

“Priestly duties in the New Temple”
Ezekiel 44

- v. 1 Q. What happened to Ezekiel?
- A. Ezekiel is taken to the outer _____ gate of the sanctuary and the gate was _____.
- v. 2 Q. What instruction did the Lord give to Ezekiel?
- A. The eastern gate is to be _____ and _____ to the general populace because the Lord passed through it and has made it _____.
- v. 3 Q. Who is the exception?
- A.
1. The _____
 2. But even he can only _____ in the entrance to _____ - coming to it by way of the portico [porch]
- Q. Who is this prince?
- A. There have been several options put forth.
1. The _____
 2. The _____
 3. A resurrected _____
 4. A new Davidic _____ of ruler.

Note: **Messiah**

1. Remember the prophetic words of _____:

¹⁰ "The _____ will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it _____ shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his." (Gen. 49:10 NIV)

2. Remember the prophetic words of _____:

¹⁷ "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A _____ will come out of Jacob; a _____ will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls¹ of² all the people of Sheth.³ (Num. 24:17 NIV) [but this is referring to Jesus as King inherently]

3. Note: The psalm of _____:

⁶ "Your throne, O God,¹ will last for ever and ever; a scepter of _____ will be the scepter of your _____." (Ps. 45:6 NIV; Cp. Heb. 1:8)

4. Note the words of _____ to John:

⁵ "She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will _____ all the nations with an iron scepter.' And her child was snatched up to God and to his _____." (Rev. 12:5 NIV)

5. ¹⁵ "Coming out of his [Jesus'] mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will _____ them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:
_____." (Rev. 19:15-16 NIV)

6. Luke 1:32 tells us:

³² He [Jesus] will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the _____ of his father _____, (Lk. 1:32 NIV)

7. Acts 13:34 tells us:

³⁴ "God raised him [Jesus] from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, 'I will give you the holy and sure _____ promised to _____.'" (Acts 13:34 NIV)

Note: This cannot be the Messiah because:

1. He does not have priestly _____ in the Millennium, although he will be a priest. Cp. Psalm 110:4; Zech. 6:13
2. The prince needs to offer a _____ offering for himself. [Jesus is sinless] Cf. 45:22
3. The prince _____ at the eastern gate facing the Temple. Cp. 46:2
4. The prince has _____ and designated property of _____ . Cf. 46:16
5. The prince is to bring a burnt offering to the _____ on the Sabbath.

Note: **High Priest**

Rashi believes that the High Priest is the prince because:

1. He will have priestly _____.
2. He will have a higher _____ than the other priests exemplified in his permission to _____ the sacrifices in the east gate.
3. He is permitted to have _____.
4. He _____ at the entrance to the eastern gate toward the Temple.

Note: This cannot be the prince because...

1. He is a _____ Levite, and they are to own _____ property. Cp. 44:28
2. The other _____ sacrifice his sin offering and fellowship offerings.
3. The prince _____ the people as they enter the temple complex and _____ with them as well.
4. The priests live in the center, _____ the prince's property.
5. In fulfillment of Zechariah 6:11-13, the king and the high priest will be the _____ office.

Note: **Resurrected David**

1. Ezekiel 34:26-27 tells us:

²³ "I will place over them one shepherd, _____, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.

²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be _____ among them. I the LORD have spoken." (Ezek. 34:23-24 NIV)

2. Ezekiel 37:24-25 tells us:

²⁴ "My servant David will be _____ over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees.

²⁵ They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their _____ forever." (Ezek. 37:24-25 NIV)

3. Jeremiah 30:9 tells us:

⁹ "Instead, they will serve the LORD their God and David their _____, whom I will _____ for them." (Jer. 30:9 NIV)

4. Hosea 3:4-5 tells us:

⁴ "For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods.

⁵ Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David _____. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days." (Hos. 3:4-5 NIV)

Summation: This seems to be the _____ and more scripture-oriented solution.

Note: **A new Davidic type of ruler**

By deduction, if it is not the other three, it must be someone who is in the _____ of David, who functions as an _____ between Jesus, the priests, and the people.

v. 4 Q. What does Ezekiel see next?

A. Ezekiel saw the _____ of the glory of the Lord and fell prostrate.

v. 5 Q. What three things does the Lord tell Ezekiel to do? About what?

A.1

1. _____ carefully.

2. _____ closely.

3. _____...

A.2 4. All the _____ and _____ regarding the Temple, especially the entrances and exits to the _____.

Note: The emphasis is on who is to be _____ and who is to be _____.

Note: Ezekiel will function as a second _____ in the sense that he will be receiving _____ laws and regulations that for centuries governed priestly duties.

vv. 6-9 Q. What group does the Lord identify as "excluded"?

A.

1. The Lord, once again, criticizes the Jew for their _____ practices.
2. One of those detestable practices was allowing _____ to oversee or serve in the sanctuary.

Note: "Uncircumcised in heart and flesh" refers to the both the _____ Covenant belief in Jesus as Savior and Lord and...the _____ Covenant response of being circumcised in the flesh as a visible symbol of belief in the promises of God. Combined it simply refers to someone who is not a _____ in Jesus.

Q. What does this tell you about the type of people in the Millennium and who come to the Temple?

A. Weeds and tares. _____ and _____.
Cp. Rev. 20:7-9

vv. 10-14 Q. Who else was partially excluded?

A.

1. The _____ will be limited in their service because they participated in the _____ of their countrymen/women.
2. They are permitted to:
 - a. _____ the gates
 - b. _____ the sacrifices
 - c. _____ the people

3. Because of their sinful participation, they...
 - a. Cannot serve as _____.
 - b. Cannot handle the sacred _____.
 - c. Cannot offer the _____.
4. They will be _____ for the Temple.

vv. 15-16 Q. Who was elevated to the higher service?

- A.
1. The Levitical family of _____ will still maintain the original Levitical privileges.
 2. They did not _____ in the idolatrous worship of the people.
 3. They will be called to:
 - a. Come _____ to minister.
 - b. Offer the _____ at the altar.
 - c. Serve as _____ guards.

Rules and Regulations:

vv. 17-18 Q. What are the Zadokites commanded to wear? Why?

- A.
1. They are to wear garments of _____ [woven fibers of a flax plant; breathable].
 2. They are not to wear garments made of _____ [woven animal hair].
 3. Linen – so they don't _____ while serving the Lord.

v. 19 Q. What was a further command connected to their clothing?

A.

1. They are not to wear their _____ clothes outside of the sanctuary area.
2. They are to use the changing rooms to put their _____ clothes on after serving.
3. The consecrated clothes have a _____ effect.

Note: Consecration of objects

Exod. 29:37 NIV

Exod. 30:29 NIV

Lev. 6:11 NIV

Matt. 23:16-20 NIV

vv. 20-22 Q. What were their personal requirements?

A.

1. No _____ heads.
2. No _____ hair.
3. No _____ on the job.
4. No general population _____ or _____ women in the marriage/dating pool; only Jewish _____ or widows of _____.

vv.23-24 Q. What are the main roles of the priests?

A.

1. To teach people what _____ the Lord and what doesn't.
2. To teach people how to _____ the Lord acceptably.
3. To act as _____.
4. To ensure the _____/_____are observed.

vv. 25-27 Q. What is one example of how a priest may defile himself?

A.

1. A priest will be defiled if he comes in contact with a _____person. Cp. Lev. 21:11
2. Exceptions for _____ family.
3. But then he must be _____ for seven days and offer a _____ offering.

Note: Isaiah 65:20 tells us that in the Millennium people will live exceedingly _____ lives, i.e. pre-Flood, but there will still be _____.

vv. 29-31 Q. What does claim for these Zadokite priests?

A.

1. They are to be given something greater than _____
– _____ himself.
2. God will provide _____ for them through the sacrifice of others.
3. The _____ of the firstfruits and special gifts will be theirs.