

## **Talmud in Yoma 9B**

*Why was the first Sanctuary destroyed? Because of three [evil] things which prevailed there: idolatry, sexual immorality, bloodshed.....But why was the second Sanctuary destroyed, seeing that in its time they were occupying themselves with Torah, [observance of] precepts, and the practice of charity? Because therein prevailed hatred without cause. That teaches you that groundless hatred is considered as of even gravity with the three sins of idolatry, sexual immorality, and bloodshed together . And [during the time of] the first Sanctuary did no groundless hatred prevail? Surely it is written: They are thrust down to the sword with my people; smite therefore upon my thigh, and R. Eleazar said: This refers to people who eat and drink together and then thrust each other through with the daggers of their tongue!*