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Strange Children

We begin in Hosea where the Rebuke is given to the Priests and King for being a snare. They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD. (Hos 5:4) They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions. (Hos 5:7) I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. (Hos 5:15) In captivity.

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah is fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, saying, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God) which is in Jerusalem. (E1:1-3) Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD (E1:5) But those from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addan and Immer could not shew their father's house, whether they were of Israel: (E2:59) as strange children.

Paul returns to Jerusalem and is told of, "Jews which believe zealous of the law: but they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. (A21:20-21) So Paul showing he keeps Law takes 4 and enters the Temple, but Jews of Asia suppose he brought Greeks (strange children), into the Temple. This disturbance leads to Paul's arrest.

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