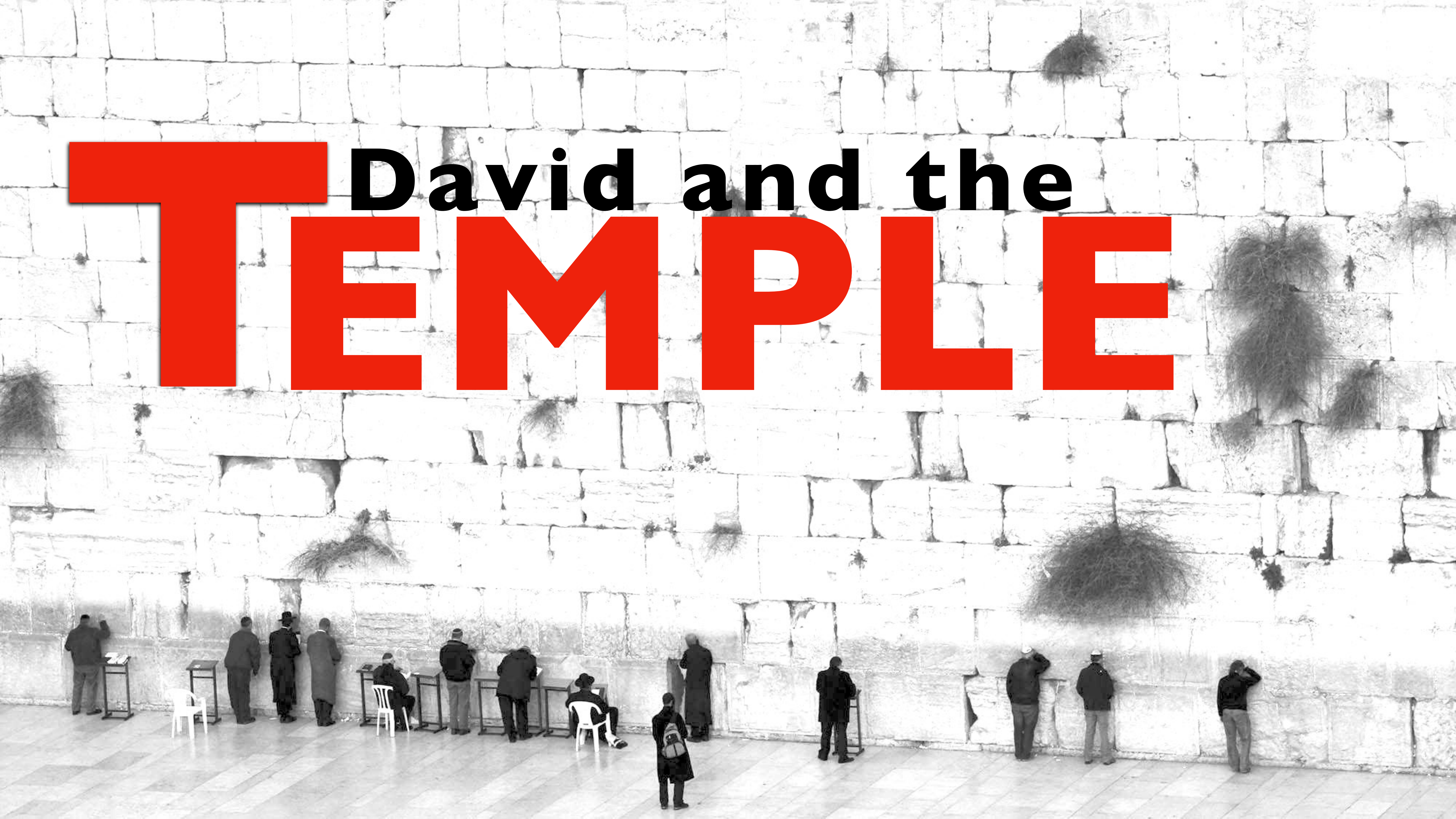


David and the TEMPLE

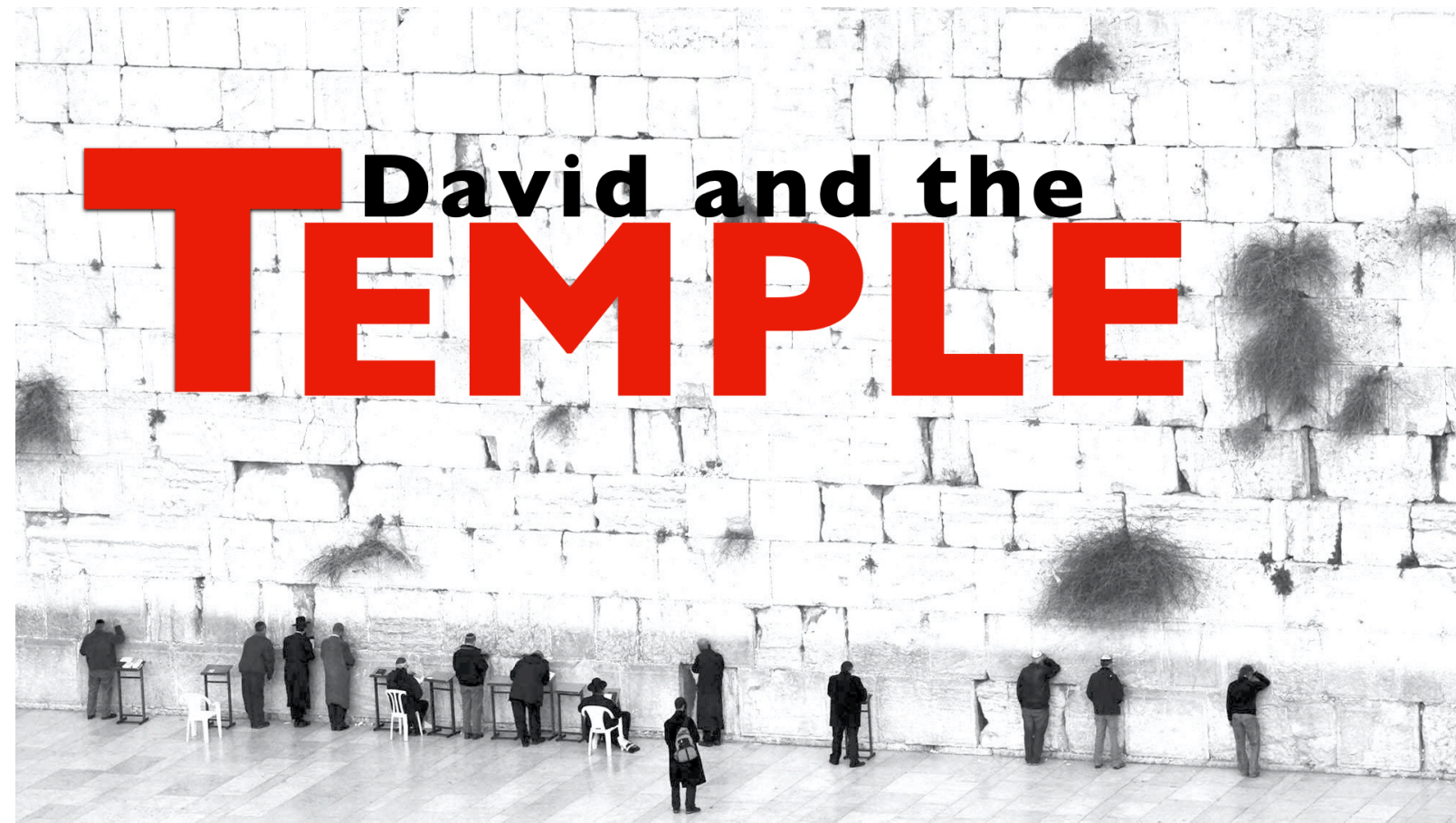




The Man After God's Heart

David was described that way *before* he was chosen as king ...

- “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man **after My own heart, who will do all My will.**’ (Acts 13.22)
- “But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man **after His own heart**, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.” (1 Sam 13.14)



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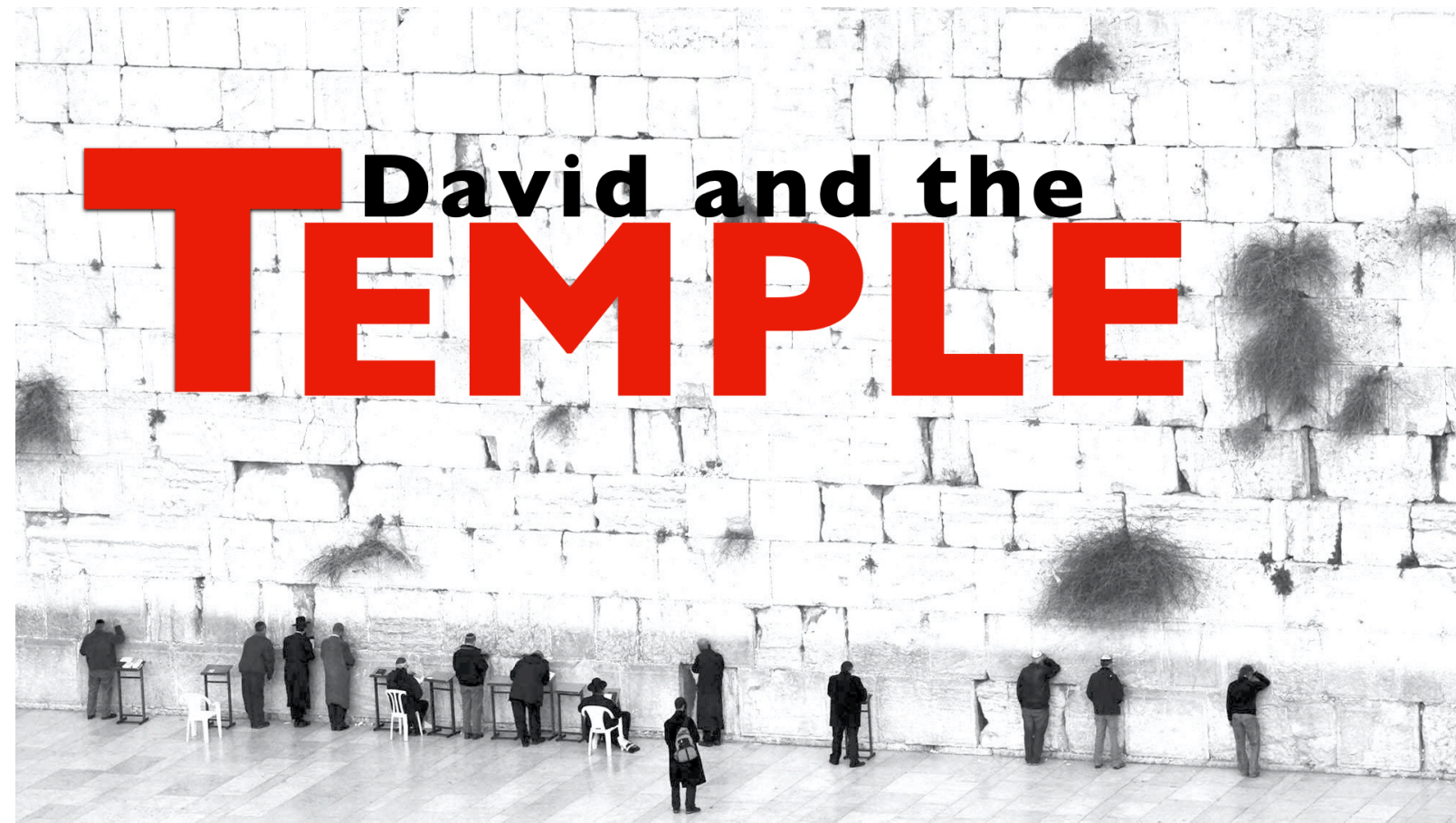
- The kingdom was taken from Saul and given to “a neighbor of yours, who is **better** than you.” (1 Sam 15.28)
- “I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have **provided Myself** a king among his sons.” (1 Sam 16.1)



The Man After God's Heart

“After God's heart” ≠ A sinless David ...

- David sinned ...
 - Against Uriah • Bathsheba •
 - Against his family • his nation •
 - Against his God (2 Sam 11ff, Ps 51)
 - He repented of these sins (2 Sam 12.13)
 - He intended to kill Nabal, but he relented (1 Sam 25.32-34)
 - He numbered his army contrary to God's will (2 Sam 24)
 - The point: “after God's heart” ≠ perfection



The Man After God's Heart

“After God's heart” = A conscientious David ...

- David regarded Saul and Saul's family ...
 - Saul was God's anointed, David refused to kill Saul (1 Sam 24.1ff, 26.1ff)
 - After Saul's death, David sought opportunity to aid his family (2 Sam 9.1ff)
 - He aided/supported Mephibosheth (2 Sam 9.6ff)
 - He righted the wrongs against the Gibeonites (2 Sam 21.1ff)
- “After God's heart” summarizes ...
 - The initial character of David before becoming king
 - Characterizes David's life **as a whole**



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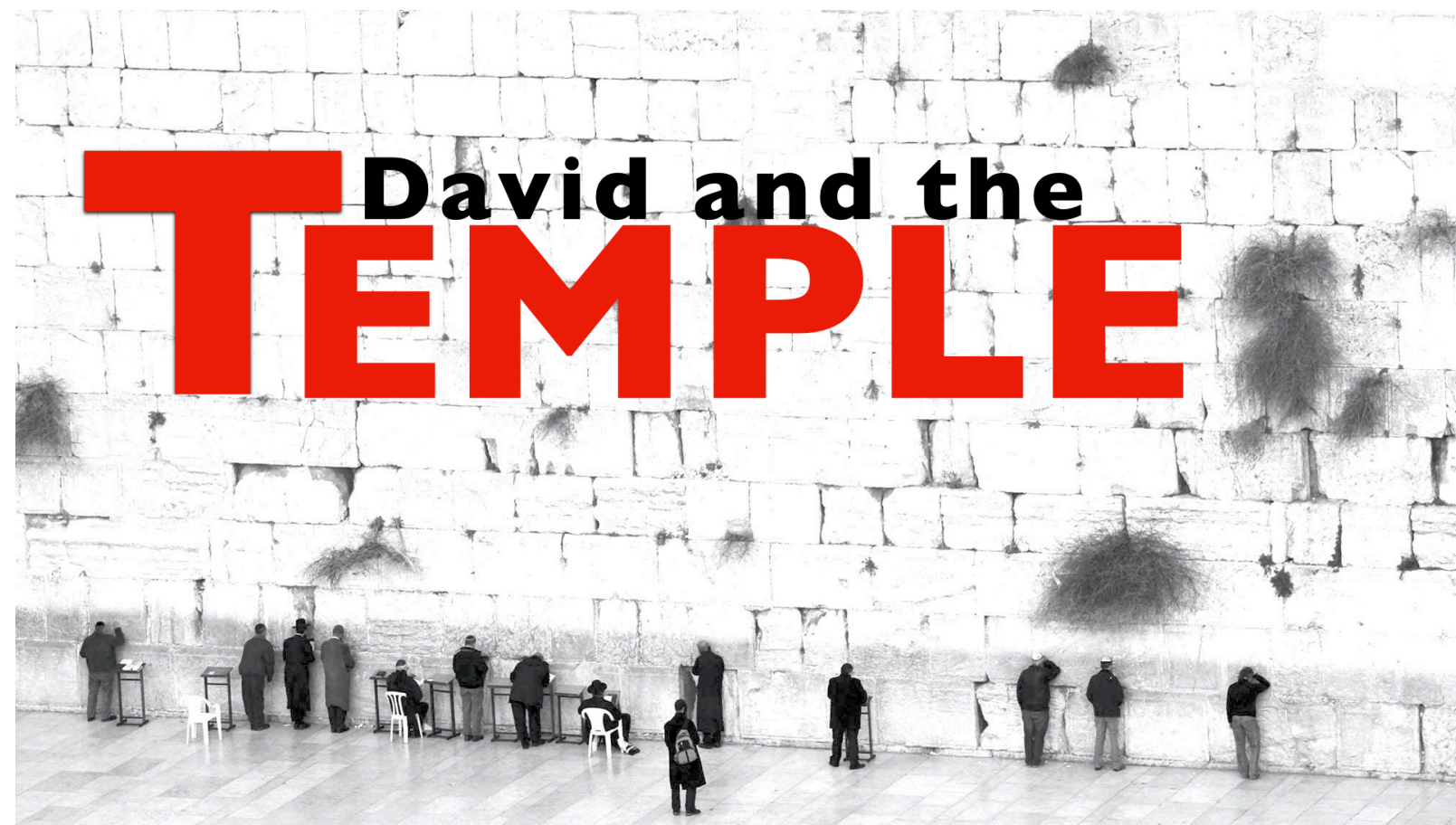
- God and giving ...
 - God **created** all • God **possesses** all • God **gives** all
- Us and giving ...
 - We created **nothing** • We are **stewards** • God wants us to give **as he does**
 - God wants us to give as did the Macedonians (2 Cor 8.1-5)
 - Because we have first given ourselves ...
 - What we have will be given as well
 - We meet our needs **and** the needs of others (Eph 4.28)
 - Faith acts/faith gives; Love acts/love gives (James 2, 1 Jn 3)



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- David was not pleased that he lived in a cedar house but that God's house was a tent (2 Sam 7.2, 1 Chr 1 7.1ff)
 - David intended to build a house for God (1 Chr. 22.7; 2 Chr. 6.8)
- God, however, did not allow David to build his (God's) house ...
 - because David was a man of war
 - because David shed blood in war (1 Kgs.5.3, 1 Chr. 22.8; 28.3)
- The grand task of building the temple was given to Solomon (1 Chr 22.6)



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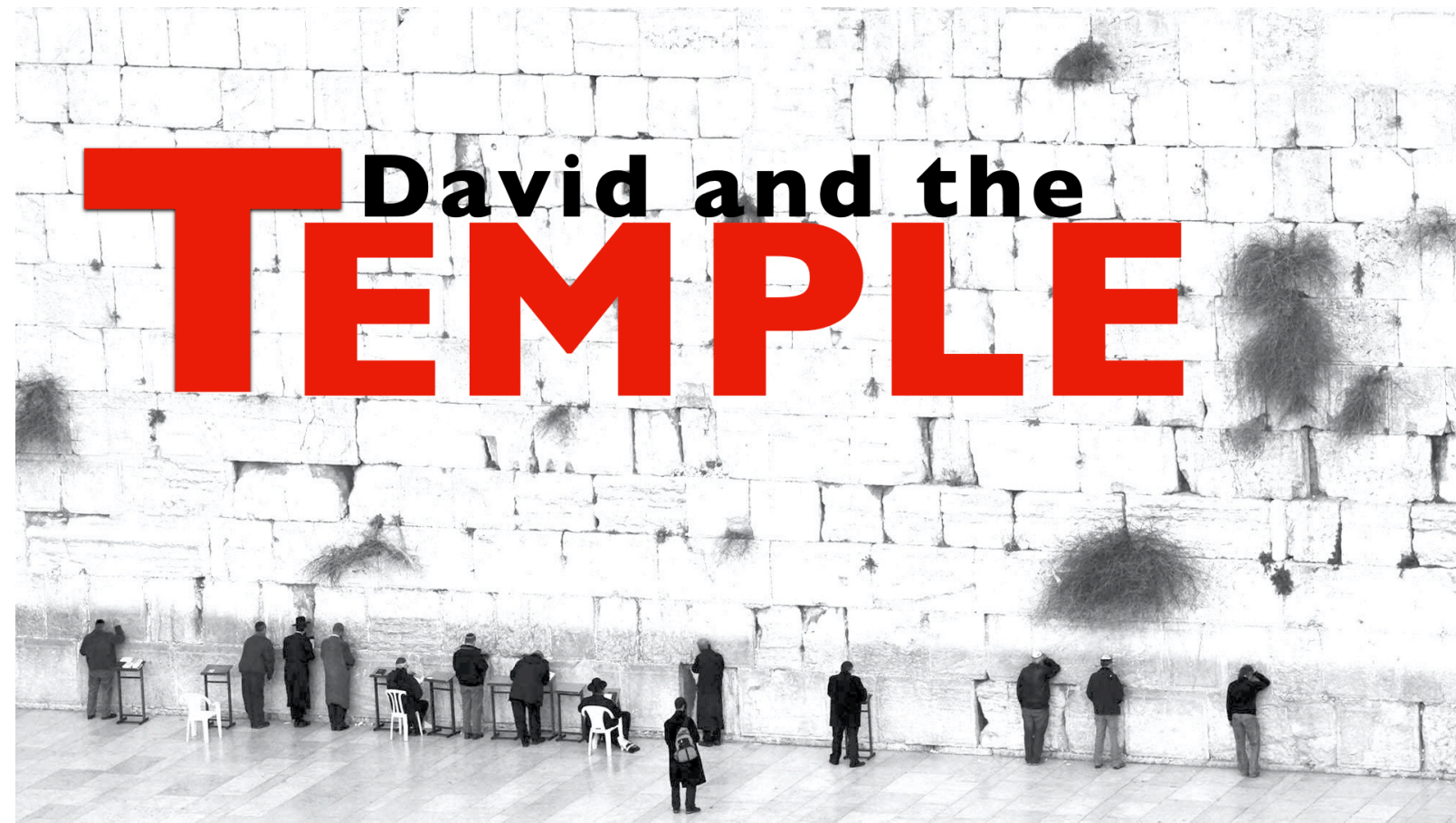
- David's “temple connection” did **not** end with this statement: “You shall not build a house for My name” (1 Chr 28.3)
- David said “I will now make preparation for it” (1 Chr 22.5)
- “So David made abundant preparations before his death.” (1 Chr 22.5)
- What did David do?
 - He hired masons to cut the stones “to build the house of God” (22.1)
 - He prepared iron for nails, gates and joints (22.3) • He gathered bronze without measure (22.3) • “much cedar wood” (22.4) • gold, silver, bronze and iron without limit (22.16)



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- What did David do?
- He established a **treasury** to finance the temple's construction: “Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them” (1 Chr 22.14)
- **Where** did the money come from?
- As David defeated nations, he gathered shields of gold, items of value that went into the temple treasury (1 Chr 18.7ff)



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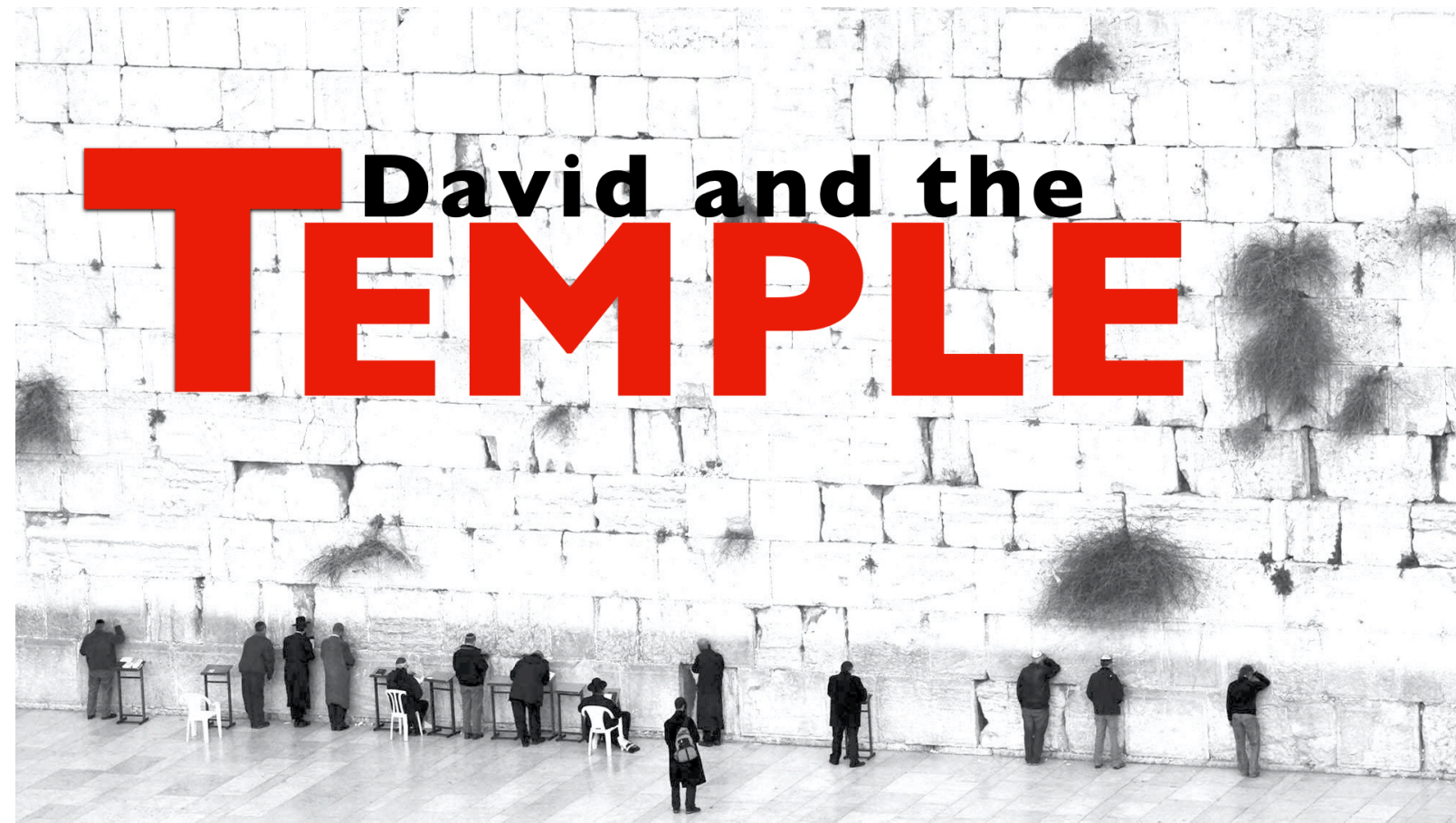
- **Where** did the money come from?
- David personally contributed to the temple treasury.
 - Though he did not build the temple, he called it the “house of my God”
 - David prepared for it's construction “with all my might (1 Chr 29.2)
 - David gave, out of his own pocket, materials for the construction of the temple: gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, onyx stones, glistening stones of all colors, precious stones and marble slabs.



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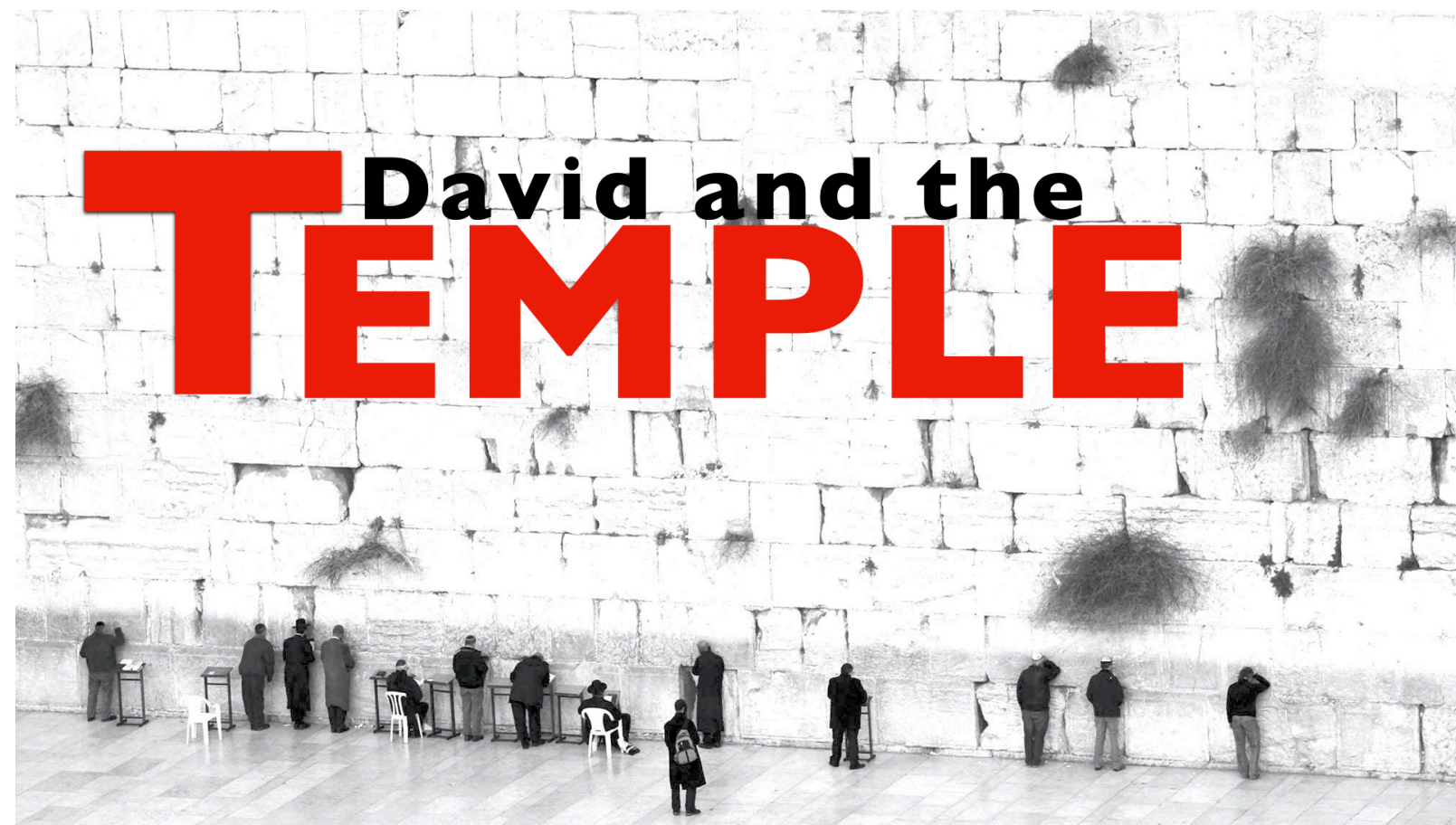
- **Where** did the money come from?
- David gave, not just raw materials, but **personal finances**: “Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver: three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen.” (1 Chr 29.3-5)



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- David encouraged **others** to give: “Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?” Then the leaders of the fathers’ houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king’s work, offered willingly. They gave for the work of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.” (1 Chr 29.5ff)



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“After God's heart” = A generous David ...

- We, too, must be as generous as was David
- We must be like **Nehemiah** (Neh 5.14ff)
- We must be like **Paul** (2 Cor 12.15)
- We must **honor God** with what we have: “Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase.” (Pr 3.9)
- We must **follow Jesus'** teaching: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Mt. 6.19-20)

