

# Ezekiel 40-43– 15 May 2025

## “The Millennial Temple”

### Introduction

- \*Outline of the 5<sup>th</sup> section

- \*Eze 40-43 describes the Temple itself

- \*Eze 44-46 describes the rituals and practices

- \*Eze 47-48 describes the new holy land

- \*So chapter 40-43 - This describes Millennial Temple

- \*Different than the temple described in Revelation that is used during the Tribulation

- \*Millennial Temple has a wall around the outer court, whereas the Trib temple has no outer court

- \*Modern Temple Mount in Jerusalem isn't big enough for this temple

- \*Remember the earthquake from Ezekiel 39

- \*Also other disasters that occur in Revelation

**Today we'll see 3 purposes of the Millennial Temple being described here in great detail**

- \*1<sup>st</sup> we'll go thru it all, then we'll make application

# #1 – Ezekiel’s Given A New Vision (Chap 40:1-4)

Read Chap 40:1-4

1. 1<sup>st</sup> month 10<sup>th</sup> day was when they got the Passover Lamb & kept it 4 days
  - a. Devotees thoughts would be toward God this day
2. He’s brought to high mountain in Israel, doesn’t say Jerusalem
  - a. By end of Trib Israel is very changed
3. The man who looked like bronze is same as the cherubim of Zeke’s heaven-throne vision (chap 1)
4. This angel is ready to be an engineer/architect
  - a. *Line of flax* - for measuring long distance
  - b. *Rod or reed* - for measuring short distance
5. Notice, Ezekiel’s given this vision of the new temple so that he can share it
  - a. I believe though this passage has a different usage for us, than it will for those in the future
    - i. We get the glory of God & hope in future
    - ii. They get specific instructions for worshipping God (Slides - Biblia Prints)

## **#2 – Outer Court & N, S, & E Gates (40:5-27)**

1. Vs 5 describes a 9' x 9' wall around the Temple
2. Vs 6-16 describes eastern gate & area around it
  - a. The area inside the gate has pillars, porches & 3 rooms with windows
3. Vs 17-19 describes 30 chambers around 3 sides & their distance to the inner court
4. Vs 20-27 describes the northern then southern gates & area around it
  - a. Like the eastern gate, we see its pillars, porches and 3 rooms each with windows

## **#3 – Inner Court Gates (40:28-43)**

1. Vs 28-37 describes the gates & area going into the inner court
  - a. Very same as gates to the outer court
2. Vs 38-43 describes many tables to be used for sacrificial offerings
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> mention of sacrifices in Millennium
  - b. We'll talk of this much more in chap 44-46

## **#4 – Priestly Chambers (40:44-47)**

1. Here we see chambers for the singers, the workers and the sacrificers – all priests

## **#5 – Porch entering the Temple itself (40:48-49)**

1. It's size, pillars and stairs

## **#6 – The Temple Building Itself (41:1-26)**

1. Vs 1-2 – Entrance to the Holy place & the Holy place itself
2. Vs 3-4 – Measuring the Holy of Holies
3. Vs 5-12 - Describes wall, 3 stories of widening side chambers & platform below, spacings, & other building connected to the temple
4. Vs 13-15 – Measuring of the whole temple building
5. Vs 16-26 – Window coverings, carvings of 2 faced (lion & man) cherubim w/ palm trees between each, the altar table, double door w/ carvings on it

## **#7 – Other Temple Buildings (42:1-20)**

1. Vs 1-9 – 3 story dining halls skinnier toward the top for priests, on the north of temple
2. Vs 10-14 – Southern-side dining halls like those on the north & priestly changing areas
3. Vs 15-20 – Stand off distance around the Temple complex of about 1 mile separating the holy from the common

## **#8 – God's Glory Returns (43:1-12)**

Read Vs 1-5

1. Now this glory is the shekinah glory of God
  - a. This cloud was in wilderness, tabernacle, overshadowed Mary, transfiguration & ascension
  - b. Same pic is given of Jesus's voice in Rev 1
  - c. So Ezekiel sees God in the same way as when he was commission in Eze 1-3
  - d. Just as Ezekiel saw the glory of God departing the temple in his days (chap 8-11), now he sees it'll return in this Temple

i. Not into Trib Temple, but into this one

Read Vs 6-12

1. God declares 'this is where I'll now reside'
2. In vs 12 – God wants them to know & keep these plans for the new Temple to come

## **#9 – Measuring & sanctifying the Altar (43:13-27)**

1. Vs 13-17 – Blueprint of the altar
2. Vs 18-27 – Consecrating the new altar of burnt offering
3. Priests to be used are of Zadok's family (vs 19)
  - a. Aaron had Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar & Ithamar (Exo 28)
  - b. Nadab & Abihu died (Lev 10), Eleazar led
  - c. Eli was 1<sup>st</sup> priest from Ithamar, but God prophesied (I Sam 2), then cut off (I Kin 2) Ithamar, returning the priesthood to Eleazar's family w/ Zadok
  - d. Even thru the return of Ezra, Zadok's family (Joshua) were the priests

- e. Before the NT time (Maccabees),  
priesthood moved away from Zadok's family
- f. Ezekiel prophesies it comes back to faithful  
family

A Special Note before we make some application

- 1. There are some things remarkably different  
with this temple than all previous temples
  - a. There's hardly a mention of the building  
material – just one mention of wood (41:16)
    - i. Earthly temples emphasized gold & stones
  - b. There's no mention or need of the Ark of  
the Covenant
    - i. That shows that there's 1 sacrifice that was  
completed once for all time

**3 reasons a section of text like this is in the Bible?**

- 1. For the Jews to use this blueprint to build  
the Temple later**

- a. Not so much for us to have a detailed grasp of every aspect of this building
- b. The Bible is eternal & intended for all time
  - i. Different parts of God's Word will hit different for people of other timeframes

## **2. For all people to understand God's prescription for order, worship & faithfulness**

- a. John 4 – we must worship in Spirit & truth
- b. Outward building w/o an inner desire is void of spiritual life and meaningless
- c. We must worship God even now with His prescribed truth & order or it's idolatry

## **3. For all believers to be instilled with a true hope for the future**

- a. It's b/c of the sacrifice of the Lamb, King Jesus, that we'll commemorate here, that we can have this great hope of what's coming
- b. What other hope is there to hold on to?
- c. We have a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (I Pet 1:3)