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**Bible Dictionary  
And Various  
Biblical Meanings**

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**ZEAL**


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**Zeal for God's House has consumed me:** in Psalms it is written:

- Zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. <sup>10</sup>When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. <sup>11</sup>When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. <sup>12</sup>I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me. (Psalm 69:9-12).

**Zeal from the Hebrew word (qin'ah)** means jealousy or envy and carries the idea of making a person zealous (enthusiastic, passionate and whole-hearted) or in a bad sense to provoke a person too jealously or make envious.

**Zeal comes from the Greek word (zelos)** it literally means glow, heat, to boil liquids or solids hot so they glow. Figuratively it carries a good and bad meaning. In a favourable sense, it carries to idea of enthusiasm, passion, eagerness, devotion, dedication, commitment and being fervent toward a cause. In an unfavourable sense, it refers to rivalry, contention, the malice of jealousy as of a husband or an enemy.

**For zeal for your house has consumed me:** carries the sense that David's enthusiasm and passion for right and true worship has consumed him like a devouring fire burning within. It is very likely the priests in charge of the House of God were indifferent to performing their duties according, to God's ways and that David's zeal for the House of God drove him to cleanse it from all that was corrupt including priests who may have been abusing their privileged position to serve the LORD. David's fervent love for the House of the LORD and service and glory and people; had eaten him up and exhausted his spirit.

This is the reason for the alienation of his brethren and others from him, because there was a great difference between his zeal for establishing what is right before God and their goals and plans. Rather than be consumed with God's services those who had hatred toward David were taken up with the cares and pursuits of their own ambitions. Though the words, "For zeal for your house has consumed me (v9) belongs to David they also echo the character and nature of Christ who the apostle John applies the first part of verse nine to:

- His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." (John 2:17).

And Paul applies the second part of (Psalm 69:9) to Christ:

- Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." (Rom. 15:3).

Jesus was so zealous for the purity of worship in his heavenly Fathers House that when he saw God's enemies (the religious leaders of the temple) claim God's name in mouth only and in their life, deny him by turning the temple of the LORD into a House of merchandise, by charging the faithful poor who arrived without a sacrifice inflated prices to buy one. (John 2:14-17). His passion for God's Holy name and the purity of the temple thrust him forward to rebuke them and defend God's glory. Most will tolerate a believer who keeps their faith to themselves and live a sinful worldly lifestyle that shows no evidence of their faith, but should they confess to believe in the King and Saviour who died on the bloodstained cross and ascended to heaven and actually live a lifestyle that brings honour to God's name and a good testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ the

reaction of those surrounding them will be very similar to that of David's and of Christ's they will experience certain levels of persecution (depending what country they are in) and differing levels of separation from family and friends.

**NOTE:** every faithful brother and sister in Christ should have a zeal for God and the Lord Jesus Christ, but it should not be devoid of wisdom and this wisdom will be different for everyone. Many will have unsaved families and friends who they know will totally reject them if all they do is talk about Christ so in wisdom, they restrain themselves to save the relationship knowing that their changed life and acceptance and love toward their unsaved family members and friends is a greater testimony than continually preaching to them.

Since zeal does not mean forcing one's faith upon another each individual believer will have, to discern in their own heart and before God what is best for their circumstances. Human nature and the nature of faith, is so diverse that there is no one formula that fits all.

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## ZEUS

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Zeus, in Greek mythology, the god of the sky and ruler of the gods of Mount Olympus. Zeus corresponds to the Roman god Jupiter. According to historians, Zeus was considered the father of the gods and of mortals. He did not create either gods or mortals; he was their father in the sense of being the protector and ruler both, of the Olympian family and of the human-race. He was lord of the sky and the rain god and cloud gatherer, who wielded the terrible thunderbolt. His breastplate was the aegis; his bird the eagle; his tree the oak; his principal and most ancient shrine, famous for its oracle was at Dodona in Epirus, (the land of the oak trees) at Olympia, where the Olympian Games were celebrated in his honour every fourth year. The Nemean games, held at Nemea, north-west of Argos, were also dedicated to Zeus.

Zeus was the youngest son of the Titans Cronus and Rhea and the brother of the four deities, Poseidon, Hades, Hestia, Demeter, and Hera. According to one of the ancient myths concerning the birth of Zeus, Cronus, fearing that he might be dethroned by one of his children, swallowed them as they were born. When Zeus was born, Rhea wrapped a stone in swaddling-clothes for Cronus to swallow and concealed the infant god in Crete, where he was fed on the milk of the goat Amalthea and reared by nymphs.

When Zeus grew to maturity, he forced Cronus to disgorge the other children, who were eager to take vengeance on their father. In the war that followed, the Titans fought on the side of Cronus, but Zeus and the other gods were successful, and the Titans were consigned to the abyss of Tartarus. Zeus henceforth ruled over the sky, and his brothers Poseidon and Hades were given power over the sea and the underworld, respectively. The earth was to be ruled in common by all three.

Beginning with the writings of the Greek poet Homer, Zeus is pictured in two very different ways. On the one hand, he is represented as the god of justice and mercy, the protector of the weak, and the punisher of the wicked. As husband to his sister Hera, he is the father of Ares, the god of war; Hebe, the goddess of youth; Hephaestus, the god of fire; and Eileithyia, the goddess of childbirth. On the other hand, Zeus is described as falling in love with one woman after another and resorting to all kinds of tricks to hide his infidelity from his wife. Stories of his escapades were numerous in ancient mythology, and many of his offspring were a result of his love affairs with both goddesses and mortal women. It is believed that, with the development of a sense of ethics in Greek life, the idea of a lecherous, sometimes ridiculous, father god became distasteful, so later legends tended to present Zeus in a more exalted light. His many liaisons with mortals are sometimes explained as expressing the wish of the early

Greeks to trace their lineage to the father of the gods. In sculpture, Zeus was represented as a kingly, bearded figure. The most celebrated image of him was the colossal gold and ivory statue by Phidias that stood in Olympia.

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## ZINOGENS

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Zinogens are incorrect or reasoning, following are some examples of zinogens:

- Trains are long and buses are long, therefore buses are trains.
- Sins bring suffering, Job had great suffering therefore Job was a great sinner.

This type of incorrect thinking and reasoning is called zinogens.

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## ZION

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See Zion in, Map Locations and People of the Bible (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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