

EZEKIEL 40-48 – “THE PREEMINENCE OF THE LORD IN THE NEW TEMPLE – Ch. 40-48: PART 4”

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Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column.

This final lesson! – Who is this prince? the consecration of the priests; the details of Jewish worship; the new river of God; the new city where God will dwell

THE PREEMINENCE OF THE LORD IN THE NEW TEMPLE - Chapters 44-48

WHO IS THIS PRINCE? (Ez. 44:1-3; 45:7-9; 16-17; 46:8, 12, 16-18)

There are three major views:

1.- It is the MESSIAH Himself - (view of many Jewish rabbis)
HOWEVER.....

2.- It is King David himself - cf. Ezekiel 34:23-24 and 37:24 – but the

Bible speaks of the “Son of David” Who will rule forever!

3.- It is an earthly prince who will represent the Messiah

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS (Ez. 44:9-31)

The refusal of certain priests and Levites – 9-15 - Only the “sons of Zadok” –cf. 1 Sam 15:24-35; 1 Chr. 16:39)

Restrictions placed upon their appearance, habits, and marriage – 16-22

Their responsibilities – 23-27

The resources upon which they will depend – 28-31

THE DETAILS OF JEWISH WORSHIP (Ez. 21-25; 45:1-18)

Passover will be celebrated – 45:21-24

Tabernacles will be celebrated - 45:25

Shabbat will be honored – 46:3

THE RADICAL CHANGES THAT THE NEW RIVER OF GOD WILL CAUSE (Ez. 47:1-12)

The source from which this river comes – 1- cf. Psalm 46:4

The size of the river – 3-5

The river's impact – 6-12

NOTE: Here is what we have studied so far in the last three sessions - the first four chapters (*Ezekiel 40-43*):

Instructions to Ezekiel to tell Israel about the coming Messianic Temple; the temples of Israel– 40:1-4

The construction details of the temple – 40:5-42:20

The promise of the coming of the glory of God in the Millennial Temple – 43:1-5

The cleansing of the altar – 43:18-27

Messiah View: He is separated from the priests (the Messiah is said to be a priest forever – Psalm 110:4;

He must offer a sin-offering – 45:22;

He has sons – 46:16

Responsibilities of the Priests: Teachers – 23; Judges – 24a;

Worship Leaders – 24b

River's Impact - It heals the Dead Sea – 8 :

Who do you think the Prince, mentioned in several places in chapters 44-46, will be?

Why are sacrifices brought before the Lord during the Millennial Reign? Strange? We do know that teaching will be continued during this time.

v. 28 “I am their inheritance!...I am their portion!”

Regarding the Shabbat- Heb. Chaps. 3 & 4. We'll see celebration of “rest”!

v. 46:3 – **Notice the focus on worship!!!!**

This is a beautiful illustration of **John 7:37-39** – living water brings life from the dead!

It brings a multitude of fish – 9-10;

It causes the growth of fruit trees for food – 12;

It produces leaves that can be used for medicine - cf.

Revelation 22:1-2

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THE NEW CITY WHERE GOD WILL DWELL (Ez. 48:1-35; Psalm 48:1-2, 8)

It will be located in the middle of everything – 15

It will be served by all the tribes of Israel – 19

It will surround the central place of worship – 21

It will be in the middle of the land portions given to

the tribes of Israel – 29

It will be secured by gates that honor the tribes of Israel – 31-34; cf.

Revelation 21:12

NORTH SIDE

Reuben, Judah, Levi

EAST SIDE

Joseph, Benjamin, Dan

SOUTH SIDE

Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun

WEST SIDE

Gad, Asher, Naphtali

It will be SIGNIFICANT because of the presence of the

LORD GOD of Israel – 35

“THE LORD IS THERE!” (Yahveh Shammah)

v. 21 “the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof”

Is the LORD really in the central place, the middle of your life?

May we never forget You said, “THE LORD IS THERE!”

Questions:

1. Who do you think the Prince, mentioned in several places in chapters 44-46, will be?
2. Will there be unbelievers entering the Millennial?
3. In Rev. 20, we are told that at the end of the Millennium, Satan will be released from his prison and deceive nations, which will rise up to battle. What do you think is the maximum age of these people? Cf. *Is. 65:20b*)
4. Why do you think the Lord will allow that rebellion, even in a perfect environment and with a perfect ruler?
5. When will the kingdom of the Messiah end?
6. When will the worship of the Lord end?
7. How big is the “outer court” of the Millennial Temple? About 4,000, 40,000, or 400,000 (9+sq. mi.) sq. ft.? Are there separate courts for Jews and Gentiles?
8. What were the grill sizes in the Tabernacle, Solomon’s Temple and in the Millennial Temple? (7.5, 30 and 20 sq.ft.).
9. Is there any mention made of the Ark of the Covenant or of a veil over the Most Holy Place in the Millennial Temple? Of the altar of incense or the golden lampstand? Why or why not?
10. Do you see anything wrong with this statement, which is frequently asked? “Since Jesus has died for the sins of the world, fulfilled the law, and brought in the New Covenant, why would believing Jews want to return to the Old Covenant? What need is there to go back to animal sacrifices when Jesus has made one perfect offering for all time?”
11. How many different “Years of Jubilee” will be celebrated during the Millennial Reign?
12. What is the approximate size of the “new city” described in Ezekiel? (1.6 sq. miles) Of the “New Jerusalem” described in Rev. 21? (about 1500 miles on each side) 2,250,000 sq. mi
13. How similar is the “River of Life” as described in Ezekiel chapter 47 and in Revelation, chapter 22?
14. When will the creation of new heavens and new earth occur? At the beginning, or at the end of the 1,000 year millennial reign, OR? – cf. Is. 34:1-4; 51:6; 65:17-25; 66:22-24; 2 Peter 3:18; Rev. 21:1

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.

Psa 46:4 *There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.*

Psa 46:5 *God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.*

Psa 46:6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

Psa 46:7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

Psa 46:8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth.

Psa 46:9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Psa 46:11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

Psa 48:1 A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, *In* His holy mountain.

Psa 48:2 *Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.*

Psa 48:3 *God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge.*

Psa 48:4 For behold, the kings assembled, They passed by together.

Psa 48:5 They saw *it*, *and* so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away.

Psa 48:6 Fear took hold of them there, *And* pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,

Psa 48:7 *As when* You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind.

Psa 48:8 As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah

Psa 48:9 We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple.

Psa 48:10 According to Your name, O God, So *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness.

Psa 48:11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters of Judah be glad, Because of Your judgments.

Psa 48:12 Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers;