Outline of Ezekiel

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Chapter 40-48

The Millennial Temple & Messianic Kingdom

Divine Blueprint

- Why is Ezekiel given a design for a temple that is too big to fit on any existing mountain on earth?
- Why does God have Ezekiel spend nine chapters recording precise details and measuring a structure that has never existed?
- There are no meaningless details in the Bible!
- There are layers of meaning in these details, actual architectural design , personal lessons and challenges, and prophetic utterances of what is to come.
- Every measurement highlights that God is a God of absolute order, precision, and intentionality.

God's Dwelling With Man

- At Sinai, after leaving Egypt, God gave Moses instructions to build a tabernacle, as a place of meeting, where He would dwell among His people.
- After Joshua entered the Promised Land, the Tabernacle was given a permanent home at Shiloh
- Eventually, David moved the tabernacle to Jerusalem
- David desired to build a temple, rather than merely a tent (that housed the Ark – symbolic of God's presence among them)
- David's son Solomon was commissioned to build it

God's Dwelling With Man

- Solomon's temple took seven years to build (1 Kings 6:38), and stood for around 400 years until eventually destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C.
- After the return from Babylon, under Ezra & Nehemiah, the 2nd temple was built c.518 B.C.
- Herod the Great then added to this temple, constructed colossal retaining walls (including what we know today as the Western Wall) doubling the Temple Mount area to roughly 36 acres.
  - It took over 46 years to complete (John 2:20)
- This temple was then destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70

God's Dwelling With Man

- Daniel, Paul, John and Jesus all speak of a 3rd temple that will be built in the 'end times'
- But this 3rd temple will be the one Antichrist will desecrate by placing his image inside.
- This temple will ultimately be destroyed at (or just before) the Second Coming of Jesus.
- When Jesus establishes His throne in Jerusalem, He will build (or have built) a 4th temple – the symbol of His dwelling with man for the Millennium
- It is this temple that Ezekiel describes.
- It will be a literal, physical temple in Jerusalem

Chapter 40 Overview

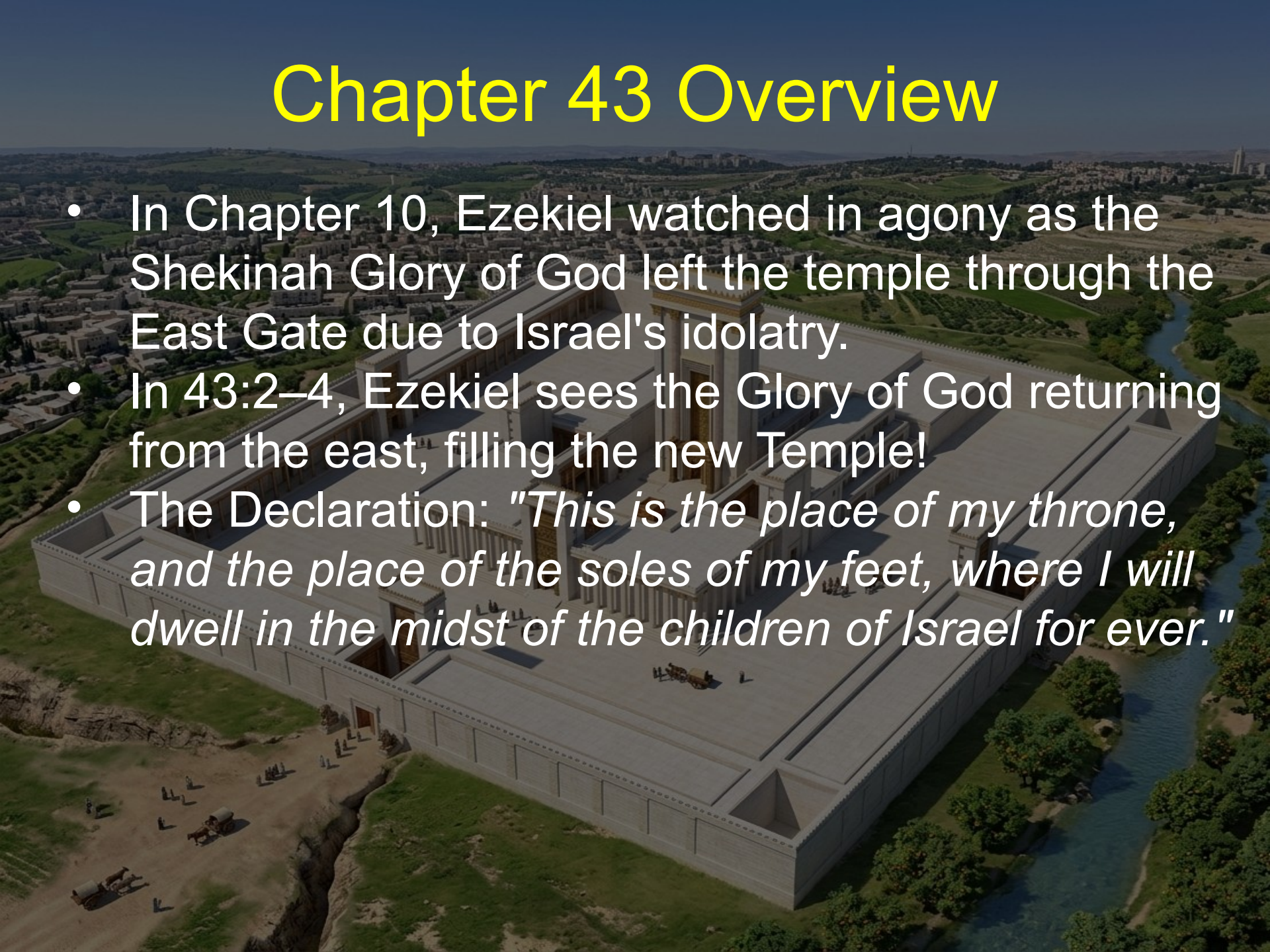
- Ezekiel is taken to a high mountain in Israel and met by a man whose appearance is like bronze, holding a measuring rod (~10.5 feet long).
- This temple complex is massive—roughly 500 by 500 ‘reeds’ (nearly a mile square).
- It is far larger than Solomon’s or Herod’s temples and physically cannot fit on the current Temple Mount (necessitating the massive topographical changes of Zechariah 14:4).
  - Herod’s temple area covered c.36 acres
  - The Millennial temple will cover c.630 acres!
    - The whole complex will be almost 20x bigger!

Chapter 41-42 Overview

- The tour moves from the Outer Court, to the Inner Court, to the Sanctuary itself.
- Ezekiel sees carved palm trees (representing righteousness/flourishing) and two-faced cherubim (a man's face and a lion's face—reflecting Messiah as King and Man).
- There is no Ark of the Covenant, no Veil, no Menorah, and no Table of Shewbread. Why?
- Because Jesus Himself is physically present!
- He is the Light, the Bread of Life, the veil has been removed and Christ is the fulfilment of the Law

Chapter 43 Overview

- In Chapter 10, Ezekiel watched in agony as the Shekinah Glory of God left the temple through the East Gate due to Israel's idolatry.
- In 43:2–4, Ezekiel sees the Glory of God returning from the east, filling the new Temple!
- The Declaration: *"This is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever."*



Chapter 44 Overview

- The outer gate facing east is permanently shut because the Lord, the God of Israel, entered by it.
- Only "the prince" may sit there to eat bread before the Lord.
- While other Levites are demoted to external duties because their ancestors led Israel into idolatry, the descendants of Zadok are granted direct access to minister before the Lord because they remained faithful when everyone else strayed.

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Chapter 40

The Temple Area Restored

1 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the
beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month,
in the fourteenth year after the fall of the city
—on that very day the hand of the Lord was on
me and he took me there.

Ezekiel 40:1

- The passing of time is one of the greatest enemies of hope
- Ezekiel is sometimes referred to as the prophet of hope…
- But his hope was not in seeing the fulfilment of his dreams, but his hope was in God himself

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Ezekiel 40:1


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Jerusalem Falls
3rd Siege
14 years
Ezekiel's Vision
25 years

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Ezekiel 40:1

10th Nissan

- Across biblical history, Nisan 10 is the day of Inspection, Selection, and Entrance
- Exodus 12:3: Israel selects the unblemished lamb for sacrifice.
- Joshua 4:19: Israel enters the Promised Land across the dry Jordan River.
- Matthew 21 / Luke 19: Jesus (the Lamb of God) enters Jerusalem and inspects the Temple (cleansing it).
- Ezekiel 40:1: Ezekiel enters the vision of the Millennial Temple and inspects its dimensions.

10th Nissan

- God doesn't do random dates!
- On the 10th of Nisan, Israel picked the Passover lamb, Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land, Jesus presented Himself as King on Palm Sunday, and right here in Ezekiel 40:1, God unveils the blueprint for His ultimate earthly Kingdom.
- It is God's signature date for redemption and entry into promise!

- This date fell precisely on a **Jubilee Year** (the 50-year cycle of liberty, land restoration, and freedom)

- Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones

2 In visions of God he took me to the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain, on whose south side were some buildings that looked like a city.

Ezekiel 40:1-2

- Isaiah 2:2 / Micah 4:1: *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."*
  - See also Zechariah 14:4-10

3 He took me there, and I saw a man whose
appearance was like bronze; he was standing in
the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring
rod in his hand.

4 The man said to me, "Son of man, look carefully
and listen closely and pay attention to
everything I am going to show you, for that is
why you have been brought here. Tell the
people of Israel everything you see."

Ezekiel 40:3-4

The East Gate to the Outer Court

5 I saw a wall completely surrounding the temple
area. The length of the measuring rod in the
man's hand was six long cubits, each of which
was a cubit and a handbreadth. He measured
the wall; it was one measuring rod thick and one
rod high.

Measuring rod = 10.5 ft

6 Then he went to the east gate. He climbed its
steps and measured the threshold of the gate; it
was one rod deep.

Ezekiel 40:5-6

The East Gate to the Outer Court

7 The alcoves for the guards were one rod long
and one rod wide, and the projecting walls
between the alcoves were five cubits thick. And
the threshold of the gate next to the [porch]
facing the temple was one rod deep.
8 Then he measured the portico of the gateway;
9 it was eight cubits deep and its jambs were two
cubits thick. The portico of the gateway faced
the temple.

Ezekiel 40:7-9

'Royal Cubit' (Long Cubit) 21″

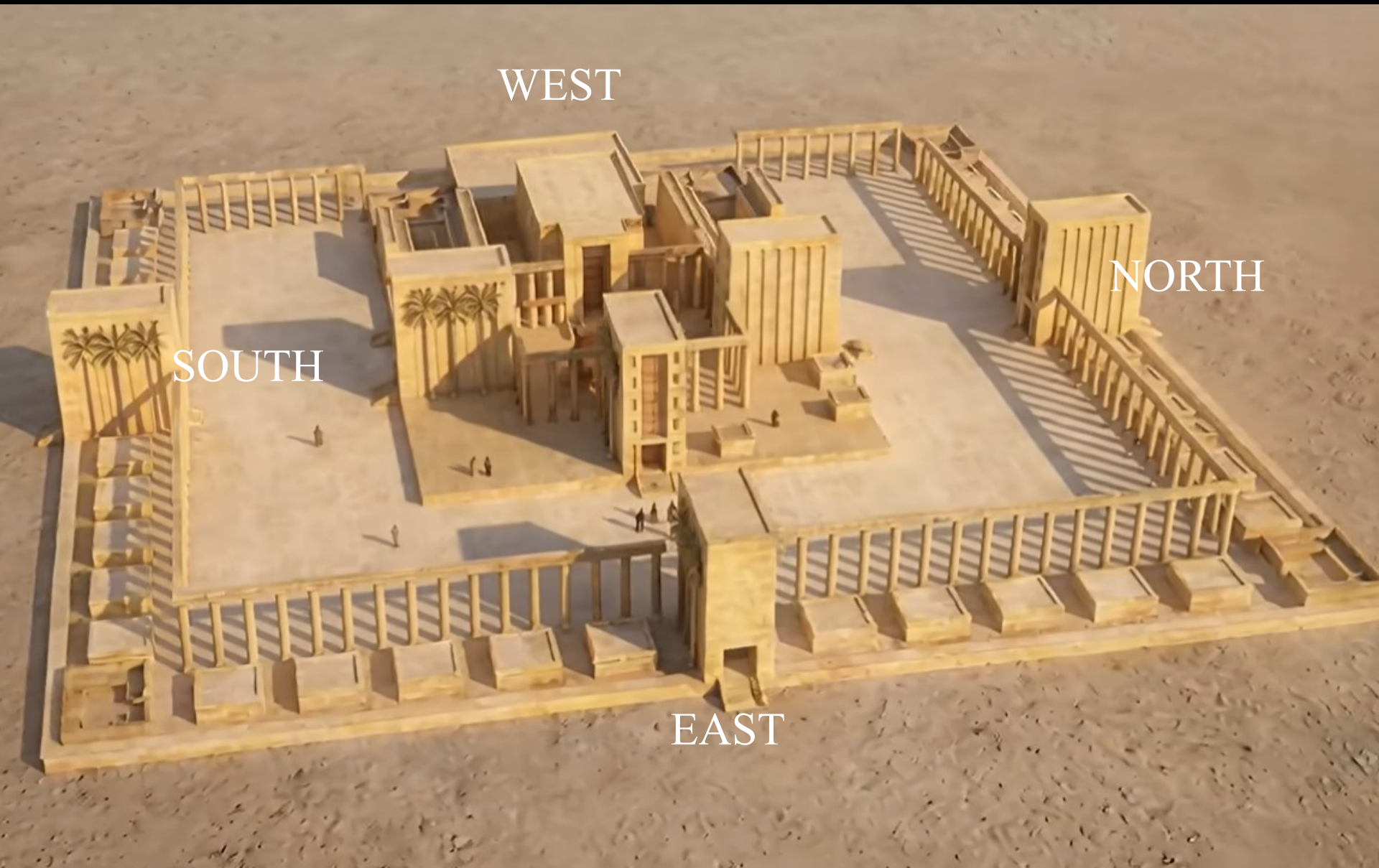
The East Gate to the Outer Court

10 Inside the east gate were three alcoves on each
side; the three had the same measurements, and
the faces of the projecting walls on each side had
the same measurements.
11 Then he measured the width of the entrance of
the gateway; it was ten cubits and its length
was thirteen cubits.
12 In front of each alcove was a wall one cubit
high, and the alcoves were six cubits square.

Ezekiel 40:10-12

Three Gatehouses

Each one is larger than Solomon's Temple!



Six Guard Chambers



Strict control on access

The East Gate to the Outer Court

13 Then he measured the gateway from the top of
the rear wall of one alcove to the top of the
opposite one; the distance was twenty-five
cubits from one parapet opening to the opposite
one.

14 He measured along the faces of the projecting
walls all around the inside of the gateway—
sixty cubits. The measurement was up to the
portico facing the courtyard.

Ezekiel 40:13-14

The East Gate to the Outer Court

15 The distance from the entrance of the gateway
to the far end of its portico was fifty cubits.
16 The alcoves and the projecting walls inside the
gateway were surmounted by narrow parapet
openings all around, as was the portico; the
openings all around faced inward. The faces of
the projecting walls were decorated with palm
trees.

Ezekiel 40:15-16



Carved Palm Trees on Each Portico (Pillar/Posts)

The Outer Court



The Outer Court

17 Then he brought me into the outer court. There
I saw some rooms and a pavement that had
been constructed all around the court; there
were thirty rooms along the pavement.
18 It abutted the sides of the gateways and was as
wide as they were long; this was the lower
pavement.

Ezekiel 40:1-18

The Outer Court

19 Then he measured the distance from the inside of
the lower gateway to the outside of the inner
court; it was a hundred cubits on the east side
as well as on the north.

Ezekiel 40:19

The North Gate

20 Then he measured the length and width of the
north gate, leading into the outer court.
21 Its alcoves —three on each side—its projecting
walls and its portico had the same
measurements as those of the first gateway. It
was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits
wide.

Ezekiel 40:20-21

The North Gate

22 Its openings, its portico and its palm tree
decorations had the same measurements as those
of the gate facing east. Seven steps led up to it,
with its portico opposite them.

23 There was a gate to the inner court facing the
north gate, just as there was on the east. He
measured from one gate to the opposite one; it
was a hundred cubits.

Ezekiel 40:22-23

The South Gate

24 Then he led me to the south side and I saw the
south gate. He measured its jambs and its
portico, and they had the same measurements
as the others.

25 The gateway and its portico had narrow
openings all around, like the openings of the
others. It was fifty cubits long and twenty-five
cubits wide.

Ezekiel 40:24-25

The South Gate

26 Seven steps led up to it, with its portico opposite
them; it had palm tree decorations on the faces
of the projecting walls on each side.
27 The inner court also had a gate facing south,
and he measured from this gate to the outer gate
on the south side; it was a hundred cubits.

Ezekiel 40:26-27

- There are 7 steps ascending from the world outside to the outer court
- Then a further 8 steps from the outer court to the inner court
- Finally, another 10 steps to the Temple itself

The Gates to the Inner Court

28 Then he brought me into the inner court through the south gate, and he measured the south gate; it had the same measurements as the others.

29 Its alcoves, its projecting walls and its portico had the same measurements as the others. The gateway and its portico had openings all around. It was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide

Ezekiel 40:28-29

The Gates to the Inner Court

30 (The porticoes of the gateways around the inner
court were twenty-five cubits wide and five
cubits deep.)

31 Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees
decorated its jambs, and eight steps led up to it.

Ezekiel 40:30-31

The Gates to the Inner Court

32 Then he brought me to the inner court on the
east side, and he measured the gateway; it had
the same measurements as the others.

33 Its alcoves, its projecting walls and its portico
had the same measurements as the others. The
gateway and its portico had openings all around.
It was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits
wide.

Ezekiel 40:32-33

The Gates to the Inner Court

34 Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees
decorated the jambs on either side, and eight
steps led up to it.

35 Then he brought me to the north gate and
measured it. It had the same measurements as
the others,

36 as did its alcoves, its projecting walls and its
portico, and it had openings all around. It was
fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

Ezekiel 40:34-36

The Gates to the Inner Court

37 Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees
decorated the jambs on either side, and eight
steps led up to it.

Ezekiel 40:37

The Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices

38 A room with a doorway was by the portico in
each of the inner gateways, where the burnt
offerings were washed.

39 In the portico of the gateway were two tables on
each side, on which the burnt offerings, sin
offerings and guilt offerings were slaughtered.

40 By the outside wall of the portico of the
gateway, near the steps at the entrance of the
north gateway were two tables, and on the
other side of the steps were two tables.

Ezekiel 40:38-40

The Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices

41 So there were four tables on one side of the
gateway and four on the other—eight tables in
all—on which the sacrifices were slaughtered.
42 There were also four tables of dressed stone for
the burnt offerings, each a cubit and a half long,
a cubit and a half wide and a cubit high. On
them were placed the utensils for slaughtering
the burnt offerings and the other sacrifices.

Ezekiel 40:41-42

The Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices

43 And double-pronged hooks, each a handbreadth
long, were attached to the wall all around. The
tables were for the flesh of the offerings.

Ezekiel 40:43

The Rooms for the Priests

44 Outside the inner gate, within the inner court,
were two rooms, one at the side of the north
gate and facing south, and another at the side of
the south gate and facing north.

45 He said to me, "The room facing south is for the
priests who guard the temple,

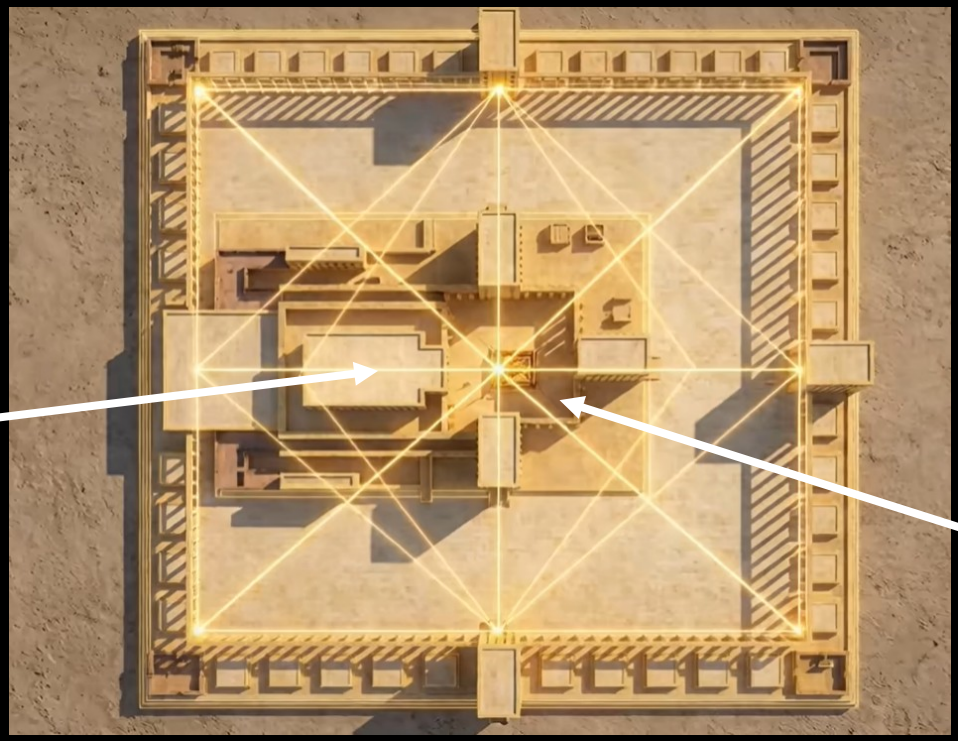
46 and the room facing north is for the priests who
guard the altar. These are the sons of Zadok,
who are the only Levites who may draw near
to the Lord to minister before him."

Ezekiel 40:44-46

The Rooms for the Priests

47 Then he measured the court: It was square—a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide. And the altar was in front of the temple.

Ezekiel 40:47

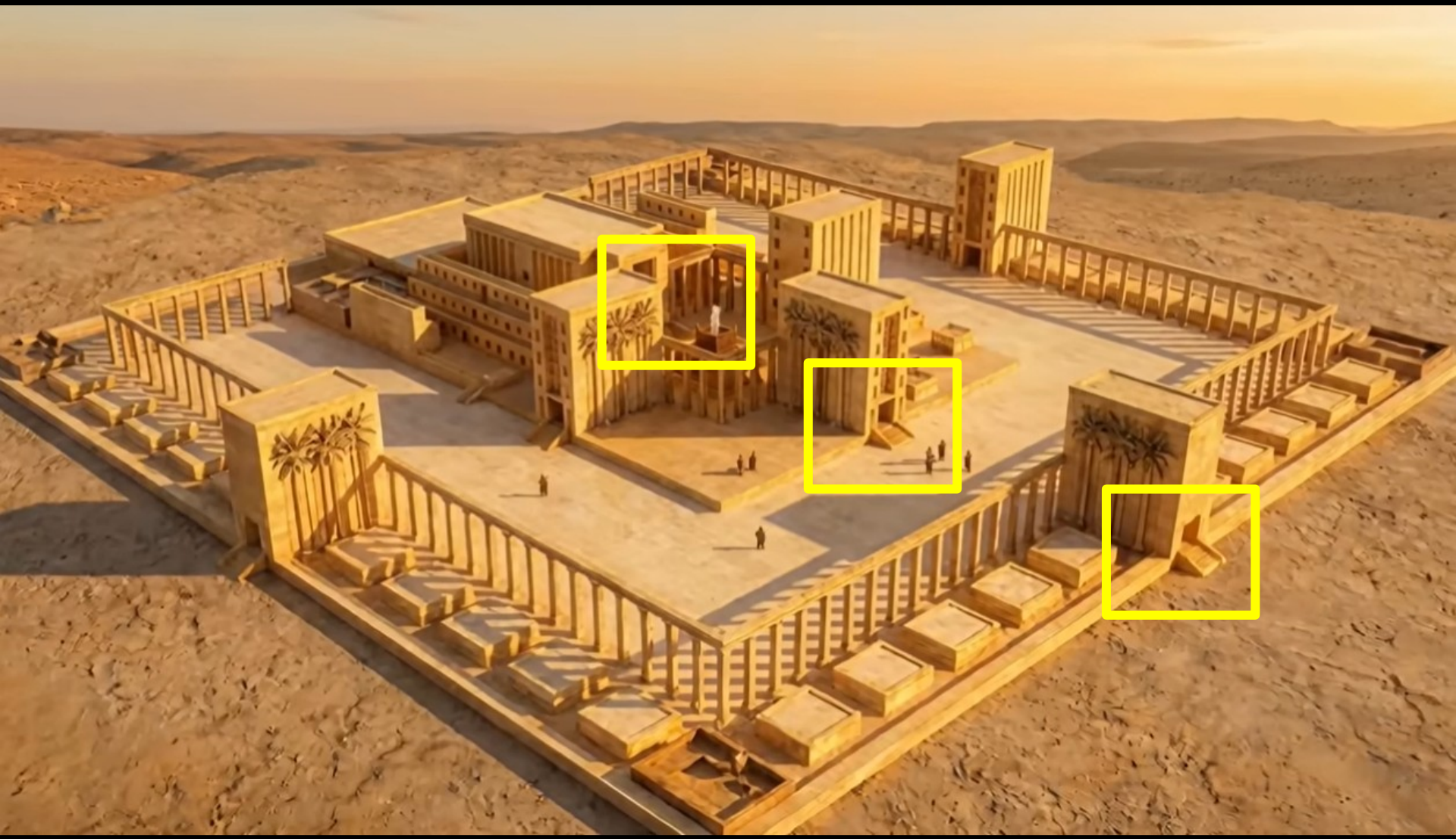


The New Temple

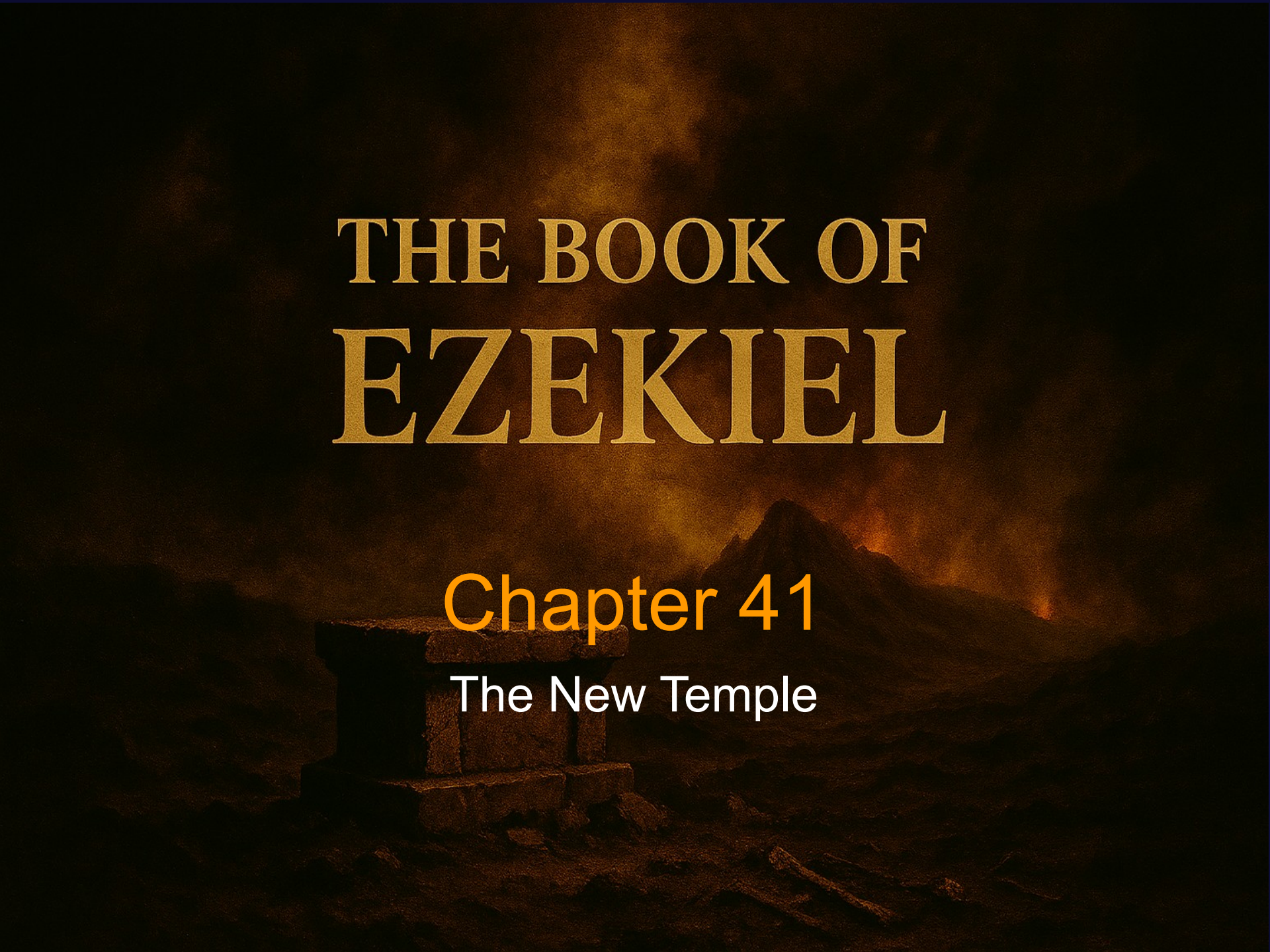
48 He brought me to the portico of the temple and
measured the jambs of the portico; they were
five cubits wide on either side. The width of the
entrance was fourteen cubits and its projecting
walls were three cubits wide on either side.

49 The portico was twenty cubits wide, and
twelve cubits from front to back. It was reached
by a flight of stairs, and there were pillars on
each side of the jambs.

Ezekiel 40:1



25 Steps from bottom to top


THE BOOK OF
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Chapter 41
The New Temple

1 Then the man brought me to the main hall and
measured the jambs; the width of the jambs was
six cubits on each side.
2 The entrance was ten cubits wide, and the
projecting walls on each side of it were five
cubits wide. He also measured the main hall; it
was forty cubits long and twenty cubits wide.

Ezekiel 41:1-2

3 Then he went into the inner sanctuary and
measured the jambs of the entrance; each was
two cubits wide. The entrance was six cubits
wide, and the projecting walls on each side of it
were seven cubits wide.

4 And he measured the length of the inner
sanctuary; it was twenty cubits, and its width
was twenty cubits across the end of the main
hall. He said to me, "This is the Most Holy
Place."

Ezekiel 41:3-4

5 Then he measured the wall of the temple; it was six cubits thick, and each side room around the temple was four cubits wide.

6 The side rooms were on three levels, one above another, thirty on each level. There were ledges all around the wall of the temple to serve as supports for the side rooms, so that the supports were not inserted into the wall of the temple.

Ezekiel 41:5-6

7 The side rooms all around the temple were wider
at each successive level. The structure
surrounding the temple was built in ascending
stages, so that the rooms widened as one went
upward. A stairway went up from the lowest
floor to the top floor through the middle floor.
8 I saw that the temple had a raised base all
around it, forming the foundation of the side
rooms. It was the length of the rod, six long
cubits.

Ezekiel 41:7-8

9 The outer wall of the side rooms was five cubits
thick. The open area between the side rooms of
the temple
10 and the priests' rooms was twenty cubits wide
all around the temple.
11 There were entrances to the side rooms from the
open area, one on the north and another on the
south; and the base adjoining the open area was
five cubits wide all around.

Ezekiel 41:9-11

12 The building facing the temple courtyard on the
west side was seventy cubits wide. The wall of
the building was five cubits thick all around,
and its length was ninety cubits.
13 Then he measured the temple; it was a hundred
cubits long, and the temple courtyard and the
building with its walls were also a hundred
cubits long.
14 The width of the temple courtyard on the east,
including the front of the temple, was a hundred
cubits.

Ezekiel 41:12-14

15 Then he measured the length of the building
facing the courtyard at the rear of the temple,
including its galleries on each side; it was a
hundred cubits. The main hall, the inner
sanctuary and the portico facing the court,
16 as well as the thresholds and the narrow
windows and galleries around the three of them
—everything beyond and including the
threshold was covered with wood. The floor, the
wall up to the windows, and the windows were
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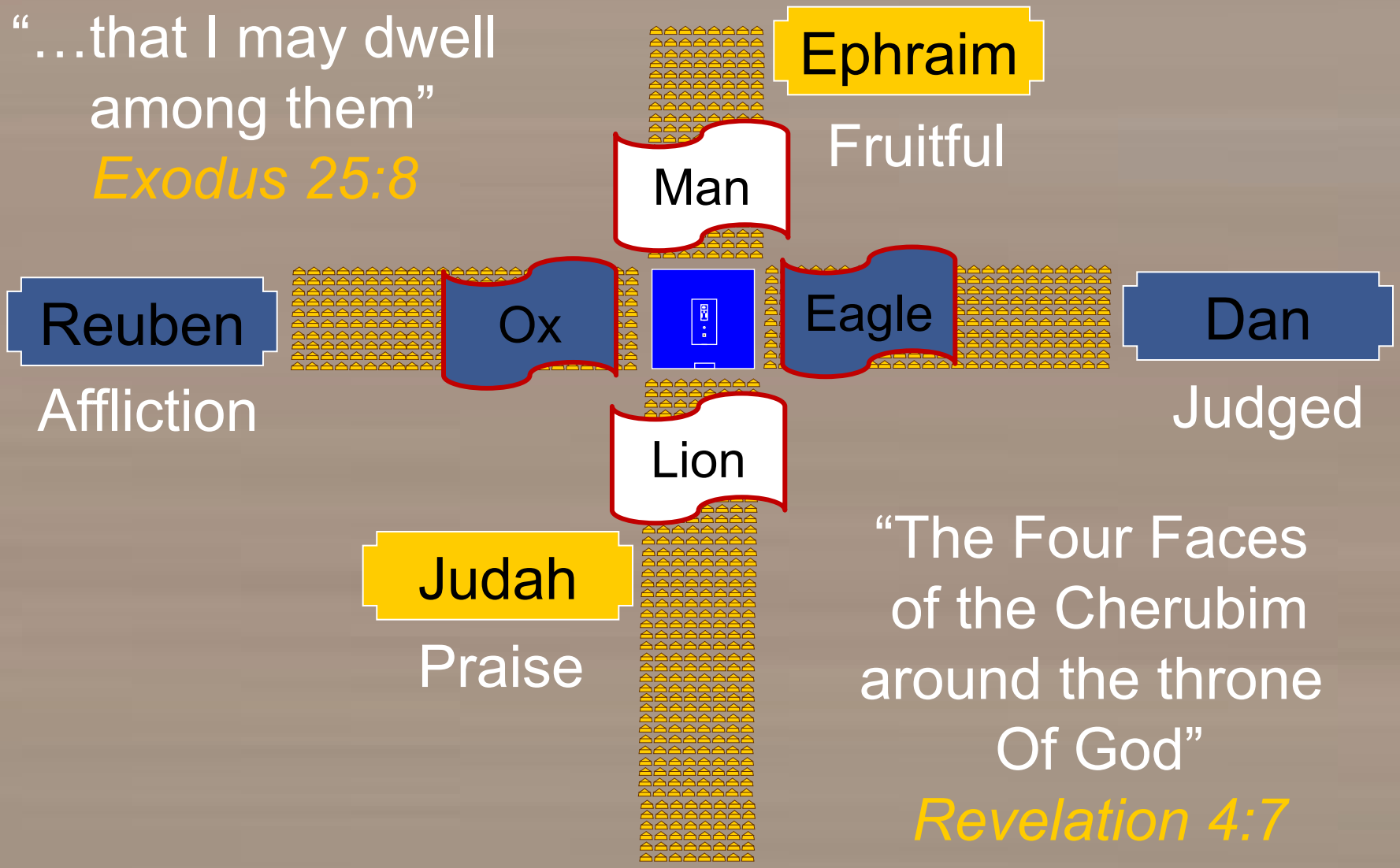
Ezekiel 41:15-16

17 In the space above the outside of the entrance to
the inner sanctuary and on the walls at regular
intervals all around the inner and outer
sanctuary
18 were carved cherubim and palm trees. Palm
trees alternated with cherubim. Each cherub had
two faces:
19 the face of a human being toward the palm tree
on one side and the face of a lion toward the
palm tree on the other. They were carved all
around the whole temple.

Ezekiel 41:17-19

The Camp of Israel

"…that I may dwell among them"
Exodus 25:8



"The Four Faces of the Cherubim around the throne Of God"
Revelation 4:7

20 From the floor to the area above the entrance,
cherubim and palm trees were carved on the
wall of the main hall.
21 The main hall had a rectangular doorframe,
and the one at the front of the Most Holy Place
was similar.
22 There was a wooden altar three cubits high and
two cubits square; its corners, its base and its
sides were of wood. The man said to me, "This is
the table that is before the Lord."

Ezekiel 41:20-22

23 Both the main hall and the Most Holy Place
had double doors.
24 Each door had two leaves—two hinged leaves
for each door.
25 And on the doors of the main hall were carved
cherubim and palm trees like those carved on
the walls, and there was a wooden overhang on
the front of the portico.

Ezekiel 41:23-25

26 On the sidewalls of the portico were narrow
windows with palm trees carved on each side.
The side rooms of the temple also had
overhangs.

Ezekiel 41:26

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Chapter 42

The Rooms For The Priests

1 Then the man led me northward into the outer
court and brought me to the rooms opposite the
temple courtyard and opposite the outer wall
on the north side.
2 The building whose door faced north was a
hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide.
3 Both in the section twenty cubits from the inner
court and in the section opposite the pavement
of the outer court, gallery faced gallery at the
three levels

Ezekiel 42:1-3

4 In front of the rooms was an inner passageway
ten cubits wide and a hundred cubits long. Their
doors were on the north.

5 Now the upper rooms were narrower, for the
galleries took more space from them than from
the rooms on the lower and middle floors of the
building.

6 The rooms on the top floor had no pillars, as the
courts had; so they were smaller in floor space
than those on the lower and middle floors.

Ezekiel 42:4-6

7 There was an outer wall parallel to the rooms
and the outer court; it extended in front of the
rooms for fifty cubits.
8 While the row of rooms on the side next to the
outer court was fifty cubits long, the row on the
side nearest the sanctuary was a hundred cubits
long.
9 The lower rooms had an entrance on the east
side as one enters them from the outer court.

Ezekiel 42:7-9

10 On the south side along the length of the wall of
the outer court, adjoining the temple courtyard
and opposite the outer wall, were rooms 11 with a
passageway in front of them.
These were like the rooms on the north; they had
the same length and width, with similar exits
and dimensions.
Similar to the doorways on the north 12a were the
doorways of the rooms on the south.

Ezekiel 42:10-12

12b There was a doorway at the beginning of the passageway that was parallel to the corresponding wall extending eastward, by which one enters the rooms.
13 Then he said to me, "The north and south rooms facing the temple courtyard are the priests' rooms, where the priests who approach the Lord will eat the most holy offerings. There they will put the most holy offerings—the grain offerings, the sin offerings and the guilt offerings —for the place is holy.

Ezekiel 42:12-13

14 Once the priests enter the holy precincts, they
are not to go into the outer court until they
leave behind the garments in which they
minister, for these are holy. They are to put on
other clothes before they go near the places that
are for the people."
15 When he had finished measuring what was inside
the temple area, he led me out by the east gate
and measured the area all around:

Ezekiel 42:14-15

16 He measured the east side with the measuring
rod; it was five hundred cubits.,
17 He measured the north side; it was five hundred
cubits by the measuring rod.
18 He measured the south side; it was five hundred
cubits by the measuring rod.

Ezekiel 42:16-18

19 Then he turned to the west side and measured; it
was five hundred cubits by the measuring rod.
20 So he measured the area on all four sides. It
had a wall around it, five hundred cubits long
and five hundred cubits wide, to separate the
holy from the common.

Ezekiel 42:19-20

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

Chapter 43

God’s Glory Returns to the Temple

1 Then the man brought me to the gate facing east,

2 and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming
from the east. His voice was like the roar of
rushing waters, and the land was radiant with
his glory.

3 The vision I saw was like the vision I had seen
when he came to destroy the city and like the
visions I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell
facedown.

Ezekiel 43:1-3

- One of 24 identities of Jesus Christ Rev 1:15-16; 14:2; 19:6

4 The glory of the Lord entered the temple
through the gate facing east.
5 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me
into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord
filled the temple.
6 While the man was standing beside me, I heard
someone speaking to me from inside the temple.

Ezekiel 43:4-6

7 He said: “Son of man, this is the place of my
throne and the place for the soles of my feet.
This is where I will live among the Israelites
forever. The people of Israel will never again
defile my holy name—neither they nor their
kings—by their prostitution and the funeral
offerings for their kings at their death.

Ezekiel 43:7

8 When they placed their threshold next to my
threshold and their doorposts beside my
doorposts, with only a wall between me and
them, they defiled my holy name by their
detestable practices. So I destroyed them in my
anger.

9 Now let them put away from me their
prostitution and the funeral offerings for their
kings, and I will live among them forever.

Ezekiel 43:8-9

10 “Son of man, describe the temple to the people of
Israel, that they may be ashamed of their sins.
Let them consider its perfection,
11 and if they are ashamed of all they have done,
make known to them the design of the temple—
its arrangement, its exits and entrances—its
whole design and all its regulations and laws.
Write these down before them so that they may
be faithful to its design and follow all its
regulations.

Ezekiel 43:10-11

12 “This is the law of the temple: All the surrounding area on top of the mountain will be most holy. Such is the law of the temple.

Ezekiel 43:12

The Great Altar Restored

13 "These are the measurements of the altar in long cubits, that cubit being a cubit and a handbreadth: Its gutter is a cubit deep and a cubit wide, with a rim of one span around the edge. And this is the height of the altar:

Ezekiel 43:13

The Great Altar Restored

14 From the gutter on the ground up to the lower
ledge that goes around the altar it is two cubits
high, and the ledge is a cubit wide. From this
lower ledge to the upper ledge that goes around
the altar it is four cubits high, and that ledge is
also a cubit wide.

15 Above that, the altar hearth is four cubits high,
and four horns project upward from the hearth.

16 The altar hearth is square, twelve cubits long
and twelve cubits wide.

Ezekiel 43:14-16

The Great Altar Restored

17 The upper ledge also is square, fourteen cubits
long and fourteen cubits wide. All around the
altar is a gutter of one cubit with a rim of half
a cubit. The steps of the altar face east."
18 Then he said to me, "Son of man, this is what the
Sovereign Lord says: These will be the
regulations for sacrificing burnt offerings and
splashing blood against the altar when it is
built:

Ezekiel 43:17-18

Millennial Sacrifices
43:19-27

- Only memorial in nature
  - Retrospective, rather than prospective, as in the OT. Cf. 9:12,26,28;10:4, 10,14;
  - Not Expiatory: Heb 10:4;
  - Because objects used in the worship contract defilement from sinful man, blood, as the seat of life, is applied to them to remove uncleanness and to impart holiness cf. Lev 16:15-20

The Great Altar Restored

19 You are to give a young bull as a sin offering to
the Levitical priests of the family of Zadok,
who come near to minister before me, declares
the Sovereign Lord.

20 You are to take some of its blood and put it on
the four horns of the altar and on the four
corners of the upper ledge and all around the
rim, and so purify the altar and make
atonement for it.

Ezekiel 43:19-20

The Great Altar Restored

21 You are to take the bull for the sin offering and
burn it in the designated part of the temple area
outside the sanctuary.
22 "On the second day you are to offer a male goat
without defect for a sin offering, and the altar is
to be purified as it was purified with the bull.
23 When you have finished purifying it, you are to
offer a young bull and a ram from the flock,
both without defect.

Ezekiel 43:21-23

The Great Altar Restored

24 You are to offer them before the Lord, and the
priests are to sprinkle salt on them and
sacrifice them as a burnt offering to the Lord.

25 "For seven days you are to provide a male goat
daily for a sin offering; you are also to provide a
young bull and a ram from the flock, both
without defect.

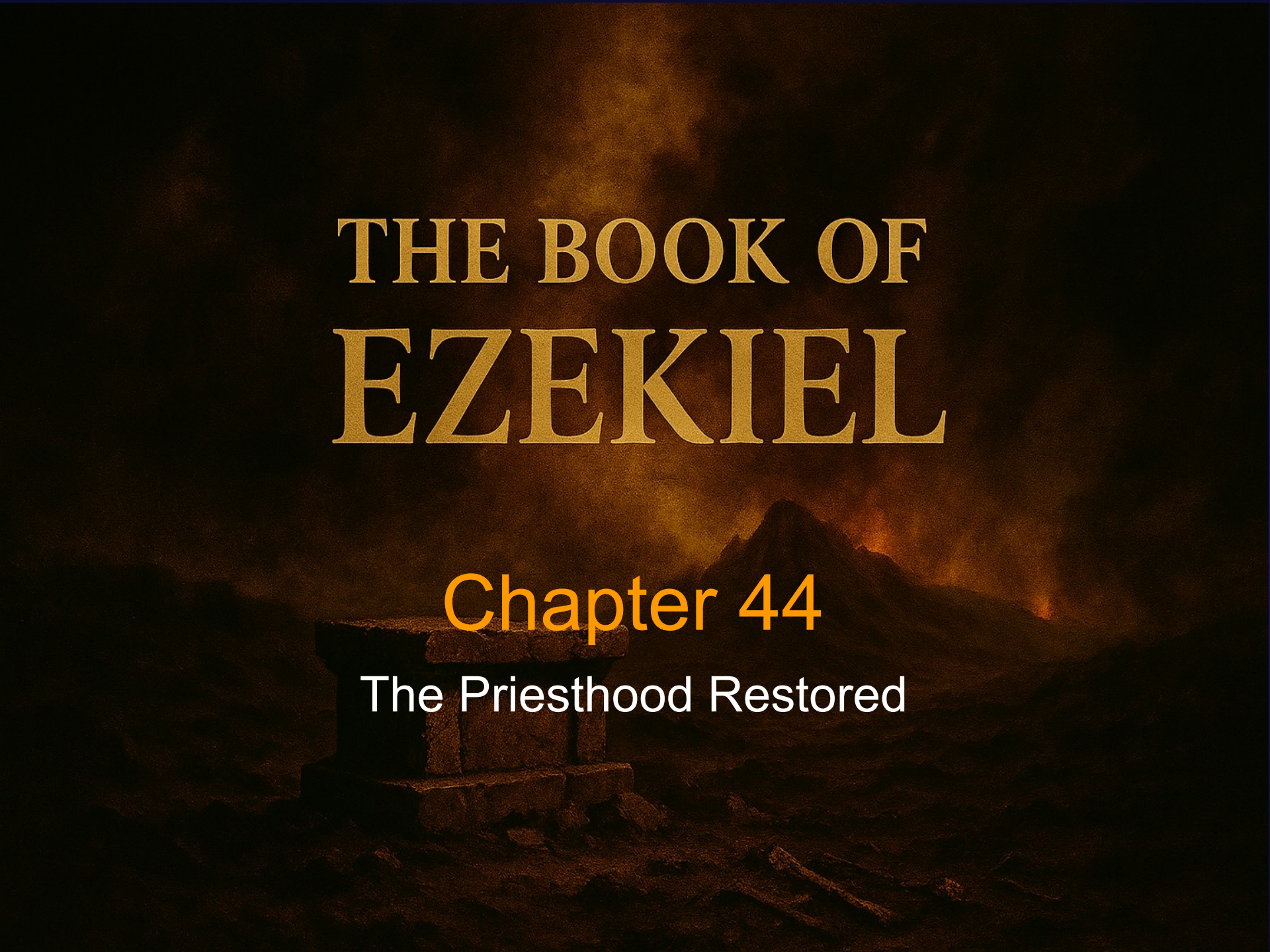
26 For seven days they are to make atonement for
the altar and cleanse it; thus they will dedicate
it.

Ezekiel 43:24-26

The Great Altar Restored

27 At the end of these days, from the eighth day on,
the priests are to present your burnt offerings
and fellowship offerings on the altar. Then I
will accept you, declares the Sovereign Lord."

Ezekiel 43:27


THE BOOK OF
EZEKIEL
Chapter 44
The Priesthood Restored

East Gate

- The prince cannot enter through the gate but is permitted to eat the sacrificial meal in its vestibule v. 3; cf. Jer 30:21
- The East gate was the place where the Shekinah Glory left the Temple. Ez 10
- It is the same gate by which the Shekinah Glory just entered the Temple. Ez 43
- The East Gate is special: It is used only by the Lord.

1 Then the man brought me back to the outer gate
of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was
shut.
2 The Lord said to me, "This gate is to remain shut.
It must not be opened; no one may enter
through it. It is to remain shut because the
Lord, the God of Israel, has entered through it.

Ezekiel 44:1-2

- It was an eastern tradition that one way to honor a king was to provide a gate for him that no one else used.

3 The prince himself is the only one who may sit
inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the
Lord. He is to enter by way of the portico of the
gateway and go out the same way."

Ezekiel 44:3

- Who is this prince?
- Possibly king David
  - Eze 34:23-24; 37:24

4 Then the man brought me by way of the north
gate to the front of the temple. I looked and saw
the glory of the Lord filling the temple of the
Lord, and I fell facedown.

5 The Lord said to me, "Son of man, look carefully,
listen closely and give attention to everything I
tell you concerning all the regulations and
instructions regarding the temple of the Lord.
Give attention to the entrance to the temple
and all the exits of the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 44:4-5

6 Say to rebellious Israel, ‘This is what the
Sovereign Lord says: Enough of your detestable
practices, people of Israel!
7 In addition to all your other detestable practices,
you brought foreigners uncircumcised in heart
and flesh into my sanctuary, desecrating my
temple while you offered me food, fat and blood,
and you broke my covenant.

Ezekiel 44:6-7

8 Instead of carrying out your duty in regard to
my holy things, you put others in charge of my
sanctuary.
9 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: No
foreigner uncircumcised in heart and flesh is to
enter my sanctuary, not even the foreigners
who live among the Israelites.

Ezekiel 44:8-9

10 “‘The Levites who went far from me when
Israel went astray and who wandered from me
after their idols must bear the consequences of
their sin.

11 They may serve in my sanctuary, having
charge of the gates of the temple and serving in
it; they may slaughter the burnt offerings and
sacrifices for the people and stand before the
people and serve them.

Ezekiel 44:10-11

12 But because they served them in the presence of
their idols and made the people of Israel fall
into sin, therefore I have sworn with uplifted
hand that they must bear the consequences of
their sin, declares the Sovereign Lord.

13 They are not to come near to serve me as priests
or come near any of my holy things or my most
holy offerings; they must bear the shame of
their detestable practices.

Ezekiel 44:12-13

14 And I will appoint them to guard the temple for
all the work that is to be done in it.
15 "But the Levitical priests, who are descendants
of Zadok and who guarded my sanctuary when
the Israelites went astray from me, are to come
near to minister before me; they are to stand
before me to offer sacrifices of fat and blood,
declares the Sovereign Lord.

Ezekiel 44:14-15

16 They alone are to enter my sanctuary; they
alone are to come near my table to minister
before me and serve me as guards.
17 “When they enter the gates of the inner court,
they are to wear linen clothes; they must not
wear any woolen garment while ministering at
the gates of the inner court or inside the temple.

Ezekiel 44:16-17

18 They are to wear linen turbans on their heads
and linen undergarments around their waists.
They must not wear anything that makes them
perspire.
19 When they go out into the outer court where the
people are, they are to take off the clothes they
have been ministering in and are to leave them
in the sacred rooms, and put on other clothes, so
that the people are not consecrated through
contact with their garments.

Ezekiel 44:18-19

20 “‘They must not shave their heads or let their
hair grow long, but they are to keep the hair of
their heads trimmed.
21 No priest is to drink wine when he enters the
inner court.
22 They must not marry widows or divorced
women; they may marry only virgins of
Israelite descent or widows of priests.

Ezekiel 44:20-22

23 They are to teach my people the difference
between the holy and the common and show
them how to distinguish between the unclean
and the clean.

24 "In any dispute, the priests are to serve as
judges and decide it according to my ordinances.
They are to keep my laws and my decrees for
all my appointed festivals, and they are to keep
my Sabbaths holy.

Ezekiel 44:23-24

25 “‘A priest must not defile himself by going near
a dead person; however, if the dead person was
his father or mother, son or daughter, brother or
unmarried sister, then he may defile himself.
26 After he is cleansed, he must wait seven days.
27 On the day he goes into the inner court of the
sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary, he is to
offer a sin offering for himself, declares the
Sovereign Lord.

Ezekiel 44:25-27

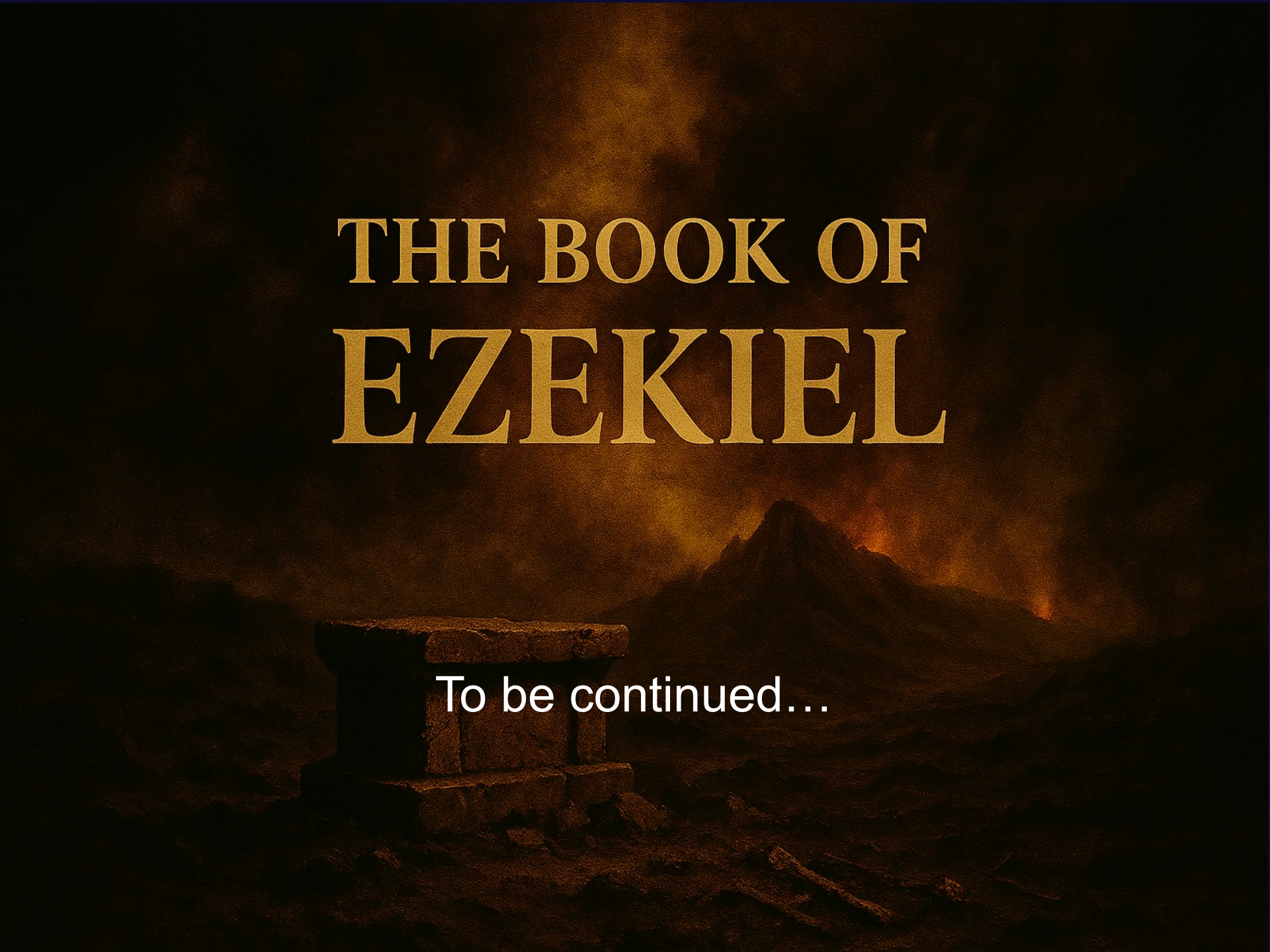
28 “I am to be the only inheritance the priests
have. You are to give them no possession in
Israel; I will be their possession.
29 They will eat the grain offerings, the sin
offerings and the guilt offerings; and everything
in Israel devoted to the Lord will belong to
them.

Ezekiel 44:28-29

30 The best of all the firstfruits and of all your
special gifts will belong to the priests. You are to
give them the first portion of your ground meal
so that a blessing may rest on your household.

31 The priests must not eat anything, whether bird
or animal, found dead or torn by wild animals.

Ezekiel 44:30-31


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Dwelling for the Priests

MEN'S RETREAT



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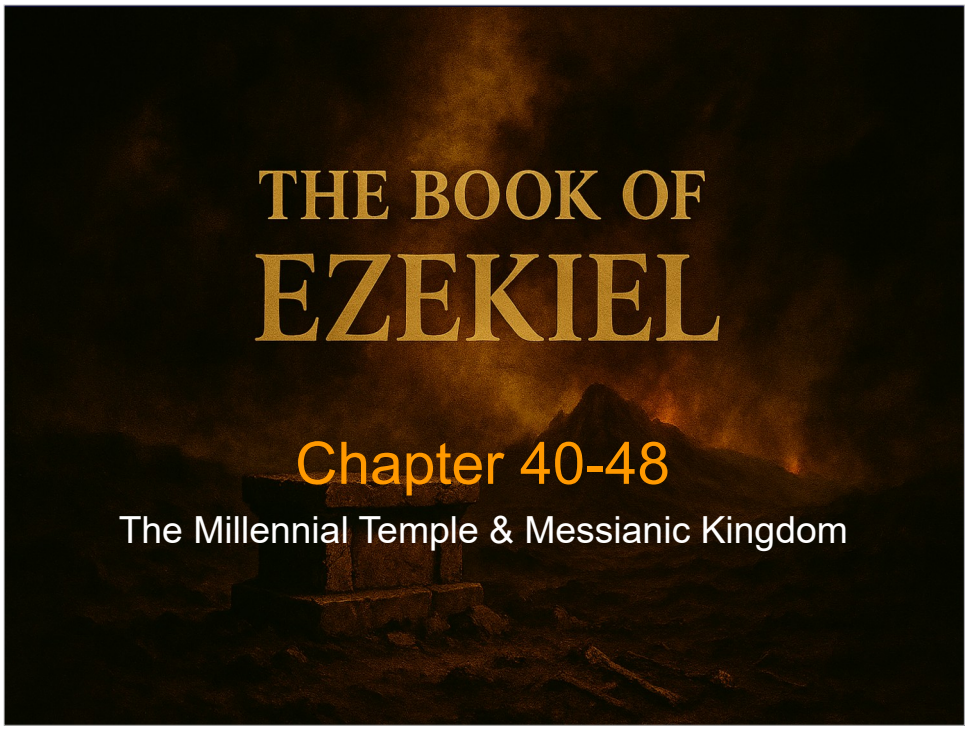
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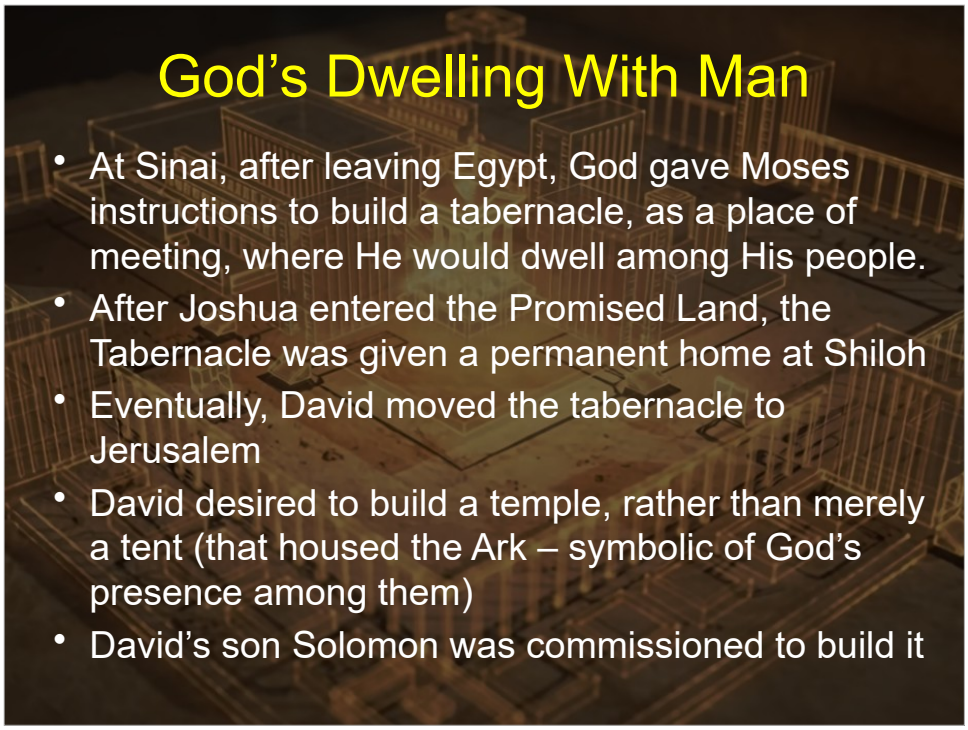
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	Given before the siege of Jerusalem
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	Given during the siege
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	Given after the siege
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37	The valley of dry bones – Israel's return
38–39	The Magog Invasion & Divine Victory
40–48	The Millennial Temple & Kingdom


THE BOOK OF
EZEKIEL
Chapter 40-48
The Millennial Temple & Messianic Kingdom

Divine Blueprint

- Why is Ezekiel given a design for a temple that is too big to fit on any existing mountain on earth?
- Why does God have Ezekiel spend nine chapters recording precise details and measuring a structure that has never existed?
- There are no meaningless details in the Bible!
- There are layers of meaning in these details, actual architectural design , personal lessons and challenges, and prophetic utterances of what is to come.
- Every measurement highlights that God is a God of absolute order, precision, and intentionality.



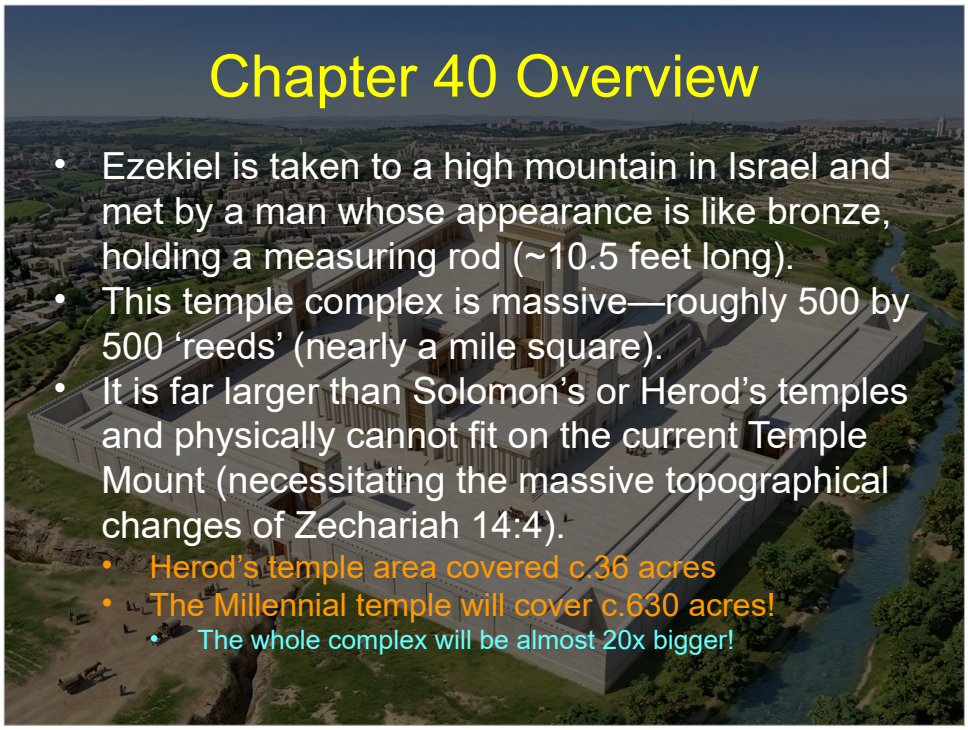
The message from Genesis to Revelation is that God wants a relationship with His creation, He wants to be our God and for us to be His people

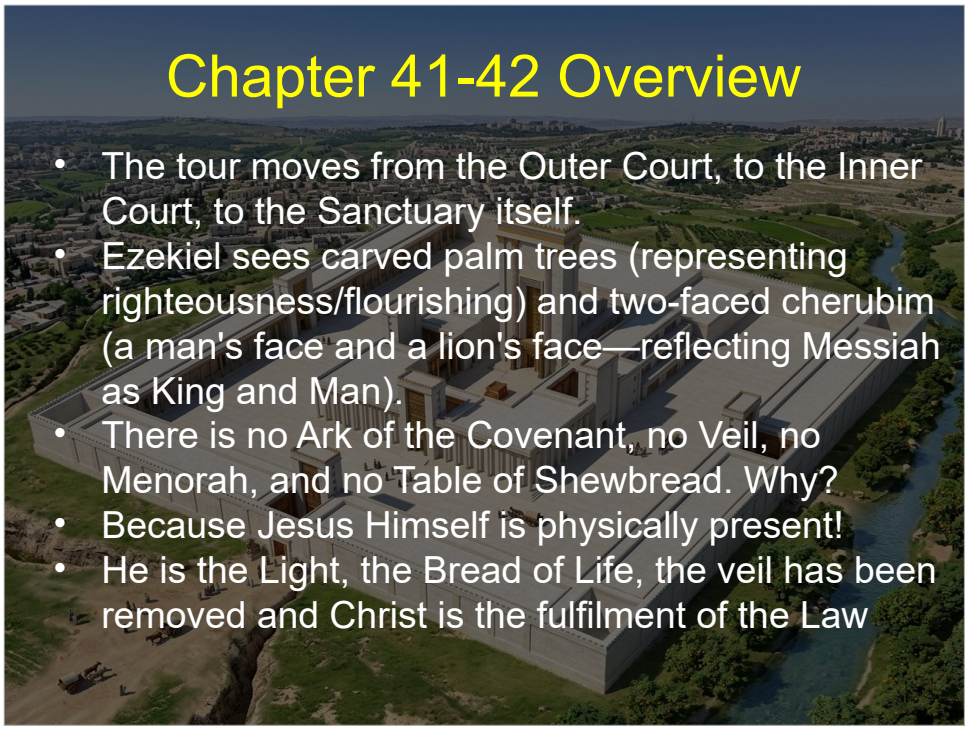
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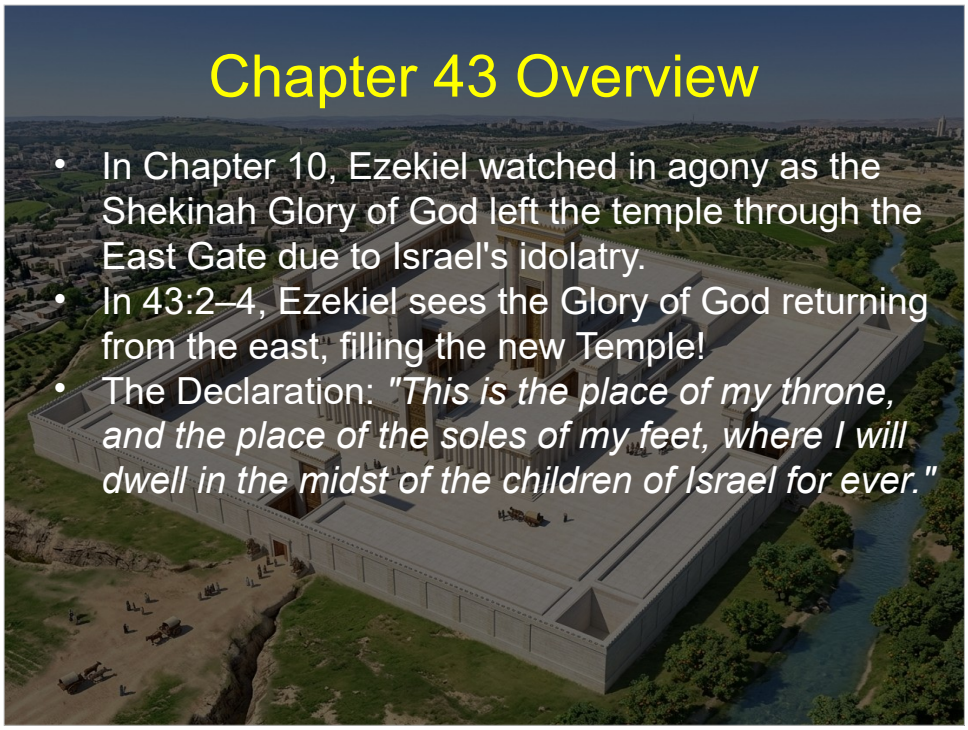
- Solomon's temple took seven years to build (1 Kings 6:38), and stood for around 400 years until eventually destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C.
- After the return from Babylon, under Ezra & Nehemiah, the 2nd temple was built c.518 B.C.
- Herod the Great then added to this temple, constructed colossal retaining walls (including what we know today as the Western Wall) doubling the Temple Mount area to roughly 36 acres.
  - It took over 46 years to complete (John 2:20)
- This temple was then destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70

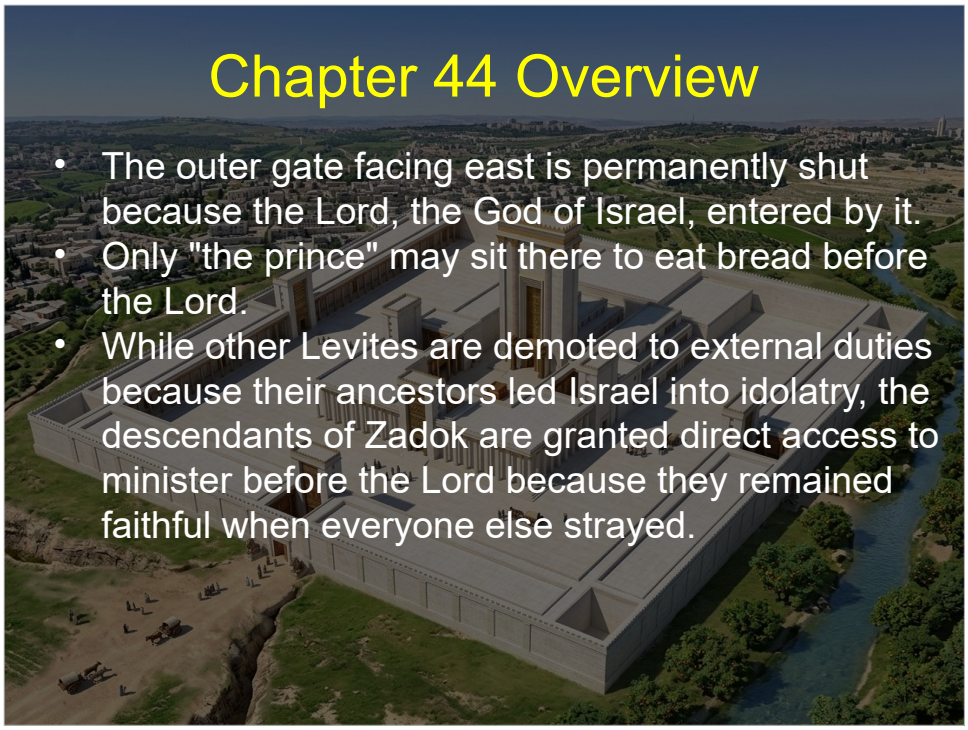
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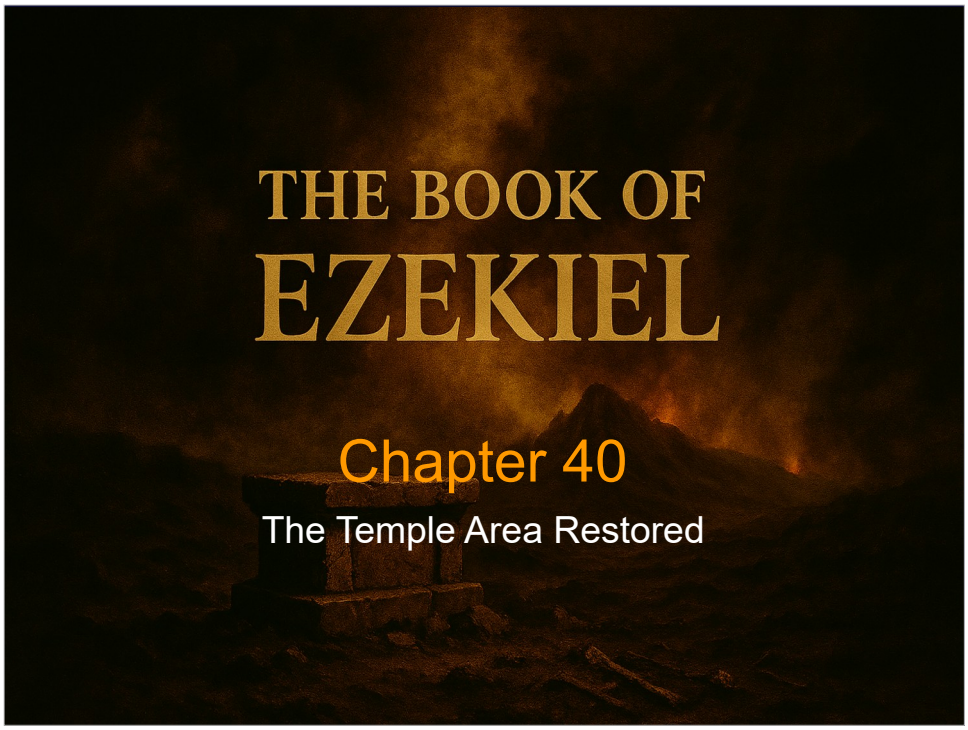
- Daniel, Paul, John and Jesus all speak of a 3rd temple that will be built in the 'end times'
- But this 3rd temple will be the one Antichrist will desecrate by placing his image inside.
- This temple will ultimately be destroyed at (or just before) the Second Coming of Jesus.
- When Jesus establishes His throne in Jerusalem, He will build (or have built) a 4th temple – the symbol of His dwelling with man for the Millennium
- It is this temple that Ezekiel describes.
- It will be a literal, physical temple in Jerusalem

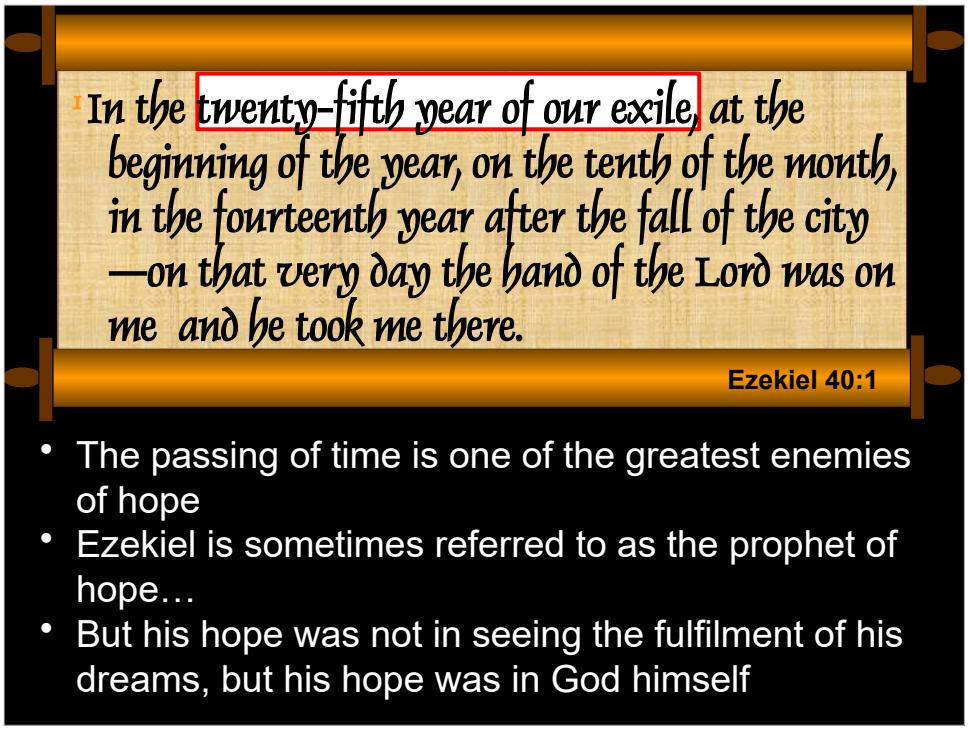

Chapter 40 Overview
• Ezekiel is taken to a high mountain in Israel and met by a man whose appearance is like bronze, holding a measuring rod (~10.5 feet long).
• This temple complex is massive—roughly 500 by 500 'reeds' (nearly a mile square).
• It is far larger than Solomon's or Herod's temples and physically cannot fit on the current Temple Mount (necessitating the massive topographical changes of Zechariah 14:4).
• Herod's temple area covered c.36 acres
• The Millennial temple will cover c.630 acres!
• The whole complex will be almost 20x bigger!


Chapter 41-42 Overview
• The tour moves from the Outer Court, to the Inner Court, to the Sanctuary itself.
• Ezekiel sees carved palm trees (representing righteousness/flourishing) and two-faced cherubim (a man's face and a lion's face—reflecting Messiah as King and Man).
• There is no Ark of the Covenant, no Veil, no Menorah, and no Table of Shewbread. Why?
• Because Jesus Himself is physically present!
• He is the Light, the Bread of Life, the veil has been removed and Christ is the fulfilment of the Law


Chapter 43 Overview
• In Chapter 10, Ezekiel watched in agony as the Shekinah Glory of God left the temple through the East Gate due to Israel's idolatry.
• In 43:2–4, Ezekiel sees the Glory of God returning from the east, filling the new Temple!
• The Declaration: "This is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever."

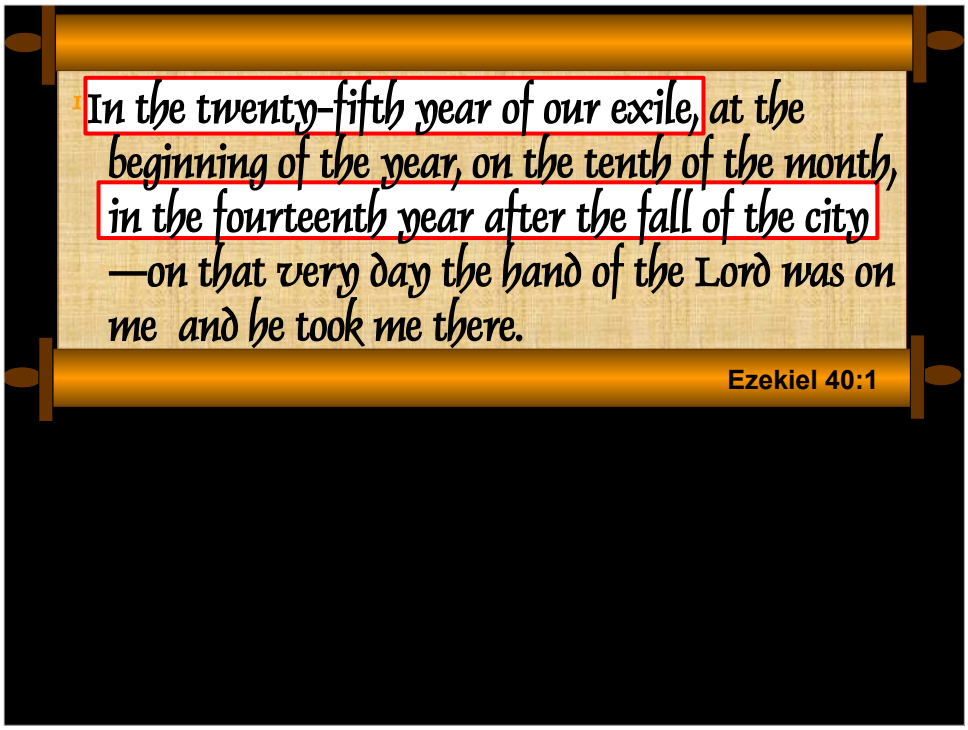

Chapter 44 Overview
• The outer gate facing east is permanently shut because the Lord, the God of Israel, entered by it.
• Only "the prince" may sit there to eat bread before the Lord.
• While other Levites are demoted to external duties because their ancestors led Israel into idolatry, the descendants of Zadok are granted direct access to minister before the Lord because they remained faithful when everyone else strayed.

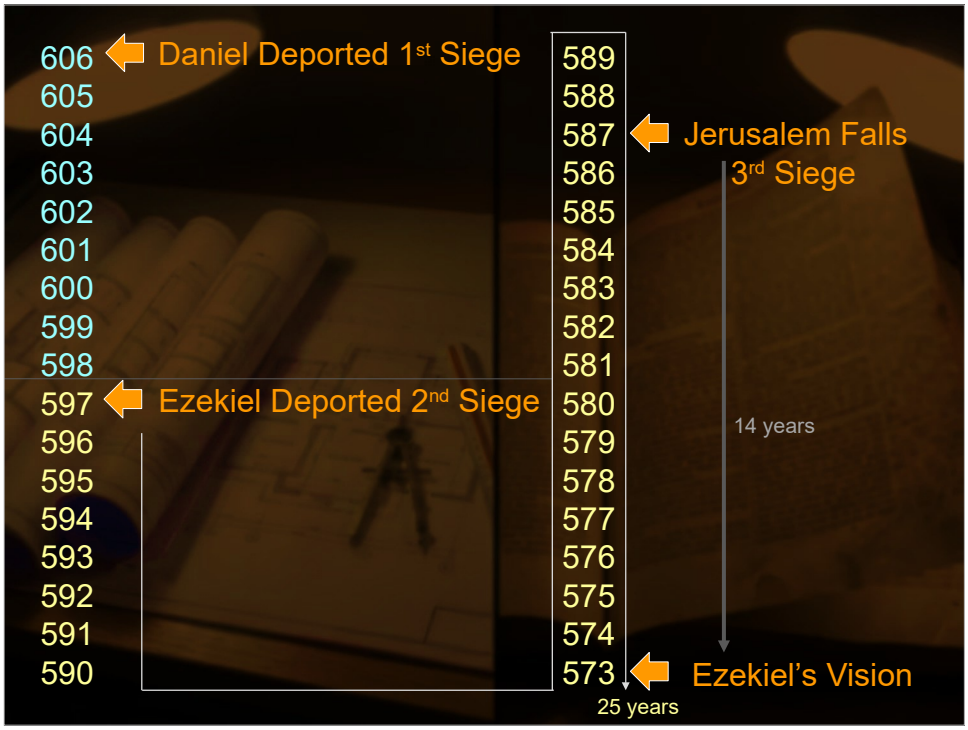

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Chapter 40
The Temple Area Restored

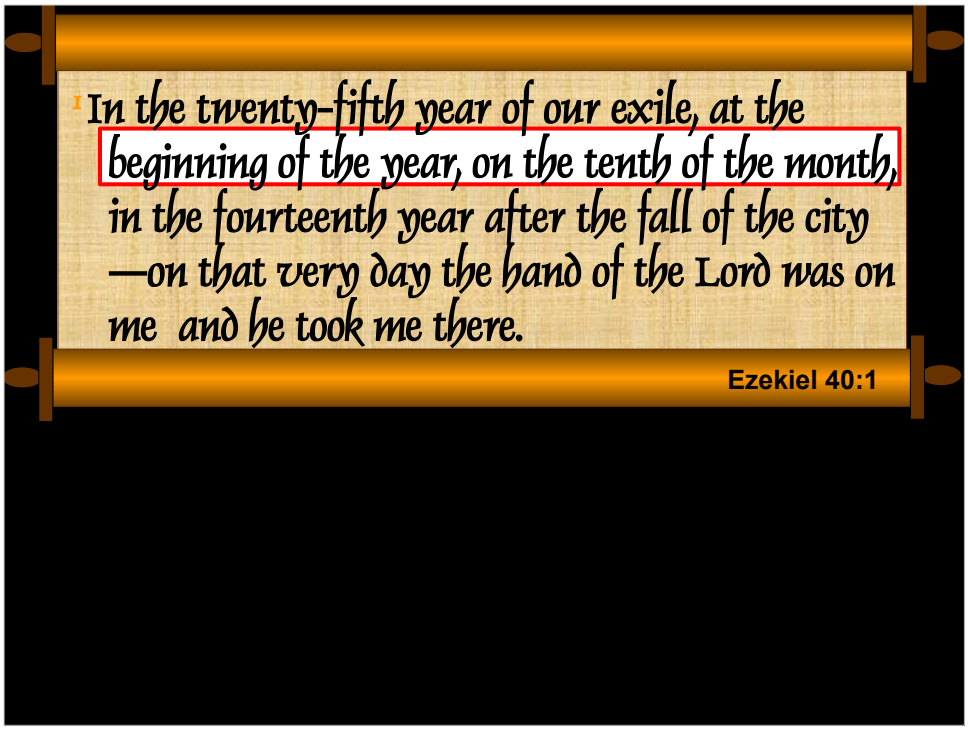


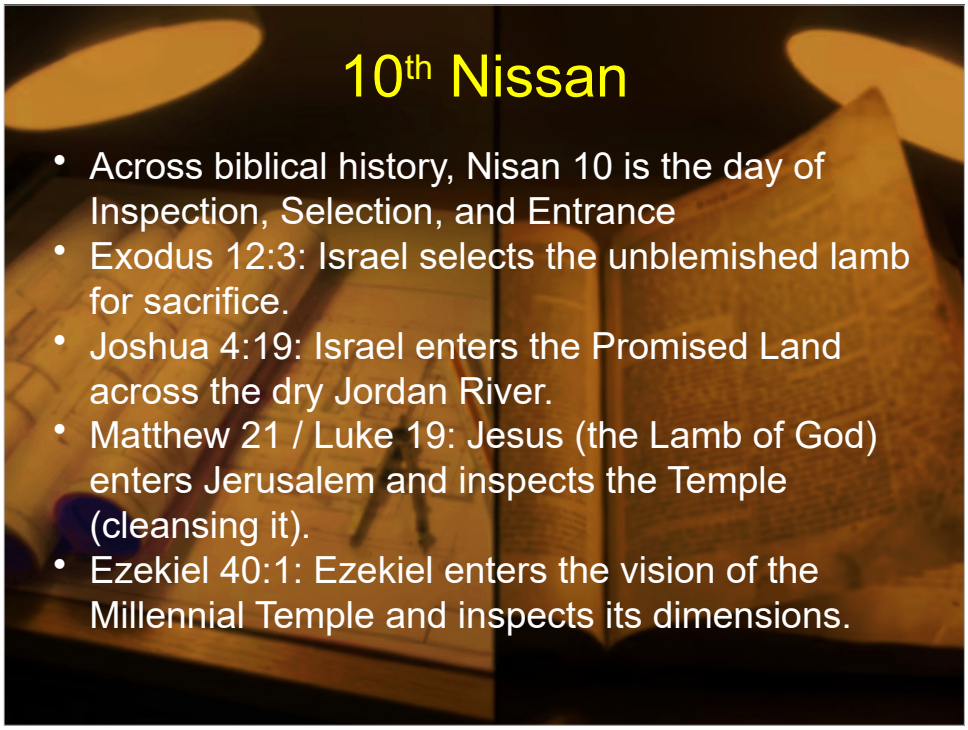
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Jerusalem destroyed = 10yrs
High Mountain – Jerusalem
This is Israel

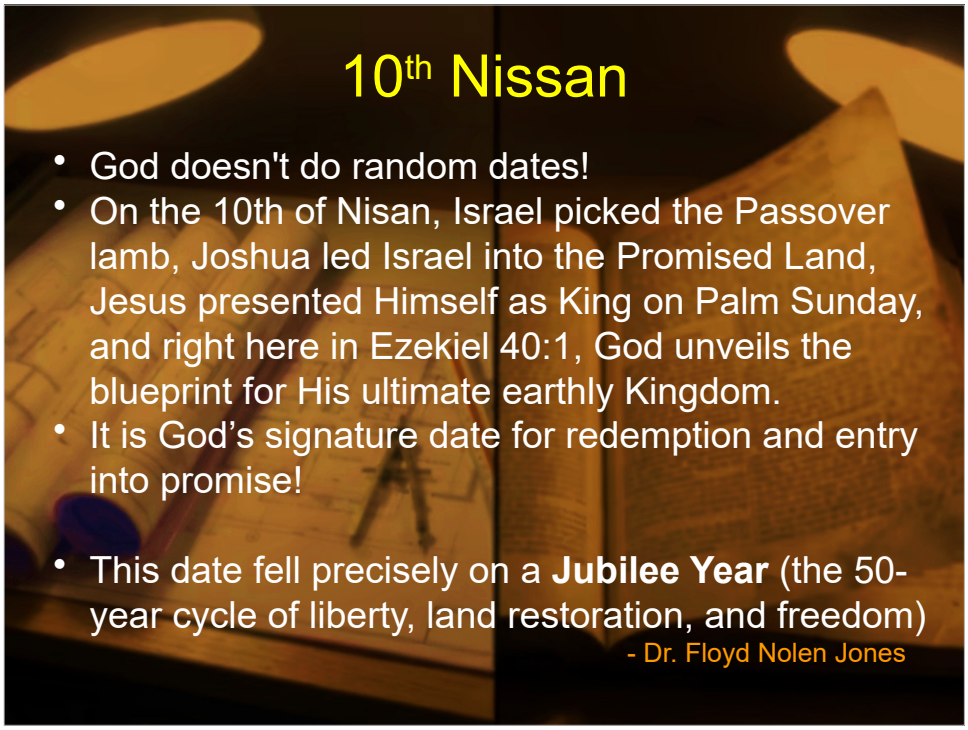
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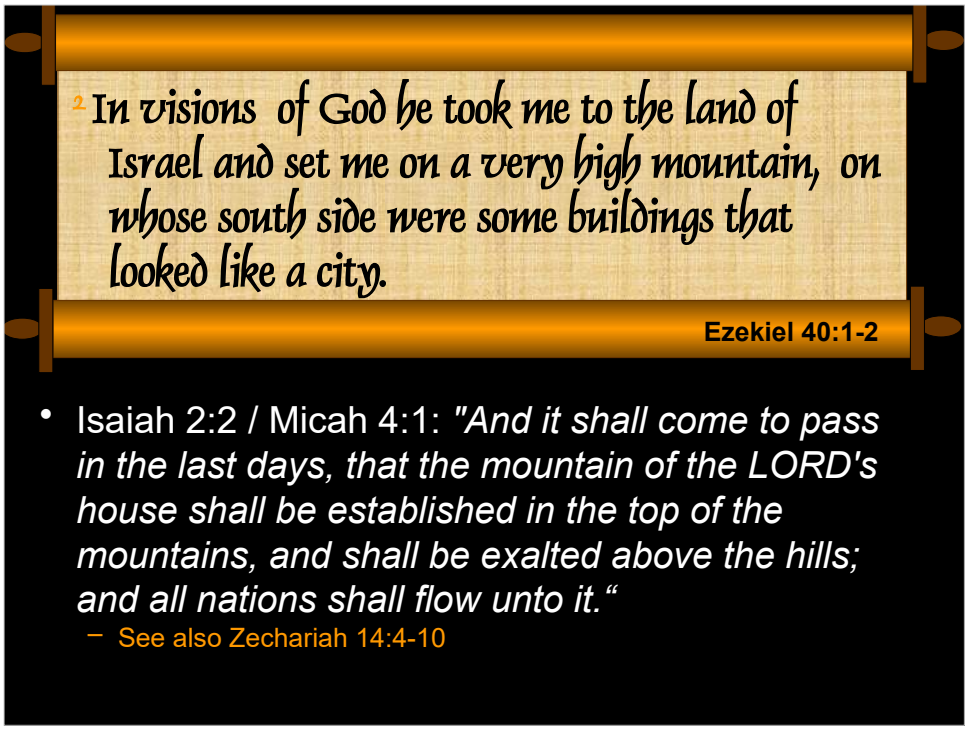

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Ezekiel 40:1


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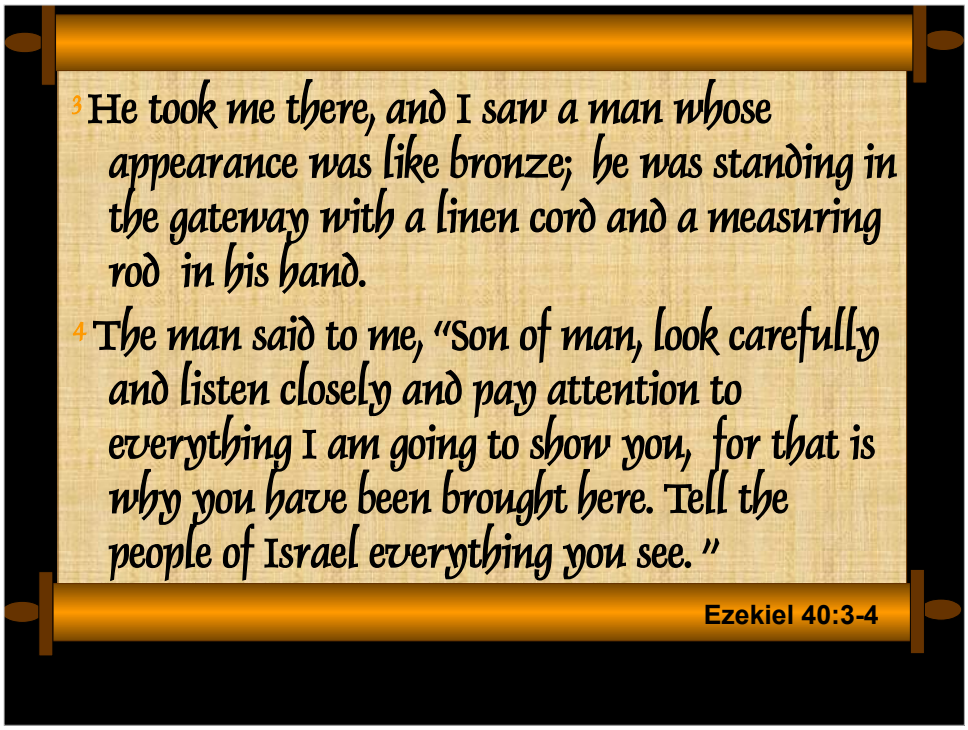

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10th Nissan
• Across biblical history, Nisan 10 is the day of Inspection, Selection, and Entrance
• Exodus 12:3: Israel selects the unblemished lamb for sacrifice.
• Joshua 4:19: Israel enters the Promised Land across the dry Jordan River.
• Matthew 21 / Luke 19: Jesus (the Lamb of God) enters Jerusalem and inspects the Temple (cleansing it).
• Ezekiel 40:1: Ezekiel enters the vision of the Millennial Temple and inspects its dimensions.


10th Nissan
• God doesn't do random dates!
• On the 10th of Nissan, Israel picked the Passover lamb, Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land, Jesus presented Himself as King on Palm Sunday, and right here in Ezekiel 40:1, God unveils the blueprint for His ultimate earthly Kingdom.
• It is God's signature date for redemption and entry into promise!
• This date fell precisely on a **Jubilee Year** (the 50-year cycle of liberty, land restoration, and freedom)
- Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones



Ezekiel doesn't see the cramped, historical Jerusalem of the 6th century BC. He is projected forward to the post-Armageddon, geologically remodelled Jerusalem foretold by Isaiah and Zechariah—a high, exalted mountain plateau raised up above the hills, built to host the glorious palace of the King of Kings!"



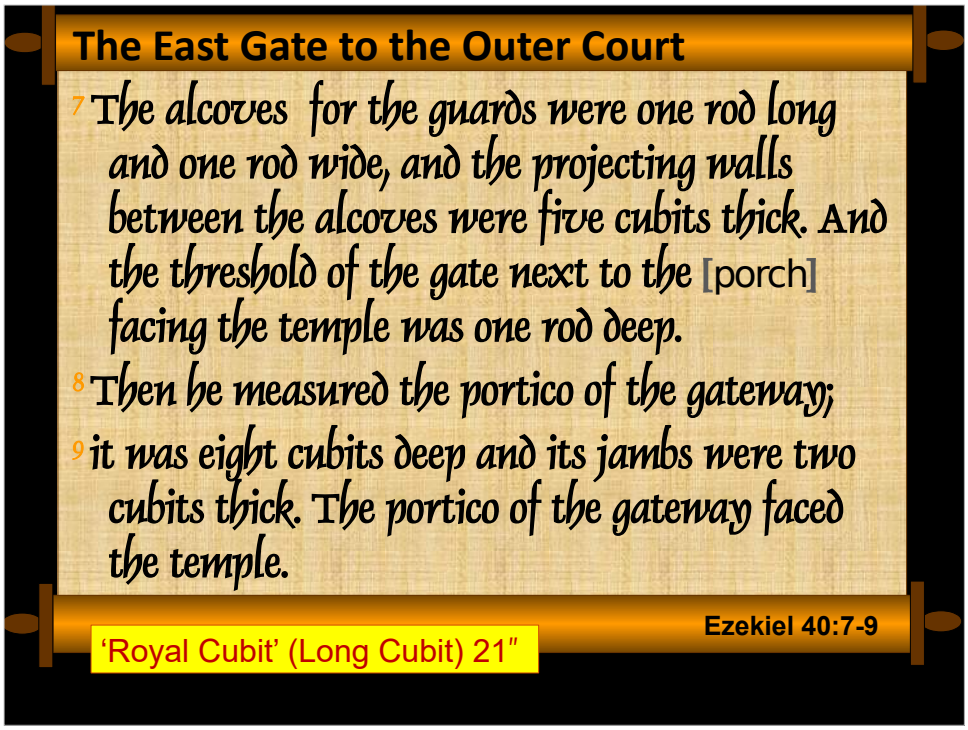
Ezekiel meets a heavenly tour guide whose appearance shines like polished bronze—recalling the fiery appearance of Christ in Revelation 1. Whether this is the Lord Himself or a high-ranking measuring angel sent from His throne, he carries absolute divine authority as he measures every single cubit of Messiah's future house!

The East Gate to the Outer Court

5 I saw a wall completely surrounding the temple
area. The length of the measuring rod in the
man's hand was six long cubits, each of which
was a cubit and a handbreadth. He measured
the wall; it was one measuring rod thick and one
rod high. Measuring rod = 10.5 ft

6 Then he went to the east gate. He climbed its
steps and measured the threshold of the gate; it
was one rod deep.

Ezekiel 40:5-6



When the KJV says 'posts' and the NIV says 'jambs,' think of giant stone doorposts. When the KJV says 'little chambers' and the NIV says 'alcoves,' think of guarded rooms along the gateway. The terminology changes slightly, but the layout and scale remain identical!

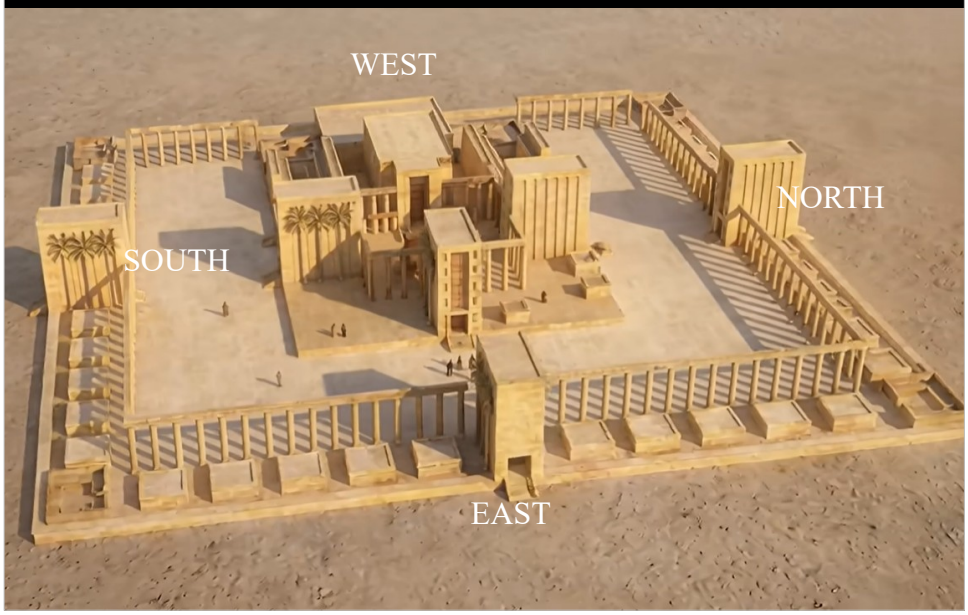
The East Gate to the Outer Court

10 Inside the east gate were three alcoves on each
side; the three had the same measurements, and
the faces of the projecting walls on each side had
the same measurements.
11 Then he measured the width of the entrance of
the gateway; it was ten cubits and its length
was thirteen cubits.
12 In front of each alcove was a wall one cubit
high, and the alcoves were six cubits square.

Ezekiel 40:10-12

Three Gatehouses

Each one is larger than Solomon's Temple!



Six Guard Chambers



Strict control on access

The East Gate to the Outer Court

13 Then he measured the gateway from the top of
the rear wall of one alcove to the top of the
opposite one; the distance was twenty-five
cubits from one parapet opening to the opposite
one.

14 He measured along the faces of the projecting
walls all around the inside of the gateway—
sixty cubits. The measurement was up to the
portico facing the courtyard.

Ezekiel 40:13-14

The East Gate to the Outer Court

15 The distance from the entrance of the gateway
to the far end of its portico was fifty cubits.
16 The alcoves and the projecting walls inside the
gateway were surmounted by narrow parapet
openings all around, as was the portico; the
openings all around faced inward. The faces of
the projecting walls were decorated with palm
trees.

Ezekiel 40:15-16



Carved Palm Trees on Each Portico (Pillar/Posts)

The Outer Court



The Outer Court

17 Then he brought me into the outer court. There
I saw some rooms and a pavement that had
been constructed all around the court; there
were thirty rooms along the pavement.
18 It abutted the sides of the gateways and was as
wide as they were long; this was the lower
pavement.

Ezekiel 40:1-18

The Outer Court

19 Then he measured the distance from the inside of the lower gateway to the outside of the inner court; it was a hundred cubits on the east side as well as on the north.

Ezekiel 40:19

The North Gate

20 Then he measured the length and width of the
north gate, leading into the outer court.
21 Its alcoves —three on each side—its projecting
walls and its portico had the same
measurements as those of the first gateway. It
was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits
wide.

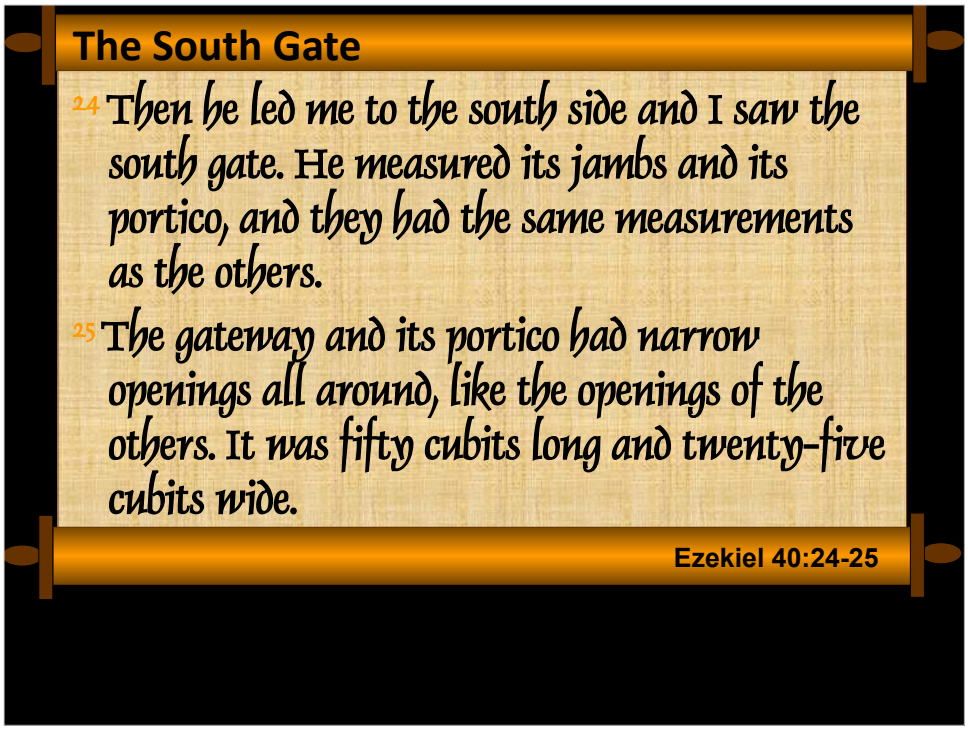
Ezekiel 40:20-21

The North Gate

22 Its openings, its portico and its palm tree
decorations had the same measurements as those
of the gate facing east. Seven steps led up to it,
with its portico opposite them.

23 There was a gate to the inner court facing the
north gate, just as there was on the east. He
measured from one gate to the opposite one; it
was a hundred cubits.

Ezekiel 40:22-23



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The South Gate

26 Seven steps led up to it, with its portico opposite
them; it had palm tree decorations on the faces
of the projecting walls on each side.
27 The inner court also had a gate facing south,
and he measured from this gate to the outer gate
on the south side; it was a hundred cubits.

Ezekiel 40:26-27

- There are 7 steps ascending from the world outside to the outer court
- Then a further 8 steps from the outer court to the inner court
- Finally, another 10 steps to the Temple itself

The Gates to the Inner Court

28 Then he brought me into the inner court through the south gate, and he measured the south gate; it had the same measurements as the others.

29 Its alcoves, its projecting walls and its portico had the same measurements as the others. The gateway and its portico had openings all around. It was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide

Ezekiel 40:28-29

The Gates to the Inner Court

30 (The porticoes of the gateways around the inner
court were twenty-five cubits wide and five
cubits deep.)

31 Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees
decorated its jambs, and eight steps led up to it.

Ezekiel 40:30-31

The Gates to the Inner Court

32 Then he brought me to the inner court on the
east side, and he measured the gateway; it had
the same measurements as the others.

33 Its alcoves, its projecting walls and its portico
had the same measurements as the others. The
gateway and its portico had openings all around.
It was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits
wide.

Ezekiel 40:32-33

The Gates to the Inner Court

34 Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees
decorated the jambs on either side, and eight
steps led up to it.
35 Then he brought me to the north gate and
measured it. It had the same measurements as
the others,
36 as did its alcoves, its projecting walls and its
portico, and it had openings all around. It was
fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

Ezekiel 40:34-36

The Gates to the Inner Court

37 Its portico faced the outer court; palm trees decorated the jambs on either side, and eight steps led up to it.

Ezekiel 40:37

The Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices

38 A room with a doorway was by the portico in
each of the inner gateways, where the burnt
offerings were washed.

39 In the portico of the gateway were two tables on
each side, on which the burnt offerings, sin
offerings and guilt offerings were slaughtered.

40 By the outside wall of the portico of the
gateway, near the steps at the entrance of the
north gateway were two tables, and on the
other side of the steps were two tables.

Ezekiel 40:38-40

The Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices

41 So there were four tables on one side of the
gateway and four on the other—eight tables in
all—on which the sacrifices were slaughtered.
42 There were also four tables of dressed stone for
the burnt offerings, each a cubit and a half long,
a cubit and a half wide and a cubit high. On
them were placed the utensils for slaughtering
the burnt offerings and the other sacrifices.

Ezekiel 40:41-42

The Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices

43 And double-pronged hooks, each a handbreadth
long, were attached to the wall all around. The
tables were for the flesh of the offerings.

Ezekiel 40:43

The Rooms for the Priests

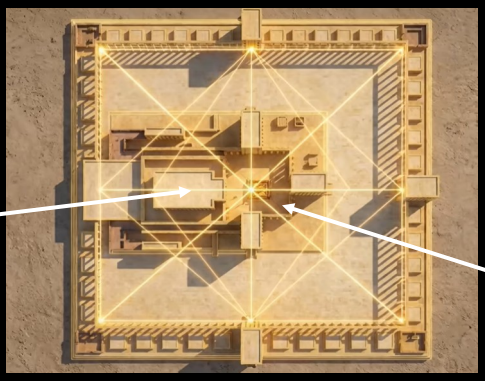
44 Outside the inner gate, within the inner court,
were two rooms, one at the side of the north
gate and facing south, and another at the side of
the south gate and facing north.
45 He said to me, "The room facing south is for the
priests who guard the temple,
46 and the room facing north is for the priests who
guard the altar. These are the sons of Zadok,
who are the only Levites who may draw near
to the Lord to minister before him."

Ezekiel 40:44-46

The Rooms for the Priests

47 Then he measured the court: It was square—a
hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide.
And the altar was in front of the temple.

Ezekiel 40:47

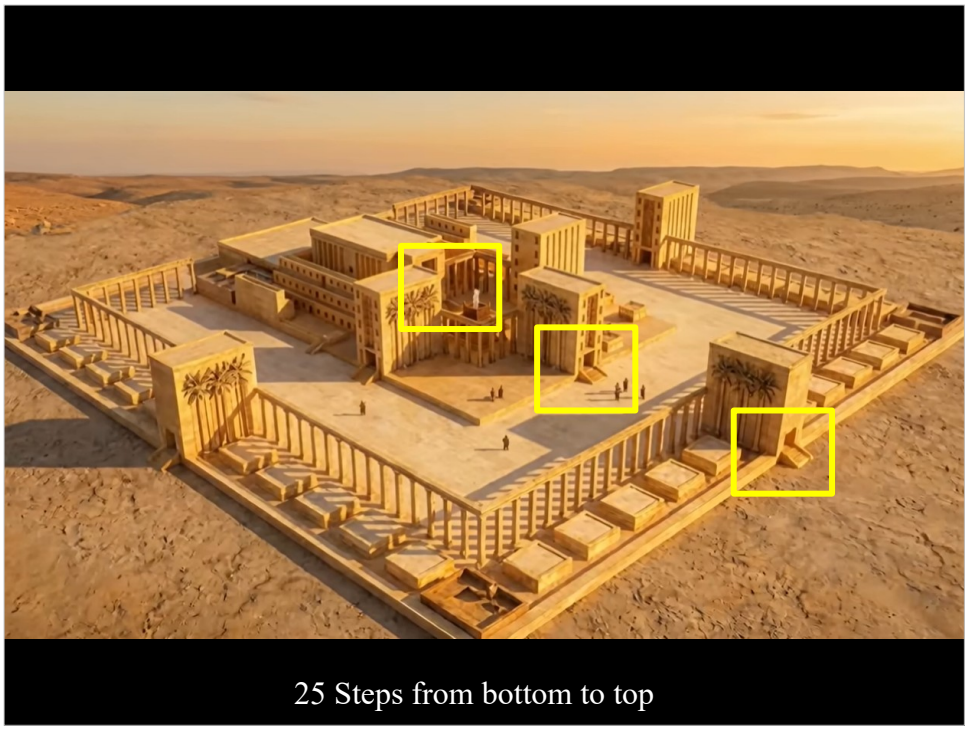


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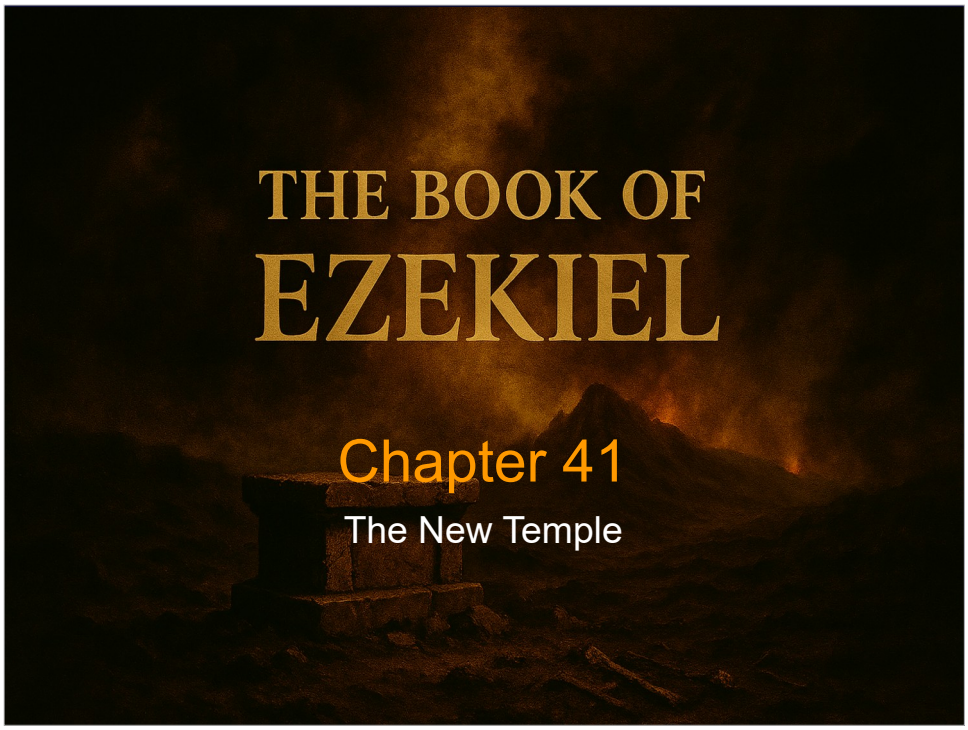
48 He brought me to the portico of the temple and measured the jambs of the portico; they were five cubits wide on either side. The width of the entrance was fourteen cubits and its projecting walls were three cubits wide on either side.

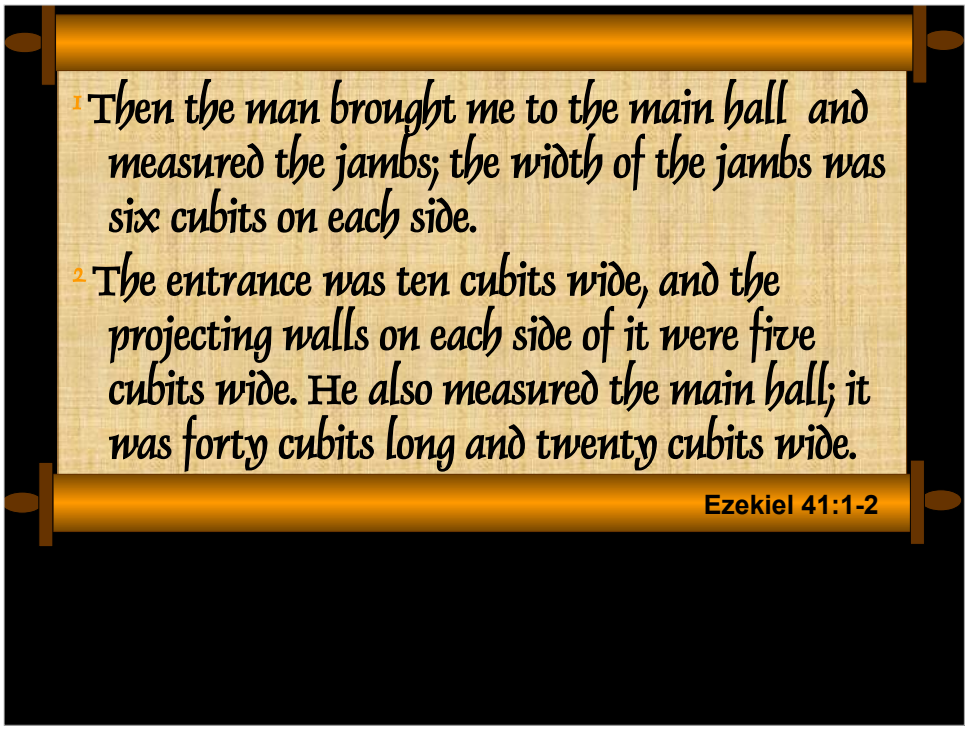
49 The portico was twenty cubits wide, and twelve cubits from front to back. It was reached by a flight of stairs, and there were pillars on each side of the jambs.

Ezekiel 40:1

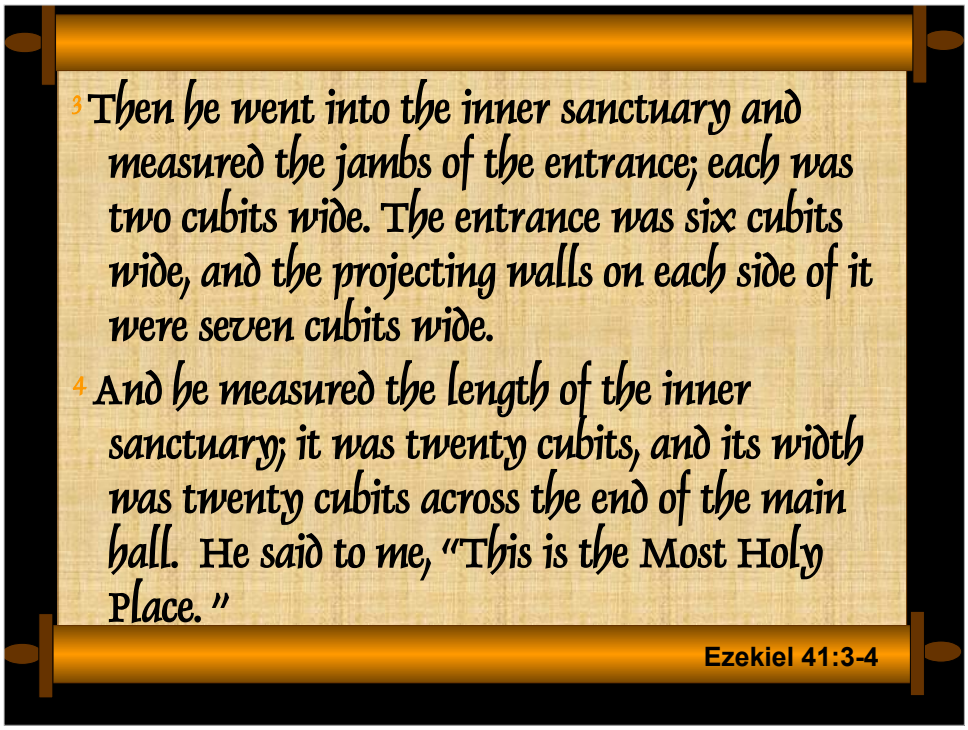


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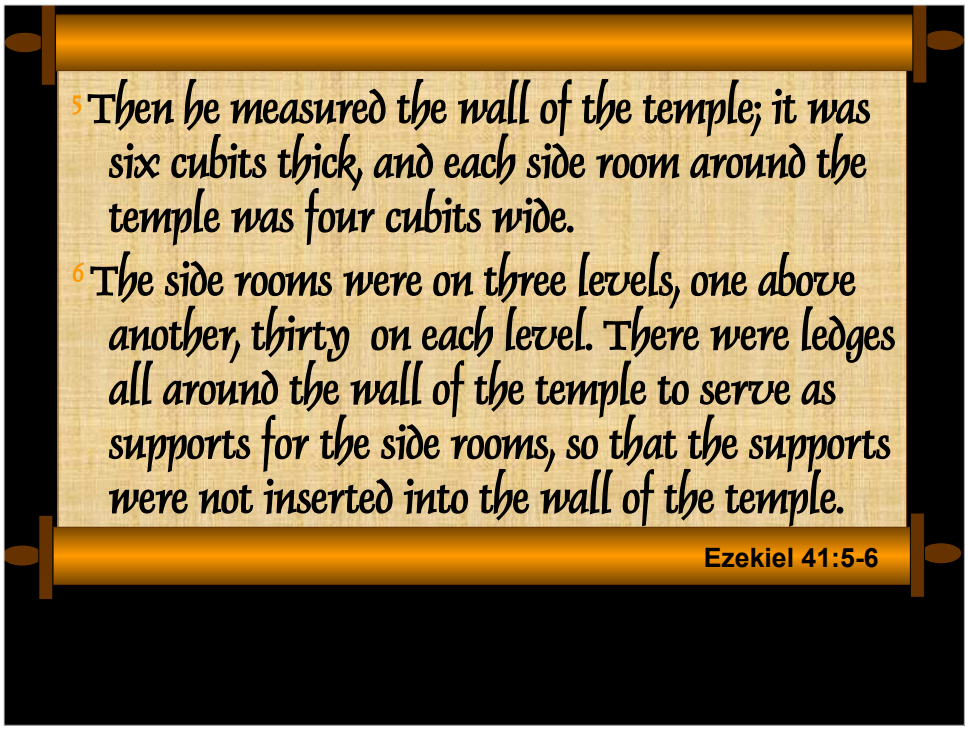

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Chapter 41
The New Temple



High Mountain – Jerusalem
This is Israel



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7 The side rooms all around the temple were wider
at each successive level. The structure
surrounding the temple was built in ascending
stages, so that the rooms widened as one went
upward. A stairway went up from the lowest
floor to the top floor through the middle floor.
8 I saw that the temple had a raised base all
around it, forming the foundation of the side
rooms. It was the length of the rod, six long
cubits.

Ezekiel 41:7-8

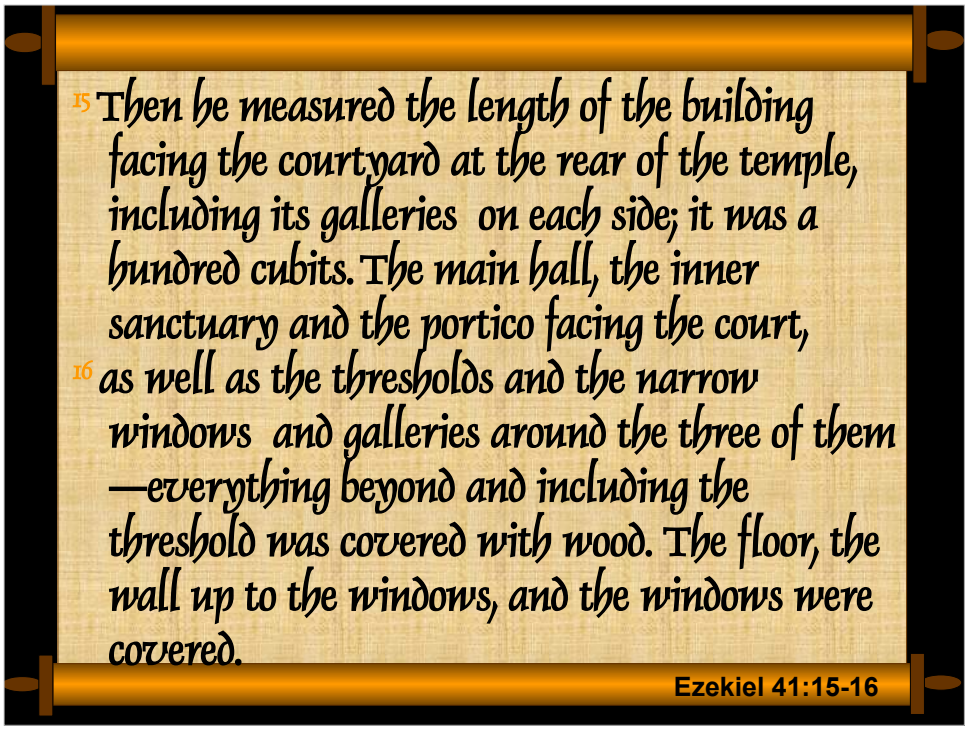
9 The outer wall of the side rooms was five cubits
thick. The open area between the side rooms of
the temple
10 and the priests' rooms was twenty cubits wide
all around the temple.
11 There were entrances to the side rooms from the
open area, one on the north and another on the
south; and the base adjoining the open area was
five cubits wide all around.

Ezekiel 41:9-11

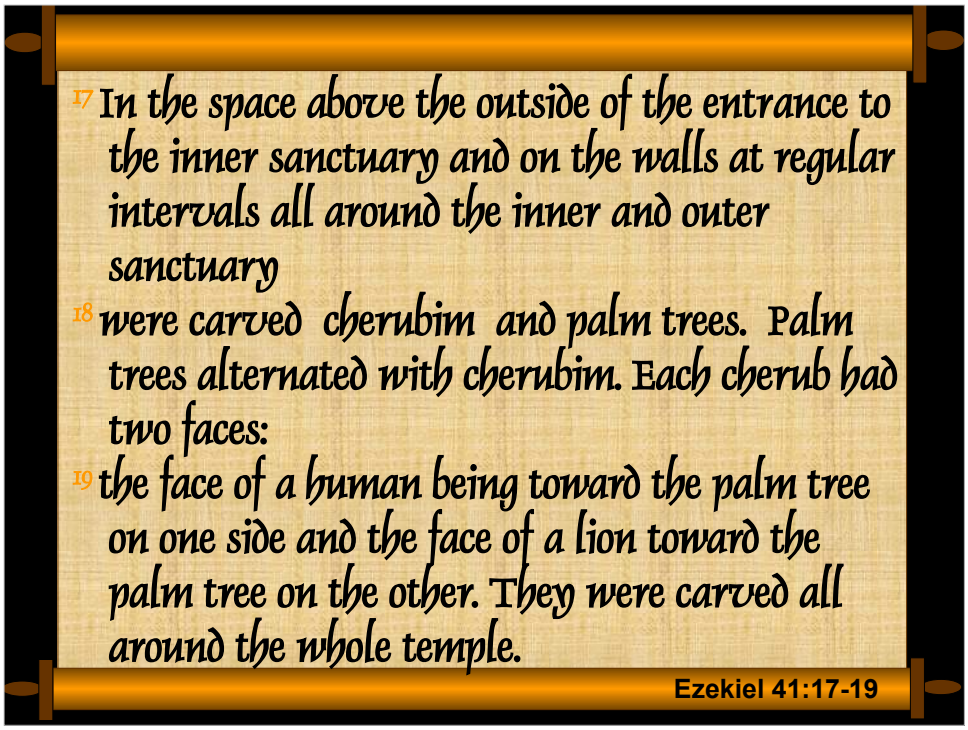
12 The building facing the temple courtyard on the
west side was seventy cubits wide. The wall of
the building was five cubits thick all around,
and its length was ninety cubits.
13 Then he measured the temple; it was a hundred
cubits long, and the temple courtyard and the
building with its walls were also a hundred
cubits long.
14 The width of the temple courtyard on the east,
including the front of the temple, was a hundred
cubits.

Ezekiel 41:12-14

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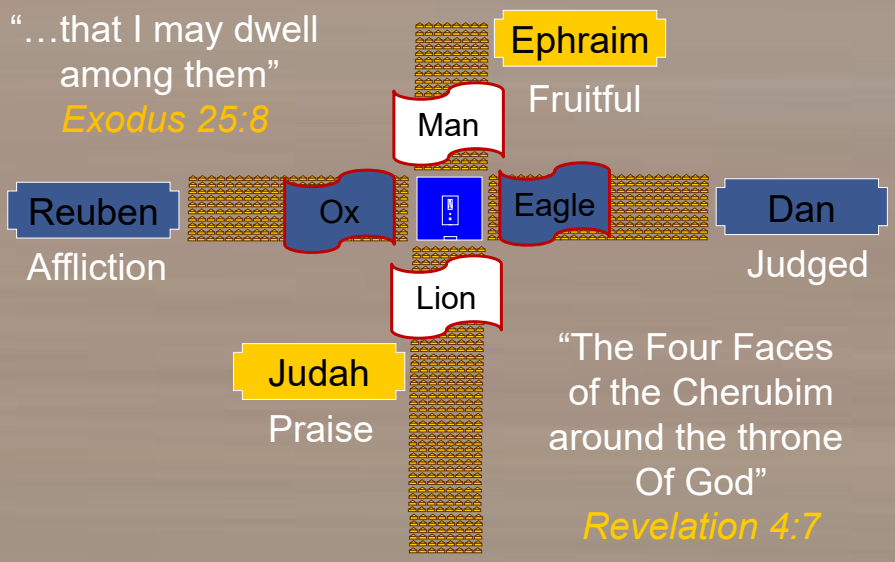
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The Camp of Israel

"…that I may dwell among them"
Exodus 25:8

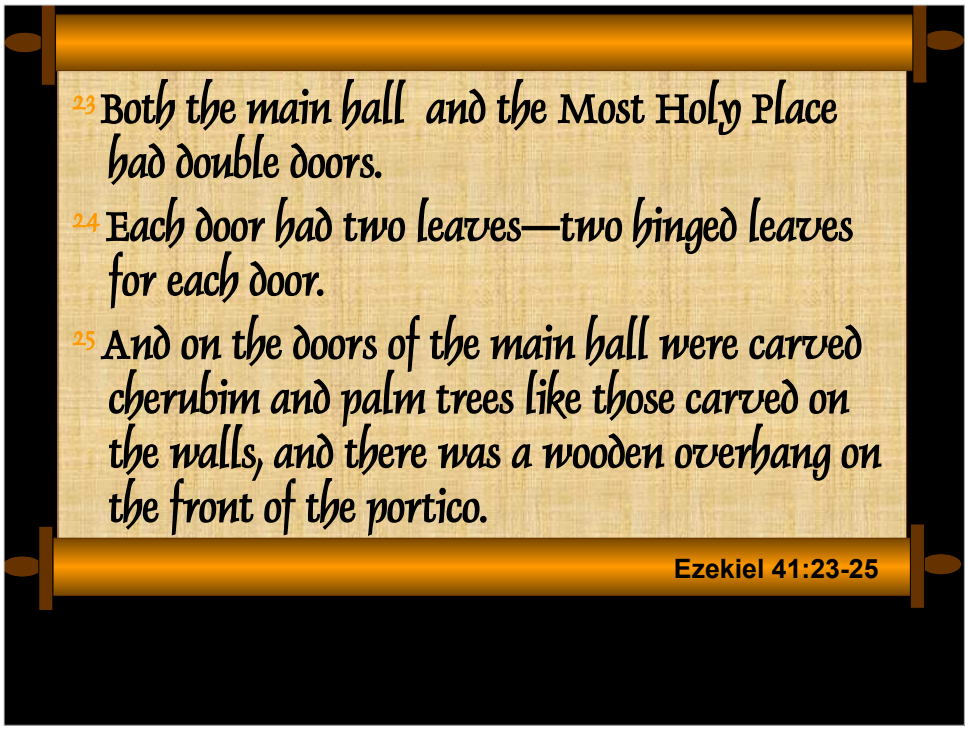


"The Four Faces of the Cherubim around the throne Of God"
Revelation 4:7

20 From the floor to the area above the entrance,
cherubim and palm trees were carved on the
wall of the main hall.
21 The main hall had a rectangular doorframe,
and the one at the front of the Most Holy Place
was similar.
22 There was a wooden altar three cubits high and
two cubits square; its corners, its base and its
sides were of wood. The man said to me, "This is
the table that is before the Lord."

Ezekiel 41:20-22

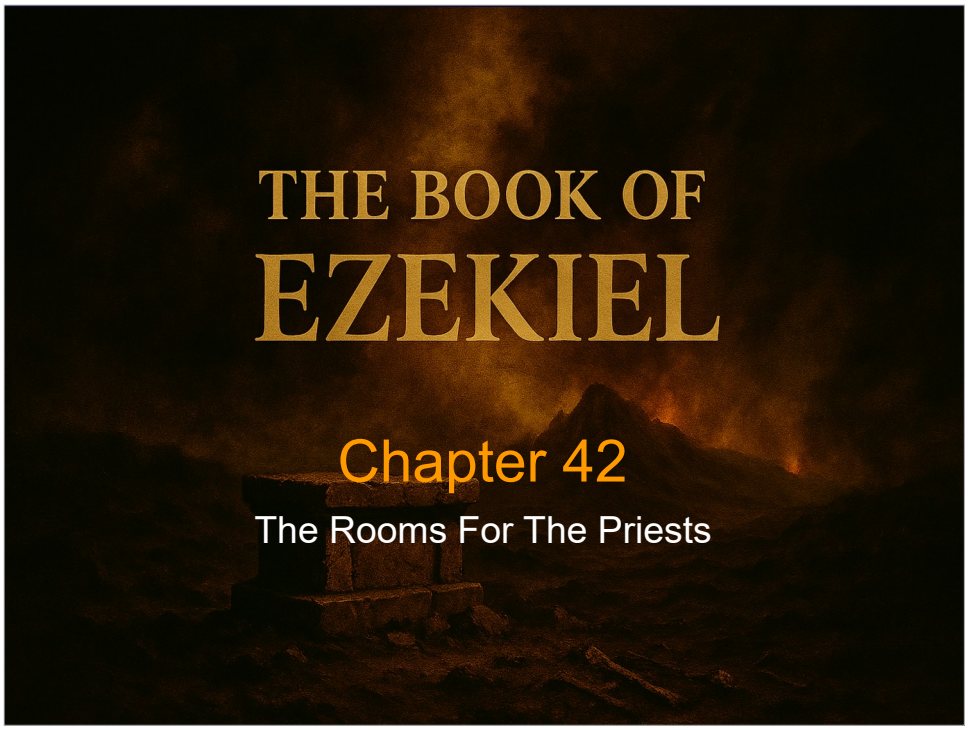
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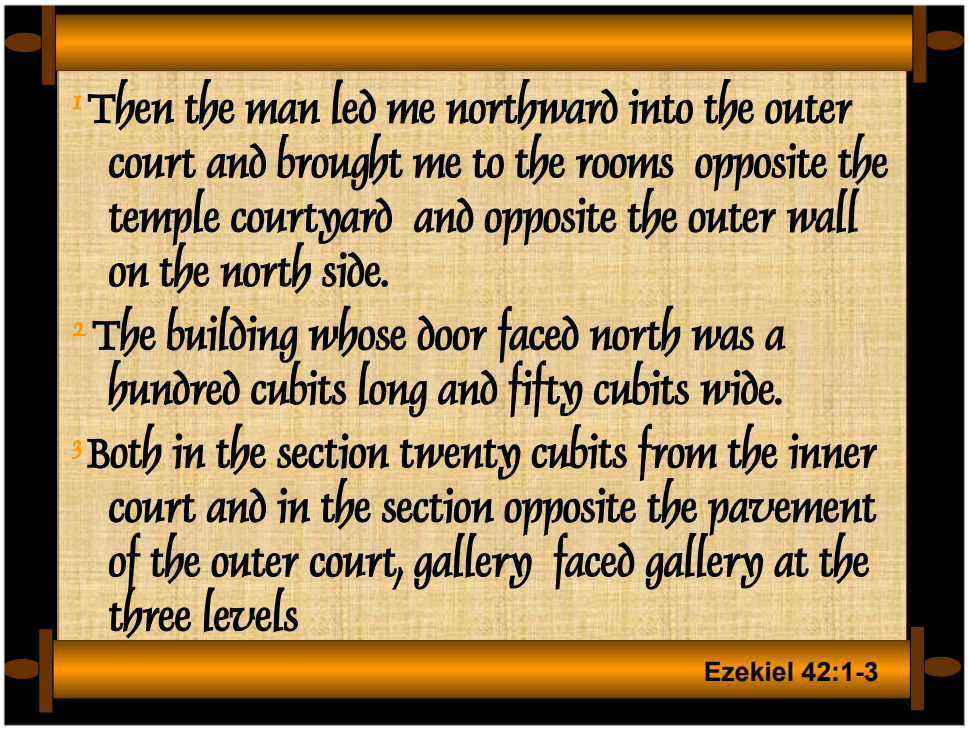


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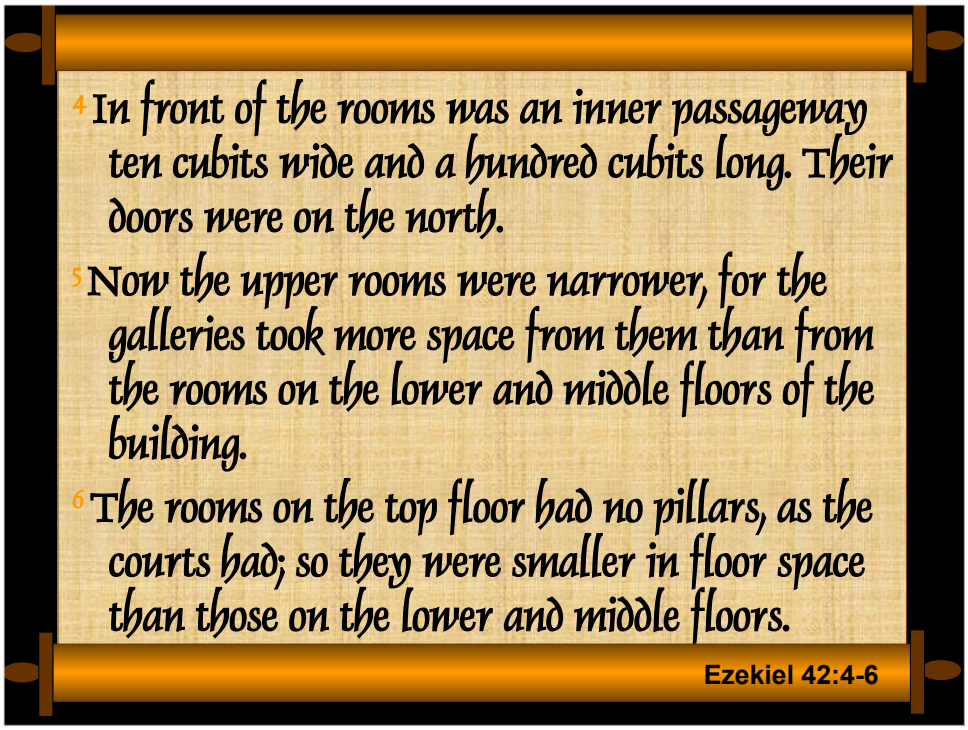
26 On the sidewalls of the portico were narrow windows with palm trees carved on each side. The side rooms of the temple also had overhangs.

Ezekiel 41:26

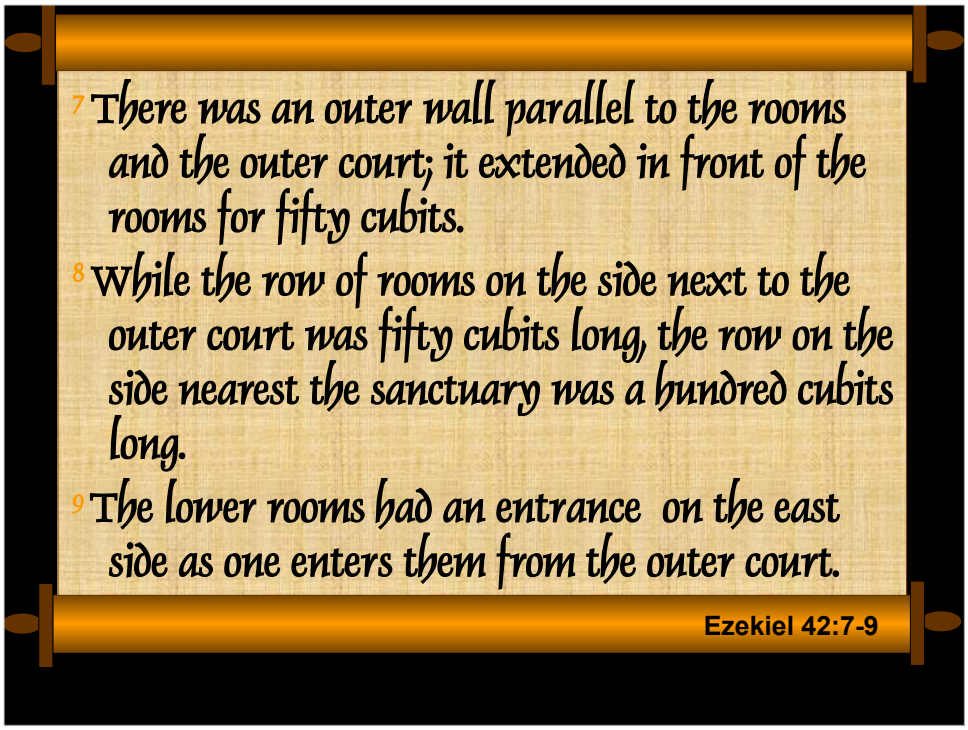

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The Rooms For The Priests



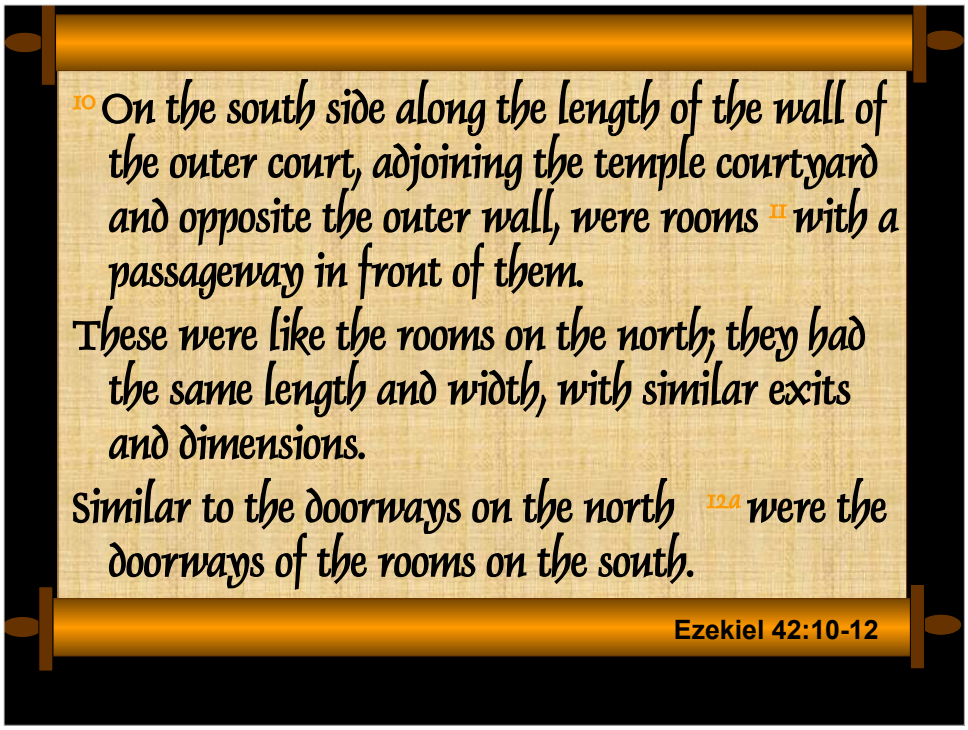
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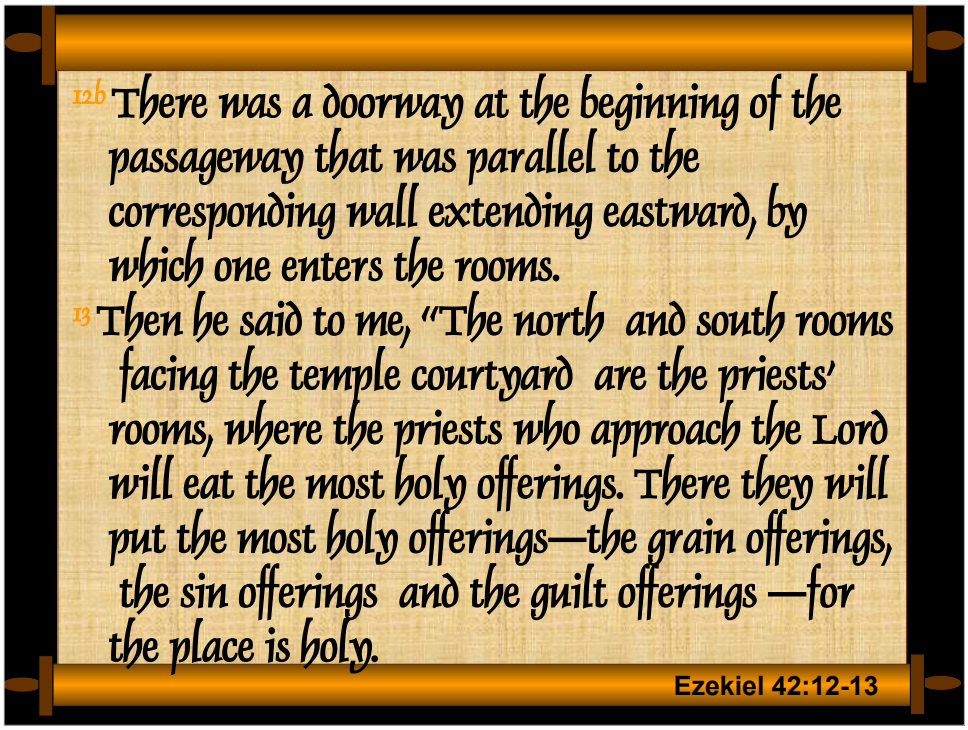
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14 Once the priests enter the holy precincts, they
are not to go into the outer court until they
leave behind the garments in which they
minister, for these are holy. They are to put on
other clothes before they go near the places that
are for the people."
15 When he had finished measuring what was inside
the temple area, he led me out by the east gate
and measured the area all around:

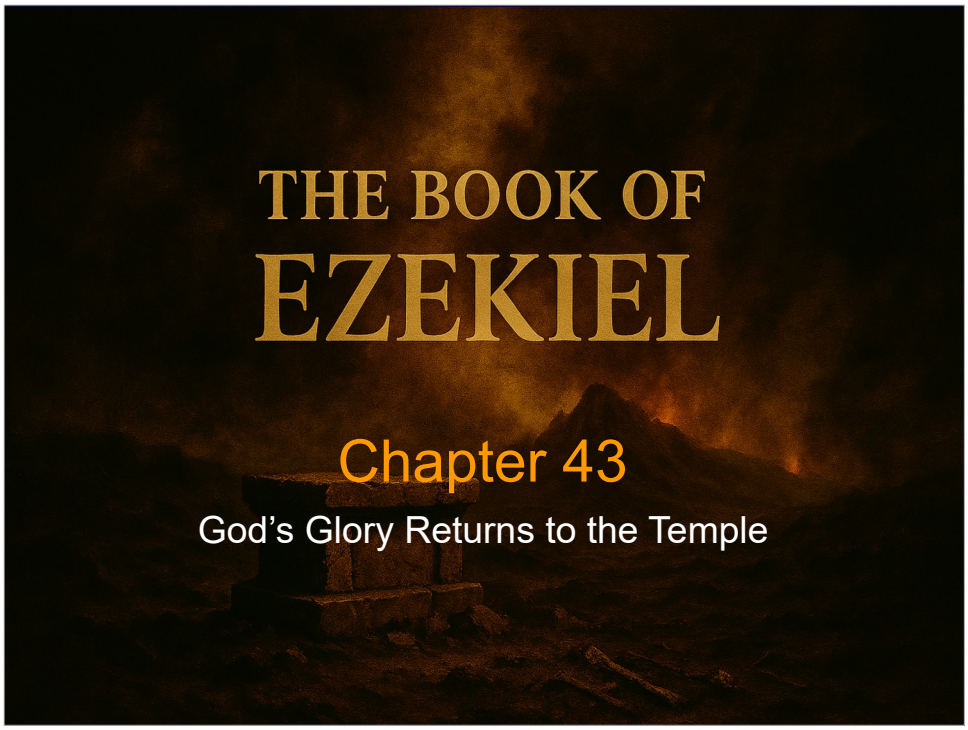
Ezekiel 42:14-15

16 He measured the east side with the measuring
rod; it was five hundred cubits.,
17 He measured the north side; it was five hundred
cubits by the measuring rod.
18 He measured the south side; it was five hundred
cubits by the measuring rod.

Ezekiel 42:16-18

19 Then he turned to the west side and measured; it
was five hundred cubits by the measuring rod.
20 So he measured the area on all four sides. It
had a wall around it, five hundred cubits long
and five hundred cubits wide, to separate the
holy from the common.

Ezekiel 42:19-20


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Chapter 43
God's Glory Returns to the Temple

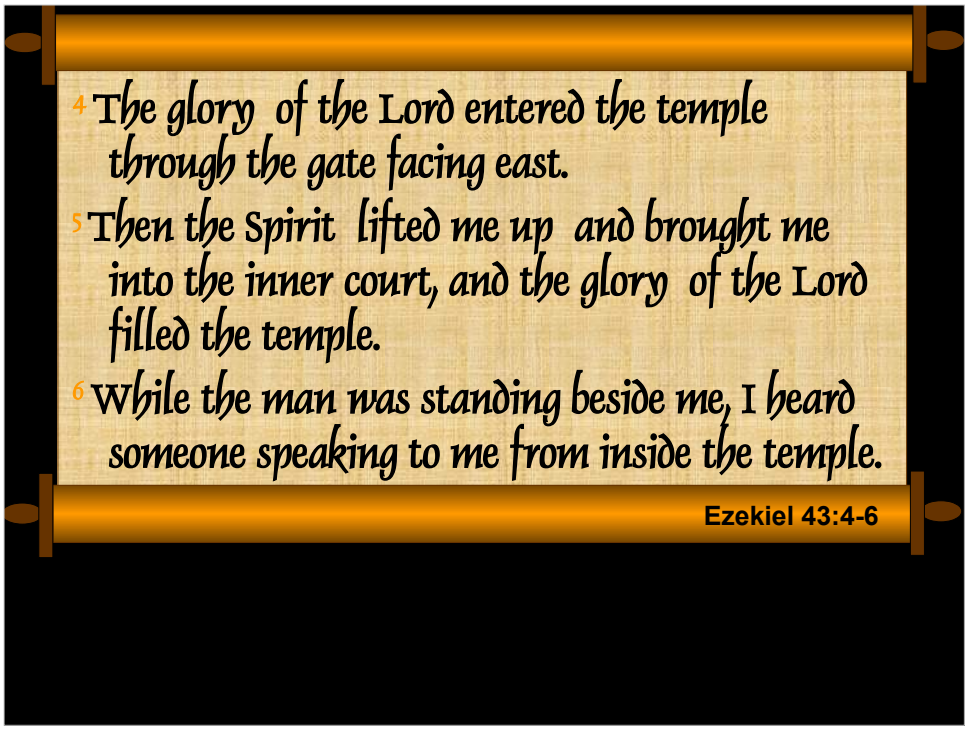
1 Then the man brought me to the gate facing east,

2 and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming
from the east. His voice was like the roar of
rushing waters, and the land was radiant with
his glory.

3 The vision I saw was like the vision I had seen
when he came to destroy the city and like the
visions I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell
facedown.

Ezekiel 43:1-3

- One of 24 identities of Jesus Christ Rev 1:15-16; 14:2; 19:6



The climax of Ezekiel's entire book.

Same gate:

The *Shekinah* Glory exiting the Temple

Ez 10:19;11:23

Earlier entering Solomon's Temple

1 Kings 8:10-11; 2 Chr 5:13-14; 2 Chr 7:1-3

We will look at this again in Chapter 44.

(The Ark and Mercy Seat were two separate objects in the Scripture.)
The Ark is no longer the focus of worship in Jerusalem.
It will be replaced by the Throne of the Lord as all nations shall be gathered to it.

7 He said: "Son of man, this is the place of my
throne and the place for the soles of my feet.
This is where I will live among the Israelites
forever. The people of Israel will never again
defile my holy name—neither they nor their
kings—by their prostitution and the funeral
offerings for their kings at their death.

Ezekiel 43:7

8 When they placed their threshold next to my
threshold and their doorposts beside my
doorposts, with only a wall between me and
them, they defiled my holy name by their
detestable practices. So I destroyed them in my
anger.
9 Now let them put away from me their
prostitution and the funeral offerings for their
kings, and I will live among them forever.

Ezekiel 43:8-9

10 "Son of man, describe the temple to the people of
Israel, that they may be ashamed of their sins.
Let them consider its perfection,
11 and if they are ashamed of all they have done,
make known to them the design of the temple—
its arrangement, its exits and entrances—its
whole design and all its regulations and laws.
Write these down before them so that they may
be faithful to its design and follow all its
regulations.

Ezekiel 43:10-11

12 "This is the law of the temple: All the surrounding area on top of the mountain will be most holy. Such is the law of the temple.

Ezekiel 43:12

The Great Altar Restored

13 "These are the measurements of the altar in long cubits, that cubit being a cubit and a handbreadth: Its gutter is a cubit deep and a cubit wide, with a rim of one span around the edge. And this is the height of the altar:

Ezekiel 43:13

The Great Altar Restored

14 From the gutter on the ground up to the lower
ledge that goes around the altar it is two cubits
high, and the ledge is a cubit wide. From this
lower ledge to the upper ledge that goes around
the altar it is four cubits high, and that ledge is
also a cubit wide.

15 Above that, the altar hearth is four cubits high,
and four horns project upward from the hearth.

16 The altar hearth is square, twelve cubits long
and twelve cubits wide.

Ezekiel 43:14-16

The Great Altar Restored

17 The upper ledge also is square, fourteen cubits
long and fourteen cubits wide. All around the
altar is a gutter of one cubit with a rim of half
a cubit. The steps of the altar face east."
18 Then he said to me, "Son of man, this is what the
Sovereign Lord says: These will be the
regulations for sacrificing burnt offerings and
splashing blood against the altar when it is
built:

Ezekiel 43:17-18

Millennial Sacrifices

43:19-27

- Only memorial in nature
  - Retrospective, rather than prospective, as in the OT. Cf. 9:12,26,28;10:4, 10,14;
  - Not Expiatory: Heb 10:4;
  - Because objects used in the worship contract defilement from sinful man, blood, as the seat of life, is applied to them to remove uncleanness and to impart holiness cf. Lev 16:15-20

The Great Altar Restored

19 You are to give a young bull as a sin offering to
the Levitical priests of the family of Zadok,
who come near to minister before me, declares
the Sovereign Lord.

20 You are to take some of its blood and put it on
the four horns of the altar and on the four
corners of the upper ledge and all around the
rim, and so purify the altar and make
atonement for it.

Ezekiel 43:19-20

The Great Altar Restored

21 You are to take the bull for the sin offering and
burn it in the designated part of the temple area
outside the sanctuary.
22 "On the second day you are to offer a male goat
without defect for a sin offering, and the altar is
to be purified as it was purified with the bull.
23 When you have finished purifying it, you are to
offer a young bull and a ram from the flock,
both without defect.

Ezekiel 43:21-23

The Great Altar Restored

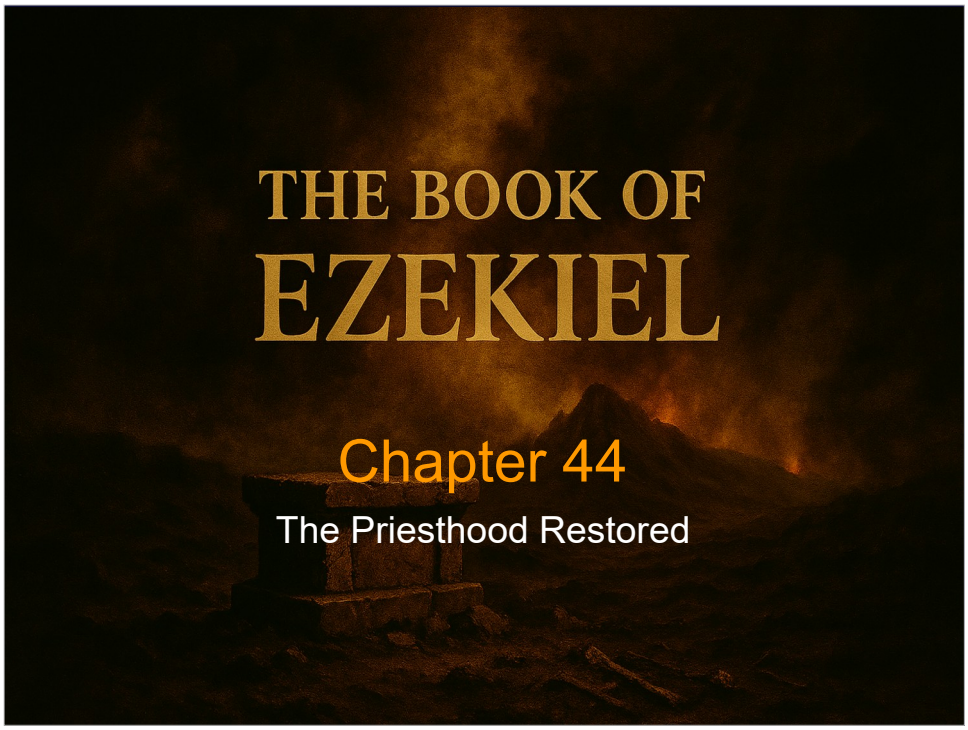
24 You are to offer them before the Lord, and the
priests are to sprinkle salt on them and
sacrifice them as a burnt offering to the Lord.
25 "For seven days you are to provide a male goat
daily for a sin offering; you are also to provide a
young bull and a ram from the flock, both
without defect.
26 For seven days they are to make atonement for
the altar and cleanse it; thus they will dedicate
it.

Ezekiel 43:24-26

The Great Altar Restored

27 At the end of these days, from the eighth day on,
the priests are to present your burnt offerings
and fellowship offerings on the altar. Then I
will accept you, declares the Sovereign Lord."

Ezekiel 43:27


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Chapter 44
The Priesthood Restored

East Gate

- The prince cannot enter through the gate but is permitted to eat the sacrificial meal in its vestibule v. 3; cf. Jer 30:21
- The East gate was the place where the Shekinah Glory left the Temple. Ez 10
- It is the same gate by which the Shekinah Glory just entered the Temple. Ez 43
- The East Gate is special: It is used only by the Lord.

1 Then the man brought me back to the outer gate
of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was
shut.
2 The Lord said to me, "This gate is to remain shut.
It must not be opened; no one may enter
through it. It is to remain shut because the
Lord, the God of Israel, has entered through it.

Ezekiel 44:1-2

- It was an eastern tradition that one way to honor a king was to provide a gate for him that no one else used.

3 The prince himself is the only one who may sit
inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the
Lord. He is to enter by way of the portico of the
gateway and go out the same way."

Ezekiel 44:3

- Who is this prince?
- Possibly king David
  - Eze 34:23-24; 37:24

4 Then the man brought me by way of the north
gate to the front of the temple. I looked and saw
the glory of the Lord filling the temple of the
Lord, and I fell facedown.
5 The Lord said to me, "Son of man, look carefully,
listen closely and give attention to everything I
tell you concerning all the regulations and
instructions regarding the temple of the Lord.
Give attention to the entrance to the temple
and all the exits of the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 44:4-5

6 Say to rebellious Israel, 'This is what the
Sovereign Lord says: Enough of your detestable
practices, people of Israel!
7 In addition to all your other detestable practices,
you brought foreigners uncircumcised in heart
and flesh into my sanctuary, desecrating my
temple while you offered me food, fat and blood,
and you broke my covenant.

Ezekiel 44:6-7

8 Instead of carrying out your duty in regard to
my holy things, you put others in charge of my
sanctuary.
9 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: No
foreigner uncircumcised in heart and flesh is to
enter my sanctuary, not even the foreigners
who live among the Israelites.

Ezekiel 44:8-9

10 “‘The Levites who went far from me when
Israel went astray and who wandered from me
after their idols must bear the consequences of
their sin.
11 They may serve in my sanctuary, having
charge of the gates of the temple and serving in
it; they may slaughter the burnt offerings and
sacrifices for the people and stand before the
people and serve them.

Ezekiel 44:10-11

12 But because they served them in the presence of
their idols and made the people of Israel fall
into sin, therefore I have sworn with uplifted
hand that they must bear the consequences of
their sin, declares the Sovereign Lord.
13 They are not to come near to serve me as priests
or come near any of my holy things or my most
holy offerings; they must bear the shame of
their detestable practices.

Ezekiel 44:12-13

14 And I will appoint them to guard the temple for
all the work that is to be done in it.
15 "But the Levitical priests, who are descendants
of Zadok and who guarded my sanctuary when
the Israelites went astray from me, are to come
near to minister before me; they are to stand
before me to offer sacrifices of fat and blood,
declares the Sovereign Lord.

Ezekiel 44:14-15

16 They alone are to enter my sanctuary; they
alone are to come near my table to minister
before me and serve me as guards.
17 "When they enter the gates of the inner court,
they are to wear linen clothes; they must not
wear any woolen garment while ministering at
the gates of the inner court or inside the temple.

Ezekiel 44:16-17

18 They are to wear linen turbans on their heads
and linen undergarments around their waists.
They must not wear anything that makes them
perspire.
19 When they go out into the outer court where the
people are, they are to take off the clothes they
have been ministering in and are to leave them
in the sacred rooms, and put on other clothes, so
that the people are not consecrated through
contact with their garments.

Ezekiel 44:18-19

20 “‘They must not shave their heads or let their
hair grow long, but they are to keep the hair of
their heads trimmed.
21 No priest is to drink wine when he enters the
inner court.
22 They must not marry widows or divorced
women; they may marry only virgins of
Israelite descent or widows of priests.

Ezekiel 44:20-22

23 They are to teach my people the difference
between the holy and the common and show
them how to distinguish between the unclean
and the clean.
24 "In any dispute, the priests are to serve as
judges and decide it according to my ordinances.
They are to keep my laws and my decrees for
all my appointed festivals, and they are to keep
my Sabbaths holy.

Ezekiel 44:23-24

25 "'A priest must not defile himself by going near
a dead person; however, if the dead person was
his father or mother, son or daughter, brother or
unmarried sister, then he may defile himself.
26 After he is cleansed, he must wait seven days.
27 On the day he goes into the inner court of the
sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary, he is to
offer a sin offering for himself, declares the
Sovereign Lord.

Ezekiel 44:25-27

28 "I am to be the only inheritance the priests
have. You are to give them no possession in
Israel; I will be their possession.
29 They will eat the grain offerings, the sin
offerings and the guilt offerings; and everything
in Israel devoted to the Lord will belong to
them.

Ezekiel 44:28-29

30 The best of all the firstfruits and of all your special gifts will belong to the priests. You are to give them the first portion of your ground meal so that a blessing may rest on your household.

31 The priests must not eat anything, whether bird or animal, found dead or torn by wild animals.

Ezekiel 44:30-31


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