

A DIVINE REASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Twenty-five years into Israel's captivity, fourteen years after the fall of Jerusalem and her temple, the LORD took hold of Ezekiel and in a vision from God, Ezekiel was spiritually transported to the land of Israel and set upon a very high mountain. From there Ezekiel could see toward the south what appeared to be a city where he saw a man whose face shone like bronze standing beside a gateway entrance. That man was holding in his hand a linen measuring cord and a measuring rod. He said to Ezekiel, "Son of man, watch and listen. Pay close attention to everything I show you. You have been brought here so I can show you many things. Then you will return to the people of Israel and tell them everything you have seen."

Ezekiel is Shown the Measurements and Model of a Future Temple in Israel

Timeline of Events:

1. The Man with a Measuring Rod (40:1–4)
2. The East Gate (40:5–16)
3. The Outer Court (40:17–19)
4. The North Gate (40:20–23)
5. The South Gate (40:24–27)
6. The Gates of the Inner Court (40:28–37)
7. Eight Tables for Sacrifices (40:38–43)
8. Chambers for Ministry (40:44–46)
9. The Inner Court (40:47–49)

A practical lesson we can glean from today's Bible study of Ezekiel 40:

Let us trust in God's Sovereignty. No matter how bleak the situation may have looked for the captives and for Jerusalem, God had a plan for the Israelite exiles in Babylon, He also has a plan for our lives. We can trust His timing and His meticulous care for us.