

“A New Temple Complex” (part 1)
Ezekiel 40:1-47

Video: [Ezekiel's Visionary Temple: A Blueprint Too MASSIVE To Build?](#) (30 minutes)

Note: Chapters 40-48 are focused on:

A Restored _____

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The chapters are divided into:

Temple and court _____ and descriptions ~ 40-43:12

Temple _____ and the return of the _____ ~43:13-46:24

The life-giving _____ and the division of the land to the _____
_____ ~ 47-48

Hermeneutical Approaches:

1. _____ ~ this is describing Solomon's Temple.
But this cannot be because the Temple measurements far
_____ anything ever built.
2. _____ ~ Ezekiel is simply giving a lofty ideal or
_____ for building a post-exilic Temple to the exiles.
But this cannot be because find no post-exilic Temple in any biblical or
_____ - _____ writings that comes close to this.
3. _____ ~ the promised Messiah will come and build the Temple
and inaugurate the restoration of the sacrifices (but for differing reasons).

4. _____/_____ ~ Ezekiel's vision is simply a symbolic representation of _____ and the _____ – God dwelling within His people.
- But this pays no attention at all to the immense _____ and...that the Twelve Tribes of _____ are in direct focus.

The Text

- v. 1 Q. What is the contextual information given?
- A. "In the _____ - _____ year of our exile, at the _____ of the year, on the _____ of the month, in the _____ year after the fall of the city-- on that _____ the hand of the LORD was on me and he took me there."

Note: Rashi tells us that this happened in a _____ (year of release/restoration).

- v. 2 Q. Where did God take him?
- A.
1. To the land of _____.
 2. On a very high _____.
 3. The south side contained buildings that looked like a _____.

Note Isaiah 2:1-3a

- v. 3 Q. What happened to Ezekiel?
- A.
1. Ezekiel was taken to this _____ in his vision.

2. Ezekiel sees a man who has the appearance of _____.
3. This man was standing in the _____ (entrance to the city).
4. He held a linen _____ and measuring _____.

v. 4 Q. What was Ezekiel commanded to do?

A.

1. _____.
2. You will be responsible for _____ the people of Israel all you see.

Descriptions of the East Gate and surroundings – vv. 5-16

v. 5 1. A _____ surrounded the Temple complex.

Note: The measuring rod is six _____ cubits, also known as the “_____ cubit, which was a cubit plus a handbreadth.

Note: Solomon’s Temple was built with the _____ cubit.

A _____ was from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. Established as 17.49 in. (_____ in.).

A _____ was the width of four fingers. Established as 2.915 in. (3 in.)

2. The wall was _____ rod thick (6 x 21 in. = 126 in. or 10.5 feet) and the same in height.

Note: This wall is simply meant for _____ rather than _____.

Description of the Outer Court – vv. 17-27

Description of the Inner Court and Three Other Gates – vv. 28-47

Note: The Temple is more than _____; it is also _____ designed, e.g. palm trees (symbol of water/life) – vv. 34, 37.

Note: One of the more perplexing details of this Millennial Temple is that it has a place for burnt offerings, _____ offerings, and guilt offerings. Perplexing because we must ask, “If Christ is the ultimate picture of those offerings, if he has fulfilled the _____ for these types of offerings, then why are they needed?” (v. 39)

The only way of acceptably answering this is to ask, “What did the sacrifices do before Christ and what do they do after?” Those sacrifices according to the Letter to the Hebrews (8-10) were _____ and _____. They cleaned the outside, not the inside. They were designed for _____. So, the sacrifices in the Millennial Kingdom will serve the same purpose: ceremonial and external.

Jesus is the ultimate _____ of both. One _____, the other _____. It serves much like _____. One anticipates, the other remembers.

Note: The numbers ____, _____, and _____ are common dimensions in this new Temple complex. In biblical numerology, the number 5 and its multiples are a symbol of _____. (25 = grace upon grace; 50th year of Jubilee/Release)

Note: Mention is made in verse 46 that the priests in charge of the Temple are “the sons of _____, the only Levites who may draw near to the Lord to minister before him.” This is reminding us that the family of Eli was _____ during the time of Solomon. (1 Kgs. 1:7; 2:26-27) It also reminds us that the lineage of Zadok was somehow _____ and will be preserved into the Millennial kingdom.

Note: The inner courtyard was a square measuring 175 ft. long by 175 ft. wide (_____ sq. ft. or roughly three-quarters of an acre)

Note: An _____ was placed in front of the Temple reminding us of sacrifice.