



- 520 B.C. About 35 years after Jews first returned to Judah, the 2nd year in the reign of King Darius
- Prophets Haggai and Zechariah encouraging the Jews to get back to work on the Temple
- Samaritans provided heavy opposition against rebuilding the Temple
- Foundation had been laid, but even it was no longer suitable..... A new one would have to be built

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

OPPOSITION FROM GOD'S ENEMIES

- After 35 years of inactivity, God sent Haggai and Zechariah to awaken the Jews from their ambivalence
- But...the Jews had built lavish homes for themselves
- The Lord said to build His Temple.....NOW!
- 1) Building His *Beit* indicated zealousness for Him
- 2) No Temple, no fellowship with God





- Will the Antichrist pave the way to rebuild the Temple?
- Daniel 9:25 – 27
- Matthew 24: 14 – 16
- 2Thessalonians 2:1 – 4
- Antichrist will step into the Temple and declare himself as god



MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

- What laws? EU laws?
Rabbinical laws? Civic laws?
ANY law system?
- NO! The only Law that God recognizes are HIS Laws, the Laws of Moses
- Matthew 5:17 – 19
- Anti-Christ is anti Law
- Christ upholds the Law
- The Law was never for Salvation
- Salvation is by grace, by faith in Christ, a free gift from God



the Living Torah

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 1: REDEMPTION

- Zechariah receives oracle in the 8th month, 2nd year of Darius Vss. 1 - 6
- 3 months later, he receives 7 night visions, all in the same night
- The 7 visions are interconnected and represent a sequence of progressive revelation
- Future of the people of Israel and the Kingdom of God on earth
- 8 is the number of redemption
- Firstborn redeemed on 8th day, Noach 8 survivors, final Biblical Feast Sukkot is 8 days long
- Entry into the Millennial Kingdom



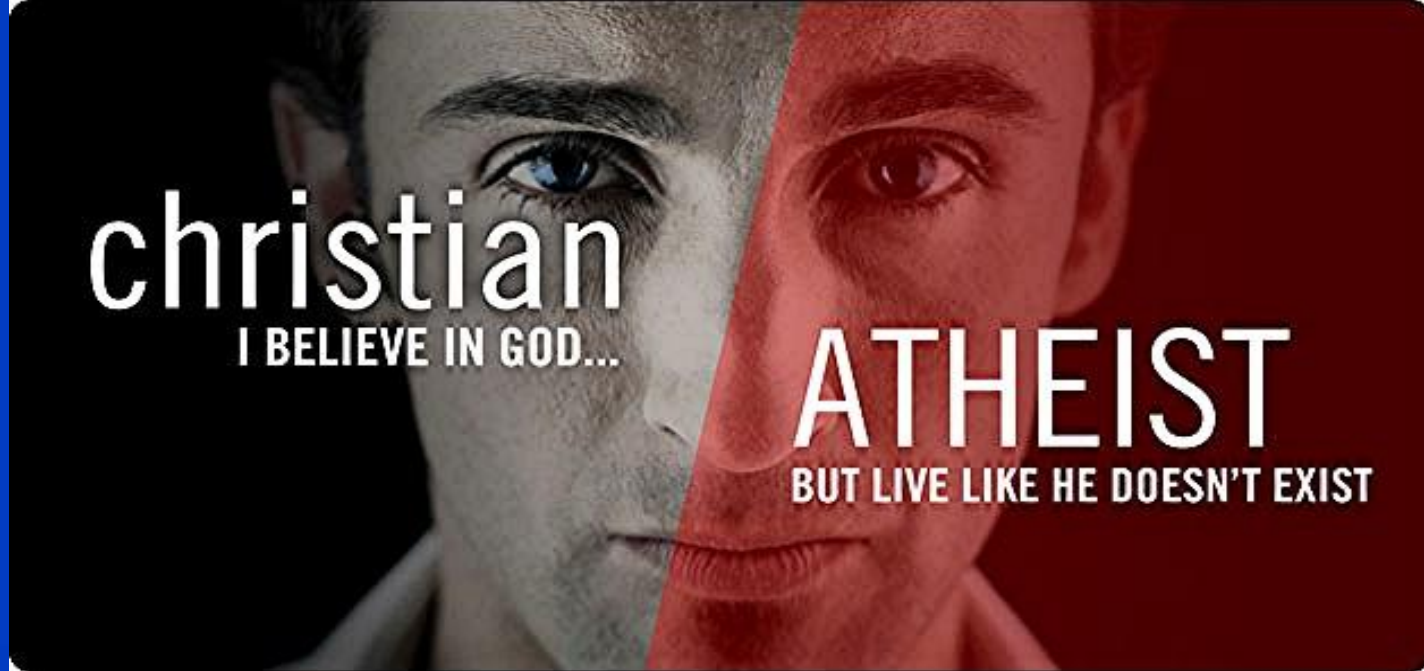
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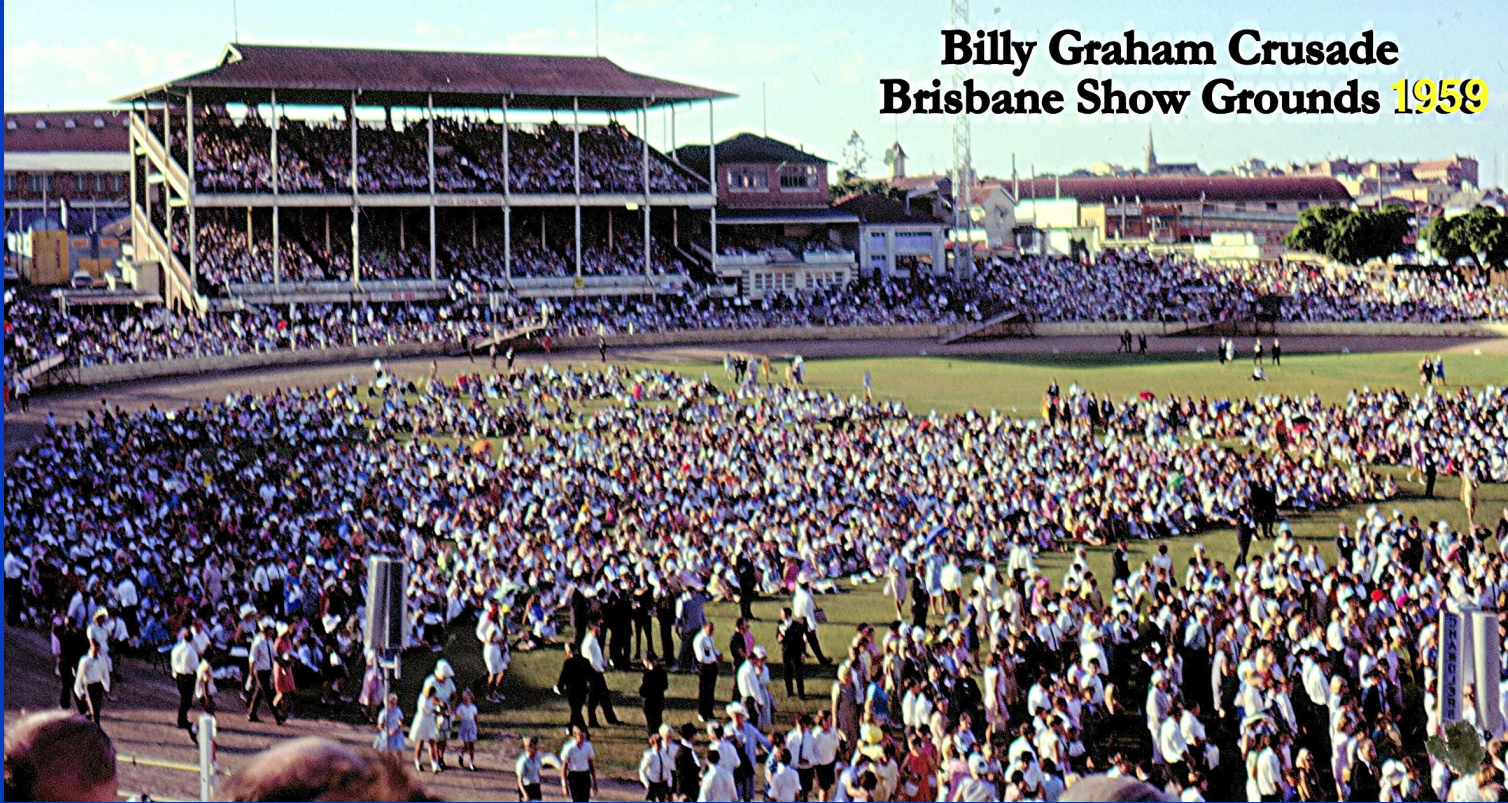
ANSWERING GOD'S BECKONING CALL

- God extremely angry with these Jews' ancestors
- IF Jews return to Him, THEN He will return to them
- This oracle is in relation to the Jews' procrastination on rebuilding the Temple
- Building the Temple = repentance
- Repentance without changed behavior is not acceptable to God
- The **OUTWARD** sign of **INNER** repentance is behavior



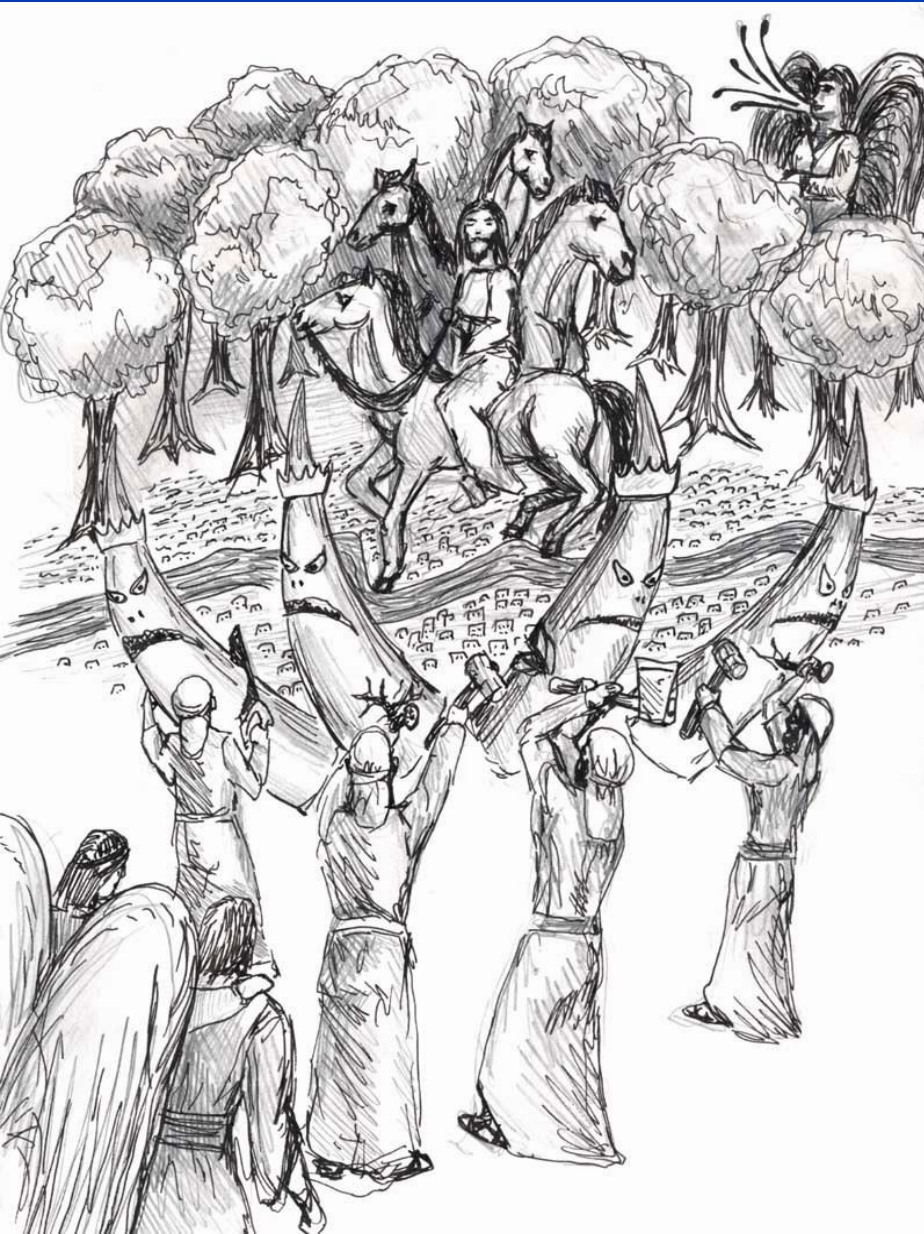
- Our behavior betrays the reality of our condition before God
- James 2:14 – 19
- Yeshua has an onerous warning for those who CLAIM to be Believers, but their actions say something else
- Matthew 7:16 – 24
- “Workers of Lawlessness” Same epithet as used for the Anti-Christ

**Billy Graham Crusade
Brisbane Show Grounds 1959**



- 1990 interview with PBS, Billy Graham says that less than 6% who came forward had any change in behavior or continued on in the faith
- Emotions are fleeting and we deceive ourselves
- These Jews' ancestors finally admitted: "The Lord has dealt with us according to our ways and deeds...."

ZECHARIAH'S 7 NIGHT VISIONS

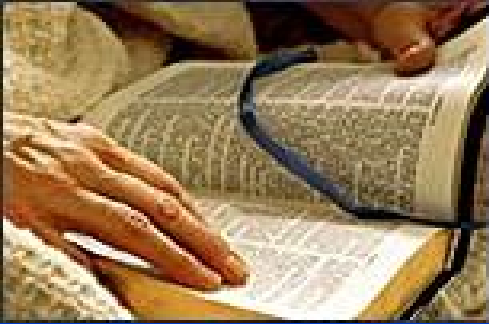


- All 7 visions occurred on the night of the 24th day of the 11th month
- 5 months to the day from when the Temple work began again
- 1st Vision involved 4 horses
- An angel interpreted, and another angel present was called Malach YHWH, Angel of the Lord
- **Metsullah** = a depression on land or under the water
- The symbolism is not at all clear for the horses or the myrtles

GOD REVERSES HIS POLICY ON THE JEWS

- Purpose of the riders and horses is to wander the earth and determine its condition
- “...*the whole world is at peace..*”
- In Darius’s 2nd year, his empire was subdued and peaceful
- The Lord will turn from punishing the Jews to giving them *tov Devarim* (good words) and *nichum* (compassion)
- It was the work of rebuilding the Temple that caused the Lord to reverse His policy on the Jews





Fellowship with GOD

- As passionate as God is for Jerusalem, He is equally as angry at the gentile nations
- He sees the nations as unjustly over-punishing His people
- God's mercy will be: He shall restore the House of God
- The Temple is where fellowship with God happens
- Without a Temple there is no fellowship with God



THE PRINCIPLE OF THE TEMPLE IS ALIVE AND WELL

- 1Corinthians 3:16 *“Don’t you know that you people are God’s temple and God’s spirit lives in you?”*
- For the time being, Believers are God’s Temples
- Believers (as “Temples”) are where fellowship with God happens
- Without Christ, these bodies are no more than corruptible tents

