

## Mark

### 12:38-40

..... and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation." .....

Matt 23

**Messiah  
Illumines  
Inner and Outer  
Hypocrisy**

**Mark 12:41-44**

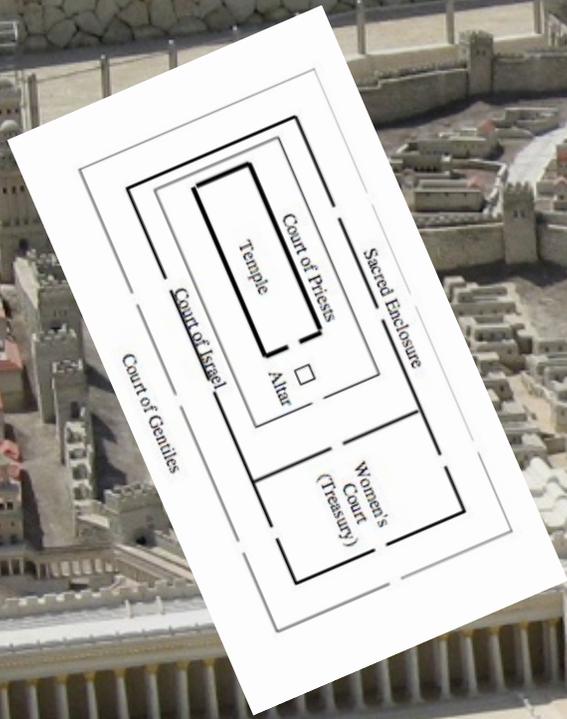
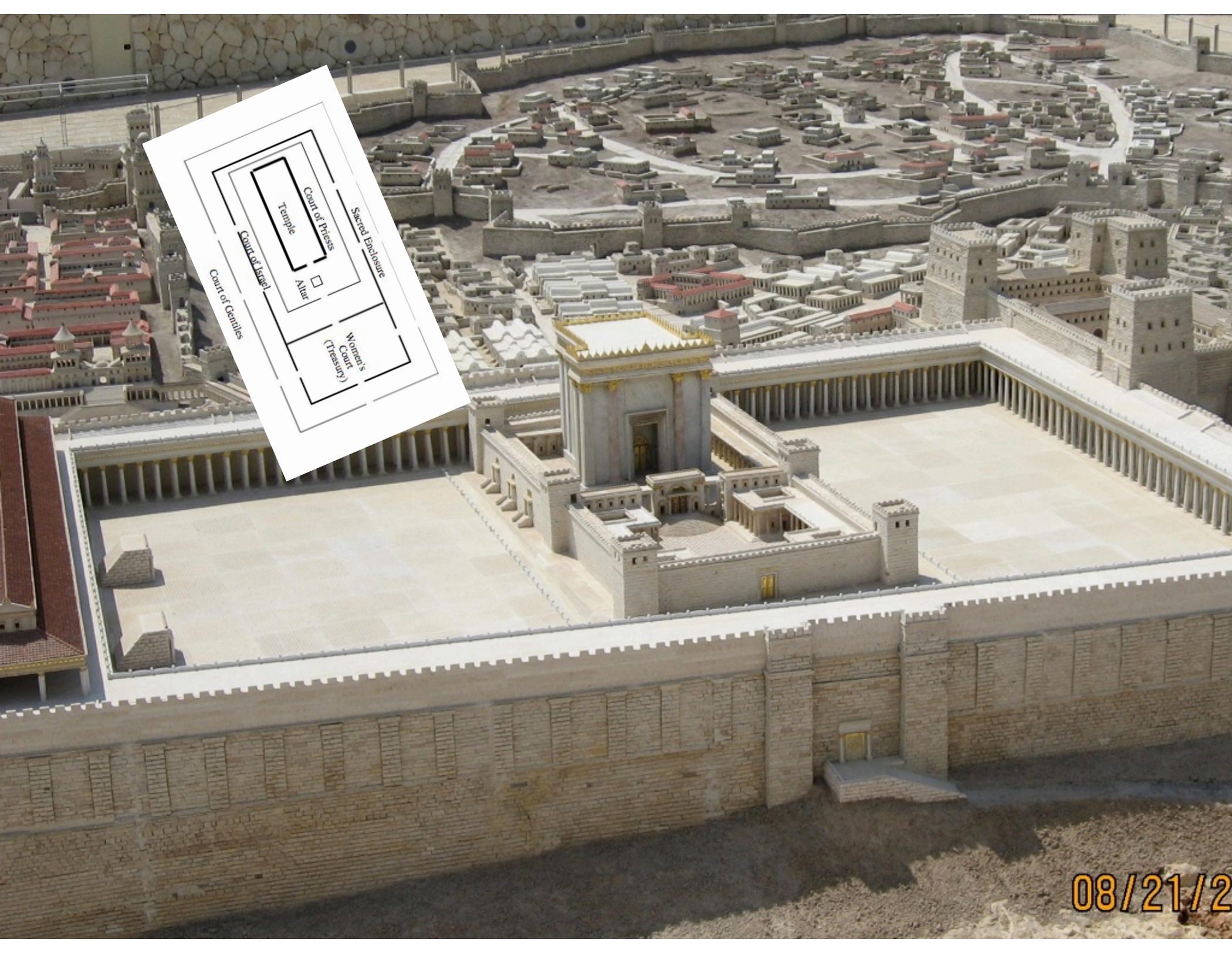
.....And He sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. ....

There were 13 trumpet-shaped metal receptacles (Heb. shofar) that the priests had placed against a wall of the women's courtyard to receive the Jews' offerings. (Mishnah) The court of the women was within the court of the Gentiles, the outermost court of the temple. A low barrier separated the court of the Gentiles from the other courtyards and the temple building that lay within this enclosure. The court of the women was farther from the temple building than the court of Israel, which only Jewish men could enter, or the court of the priests, which only the priests could enter. Jesus had given His precedent by teaching in the court of the Gentiles. Now He moved into the court of the women.

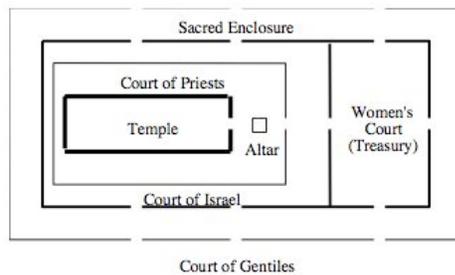
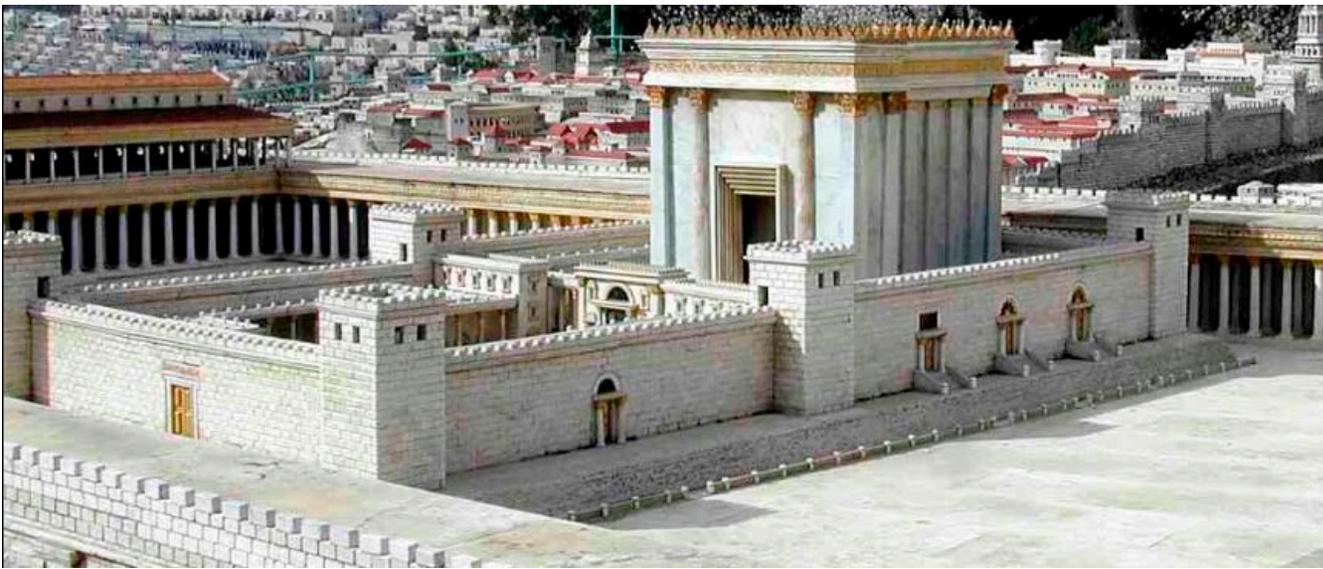


**Jewish Leaders wanted to be masters, not servants**

Lesson to the disciples in distinction between the external perspectives and internal perspectives.



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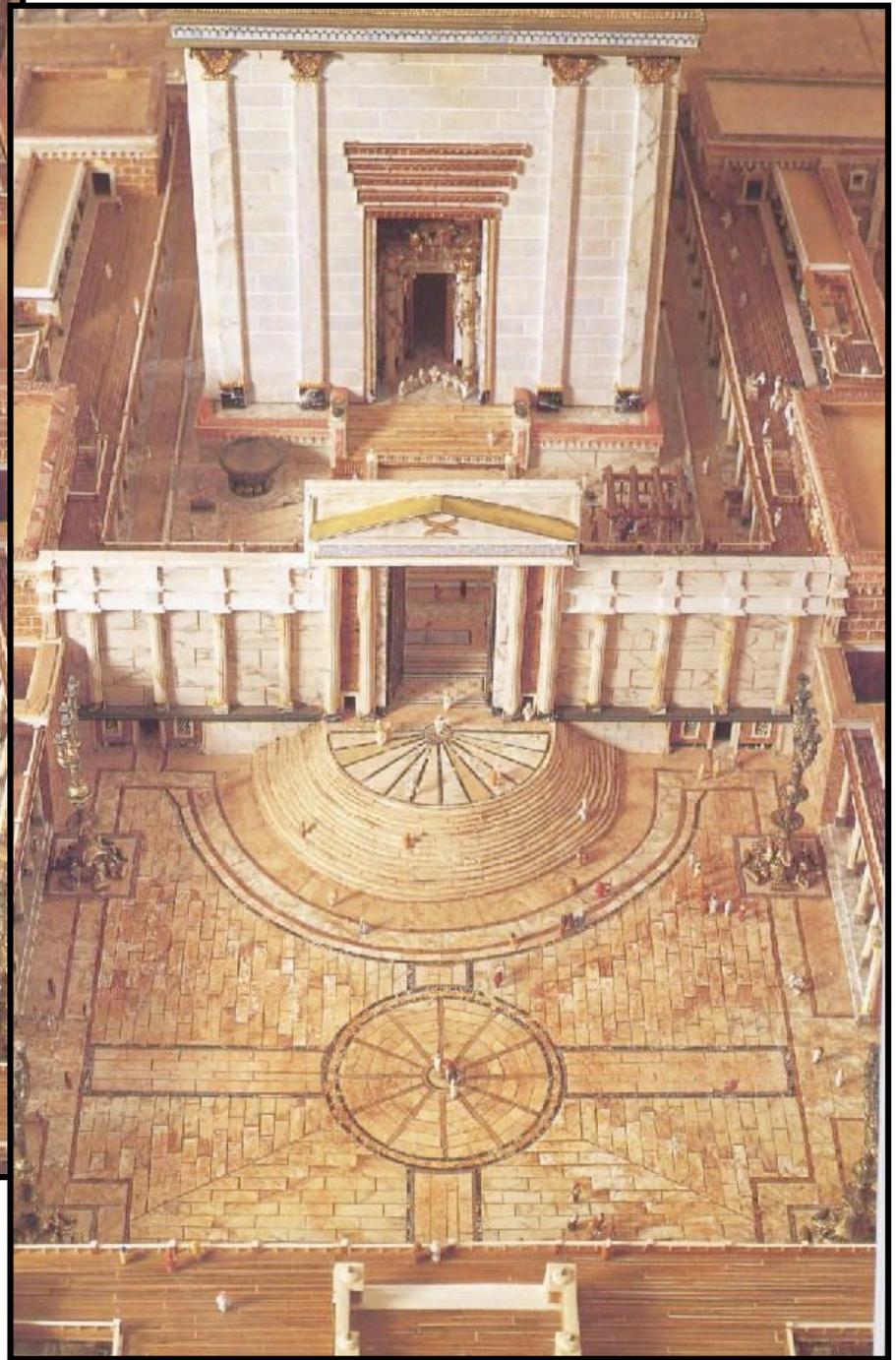
## 15 Jerusalem Temple

Sketch after plan of Avi-Yonah's model.

1. Holy of Holies
2. Veil (Curtain)
3. Holy Place
4. Altar of Incense
5. Court of Priests
6. Court of Israel
7. Altar of Sacrifice
8. Nicanor Gate
9. Court of Women
10. Temple Treasury
11. Gate Beautiful
12. Court of Gentiles
13. Solomon's Porch
14. Royal Porticos
15. Western Wall







**Mark 12:41-44**

..... A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on." .....



Lepta = our dime  
The "mites" were leptons, the smallest Greek copper coins.

## Contrast of External and Internal Realities

Two Categories of Givers	outer perception	inner reality
rich people putting in large sums	devoted and consecrated worshippers	small % of their wealth, no sacrifice, little worth-ship
poor widow putting in two dimes	miserly, shallow worshipper	100% wealth, 100% sacrifice 100% worth-ship



Lord, Come Soon!