

Title: A Time Such As This
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God's intent

Isaiah 56:7

⁷Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

A desolate sanctuary

Psalms 74:1-10

¹ A Contemplation of Asaph. O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? ²Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, the tribe of Your inheritance, which You have redeemed—This Mount Zion where You have dwelt. ³Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations. The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary. ⁴Your enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place; they set up their banners for signs. ⁵They seem like men who lift up axes among the thick trees. ⁶And now they break down its carved work, all at once, with axes and hammers. ⁷They have set fire to Your sanctuary; They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground. ⁸They said in their hearts, "Let us destroy them altogether." They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land. ⁹ We do not see our signs; There is no longer any prophet; Nor is there any among us who knows how long. ¹⁰O God, how long will the adversary reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever?

The Lord who is zealous

Zechariah 8:1-5

¹Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, ²"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.' ³"Thus says the LORD: 'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.' ⁴"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. ⁵The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.'

The Lord who is jealous

Zechariah 8:6-8

⁶"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says the LORD of hosts. ⁷"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east And from the land of the west; ⁸I will bring them back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.'

Zechariah 8:20-23

²⁰"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; ²¹The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." ²²Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.' ²³"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

Time to clean out the temple

Mark 11:15-17

¹⁵So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹⁶And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. ¹⁷Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

John 2:13-17 [The Message]

¹³When the Passover Feast, celebrated each spring by the Jews, was about to take place, Jesus traveled up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴He found the Temple teeming with people selling cattle and sheep and doves. The loan sharks were also there in full strength. ¹⁵Jesus put together a whip out of strips of leather and chased them out of the Temple, stampeding the sheep and cattle, upending the tables of the loan sharks, spilling coins left and right. ¹⁶He told the dove merchants, "Get your things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a shopping mall!" ¹⁷That's when his disciples remembered the Scripture, "Zeal for your house consumes me."

Zeal for the house of God

Psalm 69:9

⁹Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

A house of prayer

- 1st Thursday of every month at 6pm: school
- Every Friday morning at 6am: office
- Every Monday morning at 6:30am: office
- Every Sunday 30 min before service: children's room
- Next week Campus Prayer Walk
- 29th May: Fort Klapperkop Night of Prayer: 7-9pm