

EZEKIEL 40-48 – “THE VISION OF THE TEMPLE – PART 2”

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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.

<p><u>IS THE MESSIANIC TEMPLE A LITERAL BUILDING TO RESTORE WORSHIP AND JEWISH CELEBRATIONS?</u></p> <p><u>PROPHECIES ABOUT A FUTURE TEMPLE</u></p> <p><u>THE ONE WHO WILL BUILD THE TEMPLE</u></p> <p><u>SPECIFICS ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION</u></p> <p><u>THE PRESENCE OF THE SHEKINAH GLORY OF GOD</u></p>	<p>Is there contextual evidence that the prophecies in the last 9 chapters of Ezekiel are allegorical or are word pictures of the church?</p> <p>How many times is the “church” mentioned?</p> <p>Do the prophecies refer to the coming and the presence of the Messiah after the period of time known as “the day of the Lord”? (<i><u>Zech. 14:1-2, 9, 16</u></i>)</p> <p>Do these prophecies involve “all nations of the world”? (<i><u>Haggai 2:6-9; Rev. 15:4; Ps. 86:9</u></i>)</p> <p><u>“THE BRANCH” – (<i><u>Zech. 6:12-13</u></i>)</u></p> <p><u>The Specifics of Construction – “he measured” – 25 times; “built” – (<i><u>Ez. chapters 40-42</u></i>)</u></p> <p><u>The Shekinah Glory of God!!- (<i><u>Ex. 40:34-35; 1 Kings 8:10-11; 2 Chron. 5:13-14; 7:1-3; Ez 43:1-5 ; Ez. 44:4</u></i>)</u></p>	<p>There is no contextual evidence the these last 9 chapters are allegorical or are simply word pictures of the church.</p> <p>The “church” is not mentioned once in these 9 chapters!</p> <p>Zech. 14 is very clear – presence of the Messiah is after the “day of the Lord”; also “all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (<i><u>Haggai 2:6-9; Rev. 15:4; Ps. 86:9</u></i>)—“all nations”</p> <p><u>The BRANCH – “Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD”</u></p> <p>Specific Construction instructions are given for the Eastern Gateway, The Outer Court, The Northern & Southern & Inner Court Gateways, etc.</p> <p>The “glory of the Lord” appeared in the places of worship – in the Tabernacle (Ex. 40); in Solomon’s Temple, when the Ark of the Covenant was brought in (2 Chron. 5); at the dedication (1 Kings 8 & 2 Chron. 7) and now in the Millennial or Messianic Temple (Ez. 43 & 44)</p>
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<p><u>THE REASON OR PURPOSE OF THE MESSIANIC TEMPLE</u></p> <p><u>A PLACE FOR:</u></p> <p><u>Worship</u></p>	<p><u>A Place of Worship - (1Chron. 29:1; Dt. 12:9-14; Ps. 5:7; Ps. 138:2)</u></p>	<p>“The temple is not for man <u>but for God</u>”!! – 1 Chron. 29:1;</p> <p>Offerings and sacrifices, etc. should be offered in the <u>“place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide”</u> – (Dt. 12:11)</p> <p>“But as for me, <u>I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy</u>” – (Ps. 5:7)</p> <p><u>“I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”</u> (Psa 138:2)</p>
<p><u>Peace</u></p>	<p><u>A Place of Peace - (Haggai 2:9)</u></p>	<p>“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And <u>in this place, I will give peace,</u> says the LORD of hosts.” – (Haggai 2:9)</p>
<p><u>Prayer</u></p>	<p><u>A Place of Prayer - (Is. 56:7; 1 Kings 8:22-30; Ps. 27:4)</u></p>	<p>“...and make them joyful <u>in My house of prayer....For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.</u>” – Is. 56:7);</p> <p>“My name shall be there, that You may <u>hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place:</u> - 1 Kings 8:29)</p> <p>“One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And <u>to inquire</u> in His temple.” - Psa 27:4</p>
<p><u>Remembrance</u></p>	<p><u>A Place of Remembrance - (1 Kings 8:21)</u></p>	<p>“And <u>there I have made a place</u> for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD...” 1Ki 8:21</p>
<p><u>Teaching</u></p>	<p><u>A Place of Teaching - (Is 2:1-3)</u></p>	<p>“Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. <u>Many people</u> shall come and say, <u>"Come, and let us go up</u> to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; <u>He will teach us His ways,</u> And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” - Isa 2:2-3</p>

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<p><u>Praise</u></p>	<p><u>A Place of Praise - (Jer. 33:7-26; Ps. 134:1-3; 135:1-4)</u></p>	<p>“the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: “<u>Praise the LORD of hosts</u>, For the LORD is good, For His mercy endures forever”— and <u>of those who will bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD</u>. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,’ says the LORD.” - Jer 33:11</p> <p>Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night <u>stand in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary</u>, And bless the LORD.</p> <p>The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion! - Ps. 134:1-3</p> <p><u>Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD: Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD! You who stand in the house of the LORD. In the courts of the house of our God, Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.</u> For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure. – Ps. 135:1-4</p>
<p><u>The Lord’s Presence</u></p>	<p><u>A Place of the Lord’s Presence - (Ps. 11:4; Ez 48:45)</u></p>	<p><u>The LORD is in His holy temple</u>, The LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. - Psa 11:4</p> <p>All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: <u>THE LORD IS THERE</u>. - Eze 48:35</p>
<p><u>The Promise to the Believer</u></p>	<p><u>Ps. 23:6</u></p>	<p>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And <u>I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever!!!!</u>. - Psa 23:6</p> <p>Is it becoming more clear that we are speaking of a literal temple?</p> <p>Is the understanding of why the Lord will have such a temple also becoming more clear</p>

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2. Do the prophecies refer to the coming and the presence of the Messiah after the period of time known as “the day of the Lord”?
3. Do these prophecies involve “all nations of the world”?
4. Does the Bible tell us who will build the temple?
5. Does the Bible give us specifics about the temple’s construction?
6. Will the Shekinah glory of the Lord appear in this temple? In how many other temples did it appear?
7. What does the Bible tell us about the reasons or purposes of this temple?

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.