

EZEKIEL 40-48 – “THE VISION OF THE TEMPLE – Ch. 40-43: PART 3”

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THE FUTURE MESSIANIC TEMPLE A LITERAL BUILDING TO RESTORE WORSHIP AND JEWISH CELEBRATIONS - Chapters 40:1-43:27

THE COMMAND TO TELL ISRAEL ABOUT THIS COMING TEMPLE

Eze 40:1 In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was captured, on the very same day the hand of the LORD was upon me; and He took me there.

Eze 40:2 In the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south was something like the structure of a city.

Eze 40:3 He took me there, and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze. He had a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand, and he stood in the gateway.

Eze 40:4 And the man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears, and fix your mind on everything I show you; for you were brought here so that I might show them to you. Declare to the house of Israel everything you see."

THE CONSTRUCTION of the Temple – Ez. 40:5-42:20

The time the vision was given - “25th year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year (month – Nisan) in the tenth day of the month (when the Passover lamb is selected) in the 14th year after that the city was captured” – 572 BC.

Where the vision was given - “into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, on it toward the south was something like the structure of a city” cf. Isaiah 2:2

The Person Who delivered the command - “a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, He had a line of flax and a measuring rod in His hand and He stood in the gateway”

The Purpose of this command - “Declare to the house of Israel everything you see”! – Here God is telling them about a temple that is coming!

The frequent repetition of the words “He brought me” – 17 times, 12 in this section alone.

Also, note carefully the words “He measured” which are found 25 times in the book, and 22 times in this section!

The details of these chapters clearly point to a literal temple in the future!

Ez. 41:4 – “This is the Most Holy Place.”

This “man” is none other than the Lord Messiah! – cf. Ezekiel 43:6-7: Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. 7 And He said to me, “Son of man, 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 forever. No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places. 44:1-2. Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it was shut. 2 And the LORD said to me, “This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut. Isa 45:22 “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

IKi 6:20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold, and overlaid the altar of cedar.

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THE COMING OF THE GLORY OF GOD – Ez. 43:1-6

The WORDS which He spoke (Eze 43:2)

The WONDER of His presence

The WORSHIP of Ezekiel

The WAY in which His presence filled the house – Ez. 43: 5

THE CLEANSING OF THE ALTAR – Ez.43:7-27

Notice that SACRIFICES will be offered – Ez. 43:18b

Also that SIN will be cleansed – Ez. 43:19b

The COMING of the glory of God - 43:1-6
cf. Exodus 40:34-35; 1 Kings 8:10-11; II Chronicles 5:13-14; 7:1-3
This Shekinah(dwelling in) glory of God is never mentioned in reference to the rebuilt structure of Zerubbabel and Joshua!

“His voice was like a sound of many waters” –
Eze 43:2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.
Rev 1:15) His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;
(Rev 14:2) And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps,
(Rev 19:6) And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

“the earth shone with His glory” – 2b

“I fell upon my face”-3b cf. Ez. 1:28-2:1

“behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house” – 5b; cf. 44:4
cf. Isaiah 6:1-4

“to offer burnt offerings thereon” – v. 24

“for a sin offering” – 25-27

Ps. 29:1-11

When I get to heaven, will I sing Hallelujah or will I be able to sing at all? Oh, how we need to learn how to worship!

Eze 1:28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking. Eze 2:1 And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you."

One for a sinful act and one for a sinful nature? Who will this be? Will we not be ruling over unbelievers in the Millennial Reign?

“This do in remembrance of me!”

Rev 5:9-10 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

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Questions:

1. Who is delivering the command given in Chapter 40:1-4?
2. How do we know that He is the Messiah?
3. Is it reasonable to assume that “He brought me” (12X) and “He measured” (22X) in this section, would refer to a literal temple?
4. What are the dimensions of “Most Holy Place”? Of the balance of the sanctuary?
5. How do we know that the Shekinah glory of God will be present in the Millennial Temple?
6. How do we know there will be sacrifices in the Millennial Temple?
7. Will we probably be ruling over unbelievers in the Millennial Reign?
8. What do you think is meant by Rev. 5:10 – “And we shall reign on the earth.”

Let us Sing:

Ps. 48:1-2:

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Rev 5:12-14 saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!” 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” 14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

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