

LESSON 44
“Every Thing Shall Live Wither the River Cometh”
Ezekiel 43-44; 47

OVERVIEW:

The last nine chapters of Ezekiel record a great vision of a temple, its priesthood and sacrifices, and the division of the land among the tribes and the dimensions of the land and the city. Ezekiel was transported in his vision from Babylonia to a very high mountain which overlooked Jerusalem and its temple to the south. (40:2) The guide brought with him a measuring stick to make precise measurements. Water comes from under the Temple in Jerusalem and heals the Dead Sea. If we continually go to the Temple, we too will be healed and obtain the Living Waters.

SCRIPTURES:

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET
EZEKIEL
CHAPTER 43

The glory of God fills the temple—His throne is there and he promises to dwell in the midst of Israel forever—Ezekiel sees the altar and sets forth the ordinances thereof.

- 1 AFTERWARD he brought me to the gate, *even* the ^agate that ^blooketh (or faces) toward the east: (Ezekiel was facing east and saw the glory of the Lord coming from the east approaching the temple. At the Second Coming, Christ will come from the east.)
- 2 And, behold, the ^aglory of the God of Israel came from the way of the ^beast: and his ^cvoice *was* like a noise of many ^dwaters: and the earth ^eshined with his ^fglory.
- 3 And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the ^avision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. (Here Ezekiel is referring to a previous vision recorded in 9:3, 10:18-19; 11:22-23 In the first vision, he saw the temple in corruption.)
- 4 And the glory of the LORD ^acame into the ^bhouse by the way of the gate ^cwhose prospect *is* toward the (or which faces) east.
- 5 So the ^aspirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the ^bglory of the LORD filled the house. (Christ comes to His temple to reign as king of kings during the Millennium.)
- 6 And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.
- 7 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, (the temple is where the Lord's throne is) and the place of the soles of my ^afeet, (the Lord walks the temples) where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, (the Lord will dwell among us in the temple) and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more ^bdefile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.
- 8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy ^aname by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.
- 9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.
- 10 ¶ Thou son of man, ^ashew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the ^bpattern. (or arrangement, plan)
- 11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the ^ahouse, and the fashion

thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write *it* in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ^bordinances thereof, and do them. (the law of the Lord will go forth from the temple)

12 This *is* the law of the house; Upon the top of the ^amountain the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. (the grounds of the temple will be holy) Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

13 ¶ And these *are* the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit *is* a ^acubit and an hand breadth; even the bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about *shall be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher place of the altar.

14 And from the bottom *upon* the ground *even* to the lower ^asettle (or ledge, border) *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to the greater settle *shall be* four cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit.

15 So the altar *shall be* four cubits; and from the altar and upward *shall be* four horns.

16 And the altar *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof. (An 18X18 or 324 square foot altar)

17 And the settle *shall be* fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; (21X21 or 441 square feet) and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit; and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

18 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to ^asprinkle blood thereon. (Ezekiel is shown the exact measurements of the altar, and that sacrifices would once again be offered at the altar as anciently.)

19 And thou shalt give to the ^apriests the Levites that be of the seed of ^bZadok, (Zadok was the high priest during the reign of King David. The lineage of Israel's legitimate high priests descended from his line, through which John the Baptist came into the world.) which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, a young ^cbullock for a sin offering.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put *it* on the four horns ^aof it (of the altar), and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and ^ahe (the officiating priest) shall ^bburn it in the appointed place of the house, ^cwithout the sanctuary. (or outside the Holy Place)

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse *it* with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing *it*, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast ^asalt upon them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD.

25 ^aSeven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the ^aeighth day, and *so* forward, the priests shall make your burnt ^bofferings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD. (The vision may not be literal, but an idealized portrait of restored Israel. As we know, the scriptures make it clear that the Law of Moses and its sacrifices by the shedding of blood were ended with the atonement of Jesus Christ. (Alma 34:13-14; Therefore, it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice, and then shall there be, or it is expedient there should be, a ^astop to the shedding of ^bblood; then shall the ^claw of Moses be fulfilled; yea, it shall be all fulfilled, every jot and tittle, and none shall have passed away. 14 And behold, this is the whole ^ameaning of the ^blaw, every whit ^cpointing to that great and last ^dsacrifice; and that great and last ^esacrifice will be the Son of God, yea, ^finfinite and eternal. Hebrews 10:18 Now where ^aremission of these *is*, *there is* no more offering for sin.) Given this

fact it seems unlikely that a temple for the performance of Mosaic animal offerings will ever again be built, especially during the Millennium, when there will be no death. Future temples, both before and after the Second Coming, will presumably be similar to those with which we are familiar in the Church now, in which ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood will be performed for the living and the dead. Joseph Smith taught that to make the Restoration complete, “all things had under the Authority of the Priesthood at any former period shall be had again.” He included the restoration of sacrifice in his discussion, though not of those sacrifices that were revealed with the Law of Moses. Given the clear message from the scriptures that animal sacrifice ended with Christ, perhaps we can view the sacrifice of which the Prophet spoke as a short-term or one-time event in fulfillment of Malachi 3:3 and 4, And he shall sit *as* a ^arefiner and purifier of silver: and he shall ^bpurify the ^csons of ^dLevi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an ^eoffering in righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of ^aJudah and Jerusalem be ^bpleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. to signal that the Levites are again in the covenant and have assumed their rightful priesthood function in the house of Israel. Joseph Fielding Smith said: “When these temples [the temple seen by Ezekiel and others to be built in the New Jerusalem] are built, it is very likely that provision will be made for some ceremonies and ordinances which may be performed by the Aaronic Priesthood and a place provided where the sons of Levi may offer their offering in righteousness. This will have to be the case because all things are to be restored. Sacrifice by the shedding of blood was instituted in the days of Adam and of necessity will have to be restored. The sacrifice of animals will be done to complete the restoration when the temple spoken of is built; at the beginning of the millennium, or in the restoration, blood sacrifices will be performed long enough to complete the fullness of the restoration in this dispensation. Afterwards sacrifice will be of some other character. Doctrines of Salvation, 3:93-94)

CHAPTER 44

The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord—No strangers may enter the sanctuary—Services of the priests in the temple are set forth.

1 THEN he brought me back the way of the ^agate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath ^aentered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 *It is* for the ^aprince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat ^bbread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 ¶ Then brought he me the way of the ^anorth gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the ^bglory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I ^cfell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the ^arebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* ^astrangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to ^bpollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my ^cbread, the ^dfat and the ^eblood, and they have broken my ^fcovenant because of all your abominations.

8 ~~And~~ Ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things^(;); but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, ^auncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel. (Only the worthy can enter the temple.)

10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their ^ainiquity. (or guilt)

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my ^asanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ^bministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come ^anear unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most ^bholy *place*: but they shall bear their ^cshame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them ^akeepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 ¶ But the ^apriests the ^bLevites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall ^ccome near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my ^atable, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* when they ^aenter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with ^blinen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen ^abonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen ^bbreeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the ~~utter~~ (outer) court, *even* into the ~~utter~~ (outer) court to the people, they shall put off their ^agarments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they ^ashave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only ^bpoll (or cut, trim) their heads.

21 Neither shall any ^apriest drink ^bwine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a ^awidow, nor her that is ^bput away (or divorced): but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall ^ateach my people *the* ^bdifference between the ^choly and profane, and cause them to discern between the ^dunclean and the clean.

24 And in ^acontroversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall ^bjudge it according to my ^cjudgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine ^dassemblies; and they shall hallow my ^esabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no ^adead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is ^acleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD.

28 And ^ait (the temple service) shall be unto them for an ^binheritance: I *am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession.

29 They shall eat the ^ameat (or grain, or flour) offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the ^afirstfruits of all *things*, and every ^boblation (offering) of all, of every *sort* of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your ^cdough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is ^adead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAPTER 47

Waters issue from the house of the Lord and heal the Dead Sea—The Lord shows the borders of the land.

1 AFTERWARD he brought me again unto the ^adoor of the house; and, behold, ^bwaters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the ^chouse, at the south *side* of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the ~~utter~~ (outer) ^agate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when the man that had the ^aline in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ankles. (1500 feet)

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees.

(3000 feet) Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins. (4500 feet)

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river (6000 feet) that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. (The more we attend the temple, the more fully immersed we become in the Gospel and the more we will understand about the temple and its symbolism.)

6 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the ^asea: *which being* brought forth into the sea, the ^bwaters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, *that* every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, *that* the fishers shall stand ^aupon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof and the ^amarishes (or marshes, swamps) thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the ^aleaf thereof for ^bmedicine. (There are other scriptures that mention water coming from the temple. Joel 3:18, ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the ^amountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a ^bfountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Zechariah 14:8 And it shall be in that day, *that* ^aliving ^bwaters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. Revelation 22:1-3 AND he shewed me a pure river of ^awater of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the ^atree of ^blife, (in Lehi and Nephi's vision of the tree of life, it represented the love of God. 1 Nephi 8:10-11 And it came to pass that I beheld a ^atree, whose ^bfruit was desirable to make one ^chappy. 11 And it came to pass that I did go forth and partake of the ^afruit thereof; and I beheld that it was most sweet, above all that I ever before tasted. Yea, and I beheld that the fruit thereof was white, to exceed all the ^bwhiteness that I had ever seen. and 11:25 And it came to pass that I beheld

that the ^arod of iron, which my father had seen, was the ^bword of God, which ^cled to the fountain of ^dliving waters, or to the ^etree of life; which waters are a representation of the love of God; and I also beheld that the tree of life was a representation of the love of God. How can the love of God heal us?) which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: **and the ^eleaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.** 3 And there shall be no more ^acurse: but the ^bthrone of God and of the ^cLamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: The symbolic waters seem to convey the idea of truth, life, and healing emanating from the Lord's house to fill the world. Isaiah said that the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9 They shall not ^ahurt nor ^bdestroy in all my holy ^cmountain: for the ^dearth shall be full of the ^eknowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. Water coming from the temple is a metaphor of the Lord coming from his abode (the temple, after all, is His house – a part of heaven on earth) to heal all the imbalances of the world. The most imbalanced water in the world is in the Dead Sea. It is 27% salt and minerals. The oceans as well as the Mediterranean are approximately 3.5% to 3.8% salt. The salinity of the Great Salt Lake increased to about 22% in its time and is now diluted to about 10%. The Great Salt Lake averages between 5 and 15 feet deep. The Dead Sea reaches a depth of 1300 feet. There are some who believe that the Dead Sea will still be salt water, but it will be healed to support life. The Prophet Joseph Smith said: "Judah must return, Jerusalem must be rebuilt, and the temple, and water come out from under the temple, and the waters of the Dead Sea be healed. It will take some time to rebuild the walls of the city and the temple, etc., and all this must be done before the Son of Man will make His appearance." TPJS, p. 286. The waters issuing forth from under the temple and the healing of the Dead Sea may occur when the Lord himself sets foot upon the Mount of Olives, causing this mountain to divide in two and create a large valley. Zechariah 14:4, And his ^afeet shall ^bstand in that day upon the ^cmount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. D&C 133:20-24 For behold, he shall ^astand upon the mount of Olivet, and upon the mighty ocean, even the great deep, and upon the islands of the sea, and upon the land of Zion. 21 And he shall ^autter his voice out of ^bZion, and he shall speak from Jerusalem, and his ^cvoice shall be heard among all people; 22 And it shall be a voice as the ^avoice of many waters, and as the voice of a great ^bthunder, which shall ^cbreak down the mountains, and the valleys shall not be found. 23 He shall command the great deep, and it shall be driven back into the north countries, and the ^aislands shall become one land; 24 And the ^aland of Jerusalem and the land of ^bZion shall be turned back into their own place, and the ^cearth shall be like as it was in the days before it was ^ddivided.)

13 ¶ (Dividing of the lands) Thus saith the Lord GOD; This *shall be* the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve ^atribes of Israel: **Joseph shall have two portions.** (One for Ephraim and one for Manasseh. Although much of Joseph's inheritance will be on the American continent, many will also live in Palestine.)

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: *concerning* the which I ^alifted up mine hand (made an oath, or covenant) to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for ^binheritance.

15 And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which *is* by the ^acoast (Heb border) of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.

18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the ^aeast sea. And *this is* the east side.

19 And the south side southward, from Tamar *even* to the waters of ^astrife *in* Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And *this is* the south side southward.

20 The west side also *shall be* the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This

is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall ^adivide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as ^bborn in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. (Non Israel adopted in.)

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

Additional Reading:

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL CHAPTER 40

A heavenly ministrant shows Ezekiel in vision a city wherein is the temple—He is shown the form and size of the temple and its courts. (At the end of the lesson, I have added some pictures of artists' renderings of what this temple may look like when built.)

1 IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the ^ahand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In the ^avisions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high ^bmountain, by which *was* as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of ^abrass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a ^bmeasuring ^creed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine ^aheart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew *them* unto thee *art* thou brought hither: ^bdeclare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

5 And behold a wall on the outside of the ^ahouse round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six ^bcubits *long* ^cby the cubit and an hand breadth (six long cubits, of a cubit plus a hand breadth each. Thus each would be about 21 inches or 53 cm.; and the total length of the measuring reed is about 10 ½ feet or 3.2 cm.): so he ^dmeasured the ^ebreadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 ¶ Then came he unto the ^agate which ^blooketh (faces) toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad; and the other threshold *of the gate, which was* one reed broad.

7 And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers *were* five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within *was* one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate *was* inward.

10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward *were* three on this side, and three on that side; they three *were* of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the ^alength (or height) of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The space also before the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space *was* one cubit on that side: and the little chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five and twenty cubits, door against door.

14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate.

15 And from the ^aface (or front) of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and windows *were* round about inward: and upon *each* post *were* ^apalm trees.

17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, *there were* ^achambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers ^b*were* upon (Heb faced) the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 ¶ And the gate of the ^aoutward court that looked toward the ^bnorth, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

21 And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, *were* after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *was* ^aover against (opposite) the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

24 ¶ After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures.

25 And *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about *were* five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.

31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the ^autter (or outer) court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof (:) and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

32 ¶ And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

35 ¶ And he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures;

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side (:) and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof *were* by the posts of the gates, where they ^awashed the burnt ^boffering.

39 ¶ And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the ^aburnt offering and the ^bsin offering and ~~the~~ ^ctrespass offering.

40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices*.

42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within *were* hooks, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 ¶ And ^awithout (or outside) the inner gate *were* the chambers of the ^bsingers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east gate *having* the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the priests, the ^akeepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the ^apriests, the keepers of the ^bcharge of the altar: these *are* the sons of ^cZadok among the sons of Levi, which ^dcome near to the LORD to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an ^ahundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *that was* before the house.

48 ¶ And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the ^aporch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* ^bpillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAPTER 41

Ezekiel sees the inner temple and the holy of holies, and is shown their form and size.

1 AFTERWARD he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the ^adoor *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the ^bbreadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This *is* the most ^aholy *place*.

5 After he measured the wall of the ^ahouse, (or temple) six cubits; and the breadth of *every* side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers *were* three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which *was* of the house for the side ^achambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And *there was* an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding

about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers *were* a full reed of six great ^acubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, which *was* for the side chamber without, *was* five cubits: and *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side chambers that *were* within.

10 And between the ^achambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side chambers *were* toward *the place that was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left *was* five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that *was* before the separate place at the end toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an ^ahundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building ^aover against (or facing, or opposite) the separate place which *was* behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the ^agalleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, ^bcieled (paneled, or veneered) with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

18 And *it was* made with ^acherubims and ^bpalm trees, so that a ^cpalm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *every* ^dcherub had two faces;

19 So that the face of a man *was* toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubims and palm trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple.

21 The ^aposts of the temple *were* squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary; the appearance *of the one* as the appearance *of the other*.

22 The ^aaltar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and he said unto me, This *is* the ^btable that *is* before the LORD.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two ^adoors.

24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*.

25 And *there were* made on them, on the doors ^aof the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick ^aplanks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And *there were* narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

CHAPTER 42

Ezekiel sees in the temple the chambers for the priests.

1 THEN he brought me forth into the ^autter court, the way toward the north(;)—and he brought me into the chamber that *was* ^bover against (or opposite) the separate place, and which *was* before the building

toward the north.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits.

3 ^aOver against (or adjoining) the twenty cubits which *were* for the inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* for the utter (outer) court, *was* ^bgallery against gallery in three stories.

4 And before the ^achambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they *were* in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the building* was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that *was* without over against the chambers, toward the utter (outer) court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that *were* in the utter (outer) court *was* fifty cubits; and, lo, before the temple *were* an hundred cubits.

9 And from under these chambers *was* the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the utter (outer) court.

10 The chambers *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 ¶ Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *be* holy chambers, where the ^apriests that approach unto the LORD shall ^beat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the ^cmeat offering, and the ^dsin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place *is* holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the utter court, but there they shall lay their ^agarments wherein they minister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to *those things* which *are* for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the ^agate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east side with the ^ameasuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19 ¶ He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He ^ameasured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, ^bfive hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the ^cprofane (common) place.

Joel 3:18¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the ^amountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a ^bfountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Zechariah 14:8: And it shall be in that day, *that* ^aliving ^bwaters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

Revelation 22:1-3: 1 AND he shewed me a pure river of ^awater of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 **In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the ^atree of ^blife** (There is no cherubim guarding the tree. We are allowed to eat freely. The Greek work may be plural, meaning that the trees of life are the exalted souls who live in the celestial city.), which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the ^cleaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (When John sees it [the tree of life], the nations have no need of healing, for there is no death, neither pain, nor sorrow, for the former things have passed away, and all things are become new; consequently, he speaks in the past tense, and says they were for the healing of the nations; of course referring to the times when they existed temporally, according to Ezekiel, before their final change. Parley P. Pratt, Voice of Warning, p. 138.)

3 **And there shall be no more ^acurse** (The curses given at the Fall have all been removed): but the ^bthrone of God and of the ^cLamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: (The Fall has been overcome. We are back in God's presence.)

1 Nephi 8:10-11: 10 And it came to pass that I beheld a ^atree (Christ), whose ^bfruit (The Atonement) was desirable to make one ^chappy. (Elder Jeffrey Holland taught that the tree of life is a symbol of Jesus Christ. He said: "The images of Christ and the tree [are] inextricably linked... At the very outset of the Book of Mormon... Christ is portrayed as the source of eternal life and joy, the living evidence of divine love, and the means whereby God will fulfill his covenant with the house of Israel and indeed the entire family of man, returning them all to their eternal promises." Christ and the New Covenant, p. 160-162.) 11 And it came to pass that I did go forth and partake of the ^afruit thereof; and I beheld that it was **most sweet, above all** that I ever before tasted. Yea, and I beheld that the fruit thereof was white, **to exceed all** the ^bwhiteness that I had ever seen.

1 Nephi 11:25: And it came to pass that I beheld that the ^arod of iron, which my father had seen, was the ^bword of God, which ^cled to the fountain of ^dliving waters, or to the ^etree of life; which waters are a representation of the love of God; and I also beheld that the tree of life was a representation of the love of God

D&C 97:8-20: 8 Verily I say unto you, all among them who know their hearts are ^ahonest, and are broken, and their spirits contrite, and are ^bwilling to observe their covenants by ^csacrifice—yea, every sacrifice which I, the Lord, shall command—they are ^daccepted of me. 9 For I, the Lord, will cause them to bring forth as a very fruitful ^atree which is planted in a goodly land, by a pure stream, that yieldeth much precious fruit. 10 Verily I say unto you, that it is my will that a ^ahouse should be built unto me in the land of Zion, like unto the ^bpattern which I have given you. 11 Yea, let it be built speedily, by the tithing of my people. 12 Behold, this is the ^atithing and the ^bsacrifice which I, the Lord, require at their hands, that there may be a ^chouse built unto me for the salvation of Zion—13 For a place of ^athanksgiving for all saints, and for a place of instruction for all those who are called to the work of the ministry in all their several callings and offices; 14 That they may be perfected in the ^aunderstanding of their ministry, in theory, in principle, and in doctrine, in all things pertaining to the ^bkingdom of God on the earth, the ^ckeys of which kingdom have been ^dconferred upon you. 15 And inasmuch as my people ^abuild a ^bhouse unto me in the ^cname of the Lord, and do not suffer any ^dunclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, my ^eglory shall rest upon it; 16 Yea, and my ^apresence shall be there, for I will come into it, and all the ^bpure in heart that shall come into it shall see God. 17 But if it be defiled I will not come into it, and my glory shall not be there; for I will not come into ^aunholy temples. 18 And, now, behold, if Zion do these things she shall ^aprosper, and spread herself and become very glorious, very great, and very terrible. 19 And the ^anations of the earth shall honor her, and shall say: Surely ^bZion is the city of our God, and surely Zion cannot fall, neither be moved out of her place, for God is there, and the hand of the Lord is there; 20 And he hath sworn by the power of his might to be her salvation and her high ^atower.

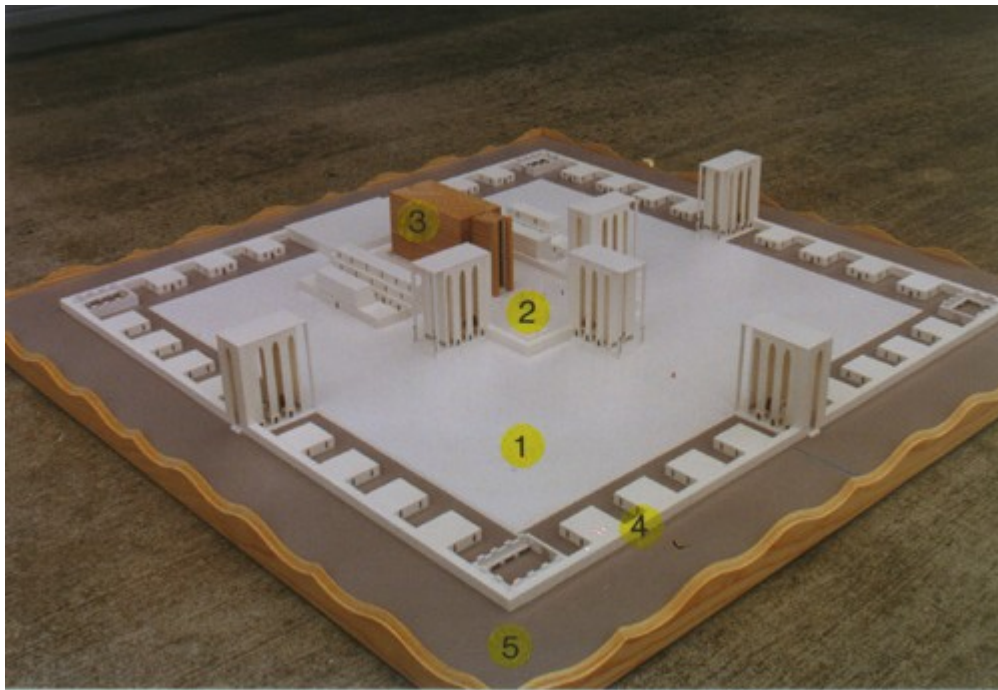
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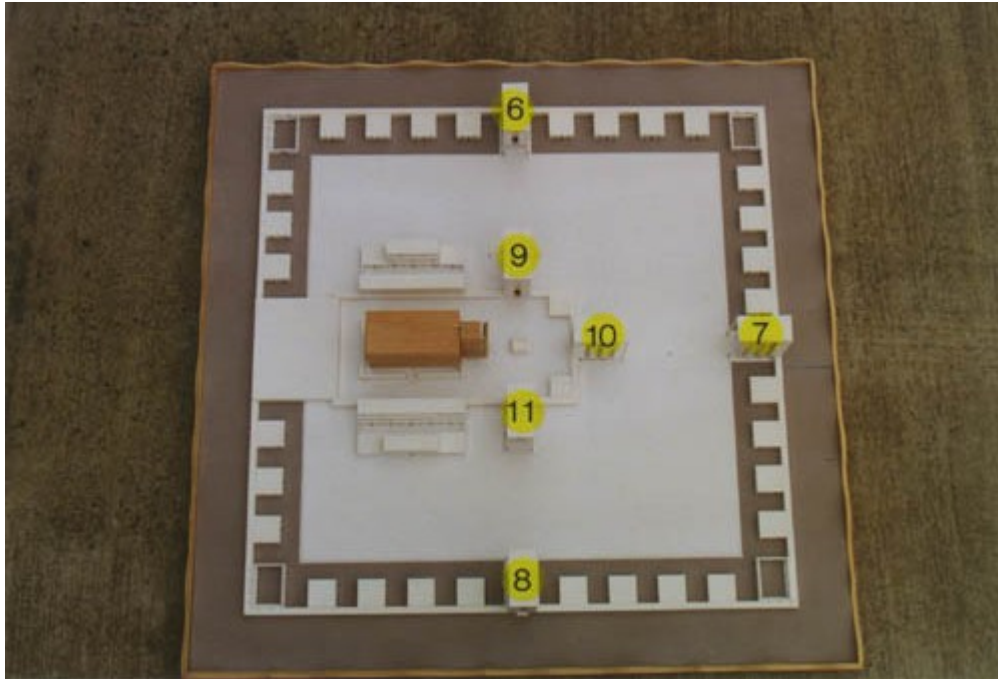
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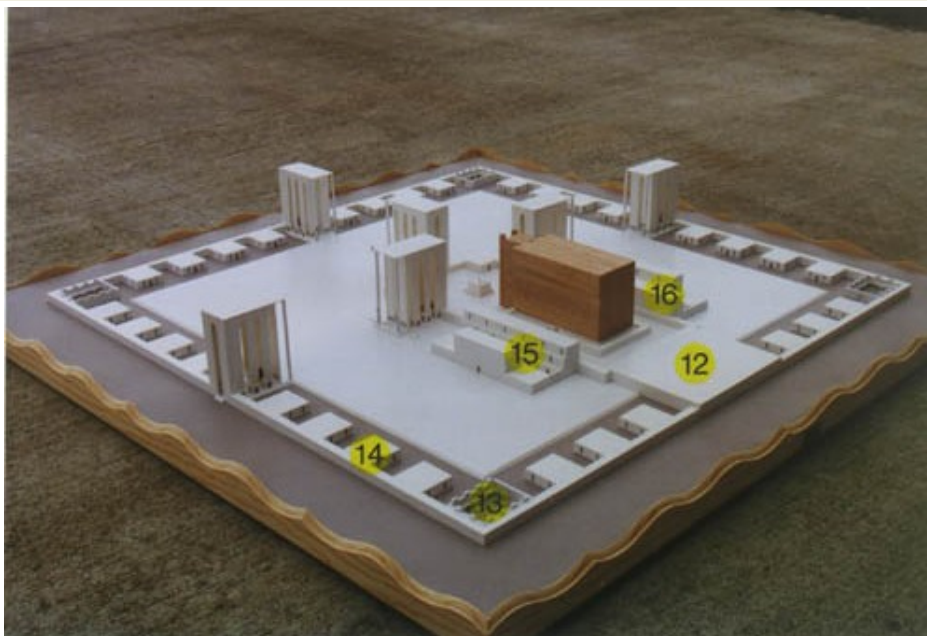
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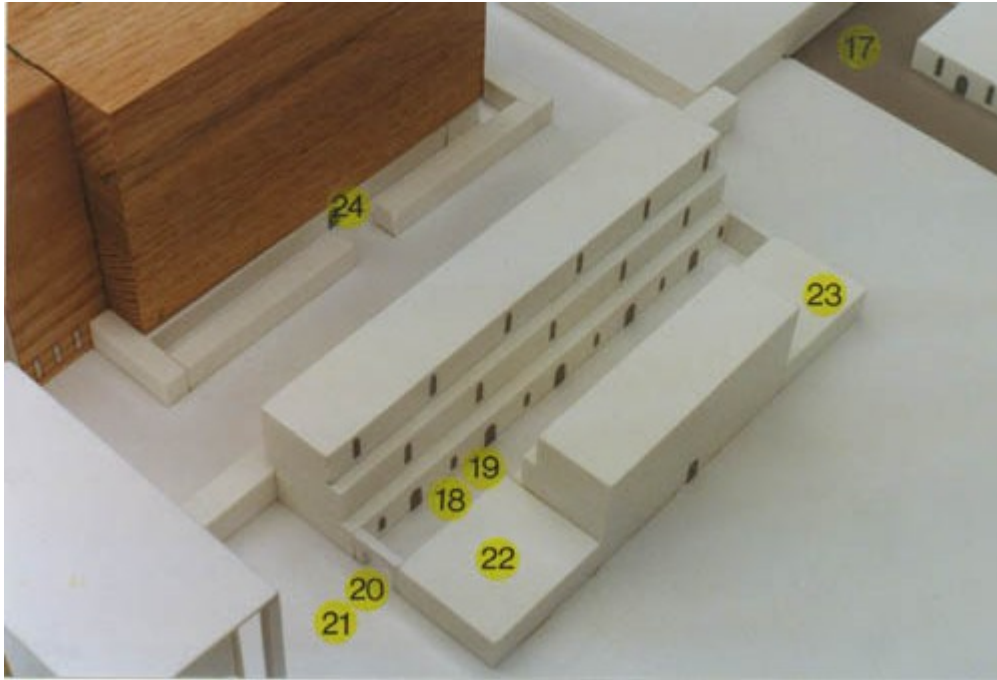
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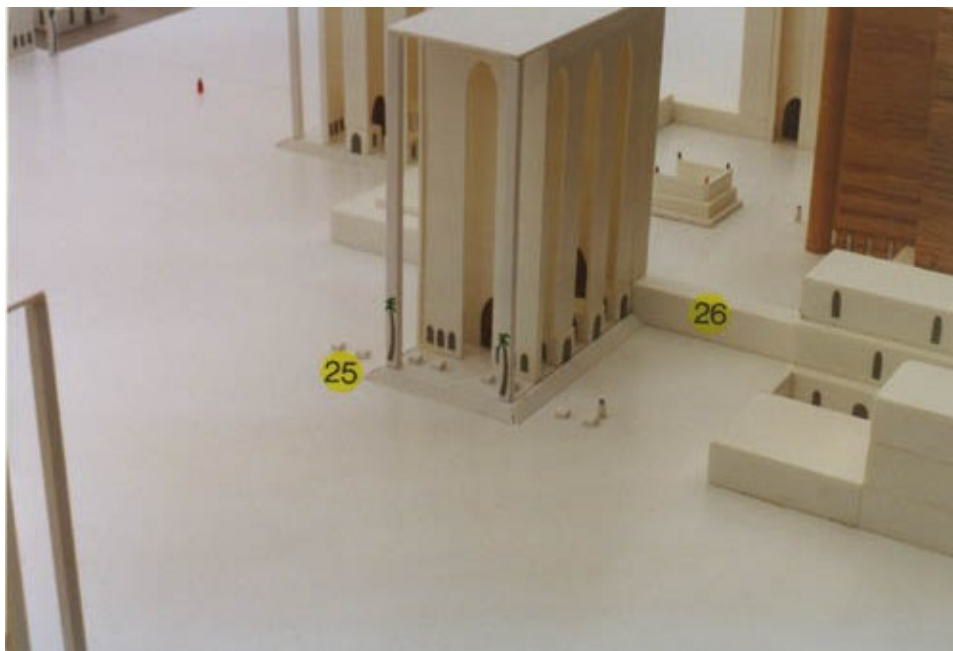
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- 12. Building at the Western End - 41:12
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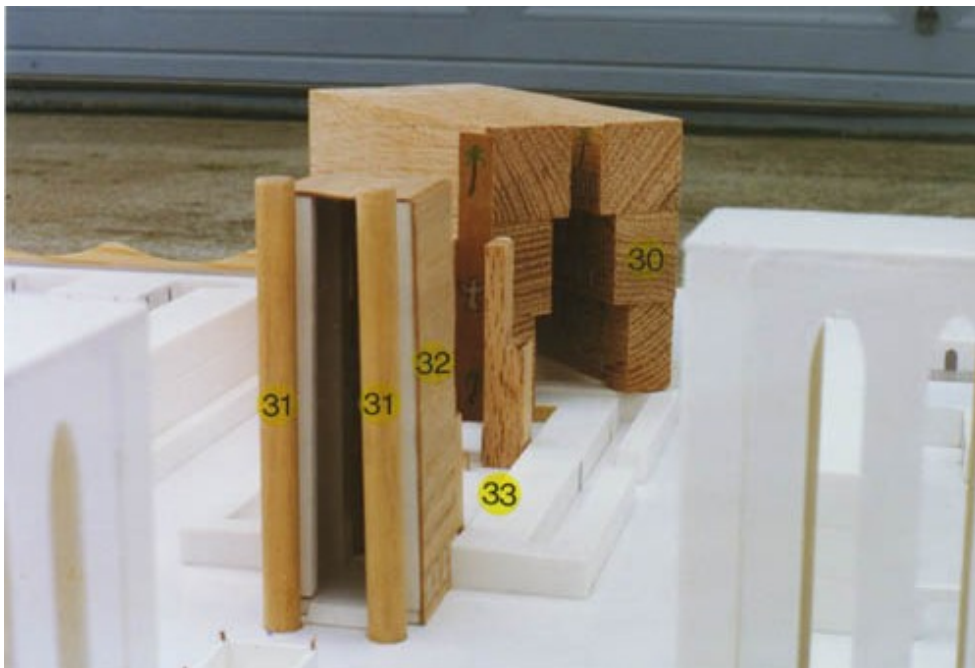
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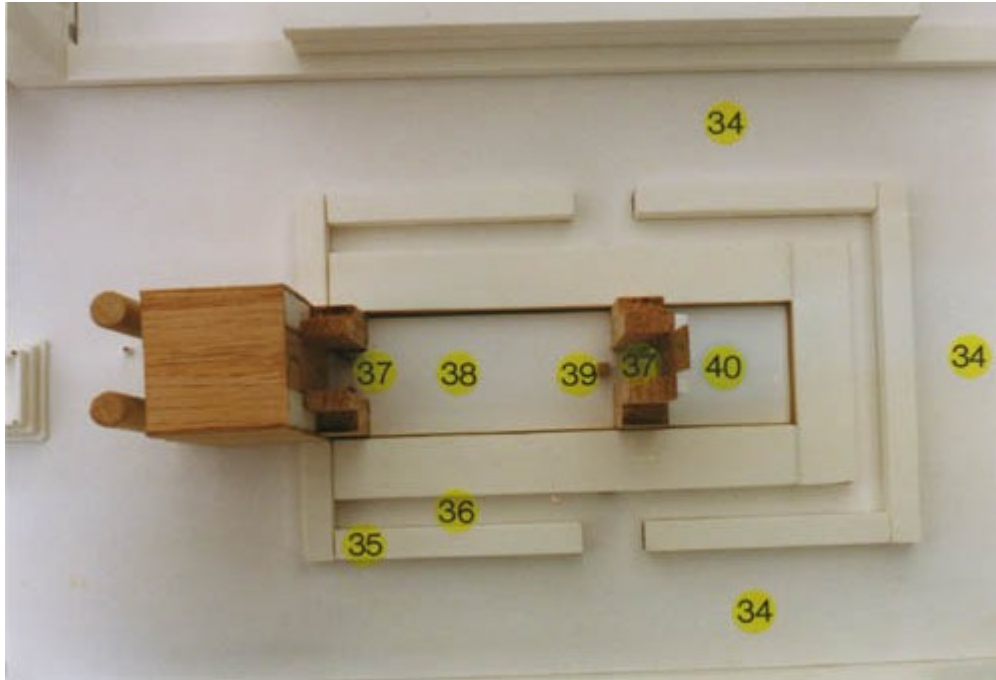
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28. Altar of Sacrifice - 43:13-17 (40:47)
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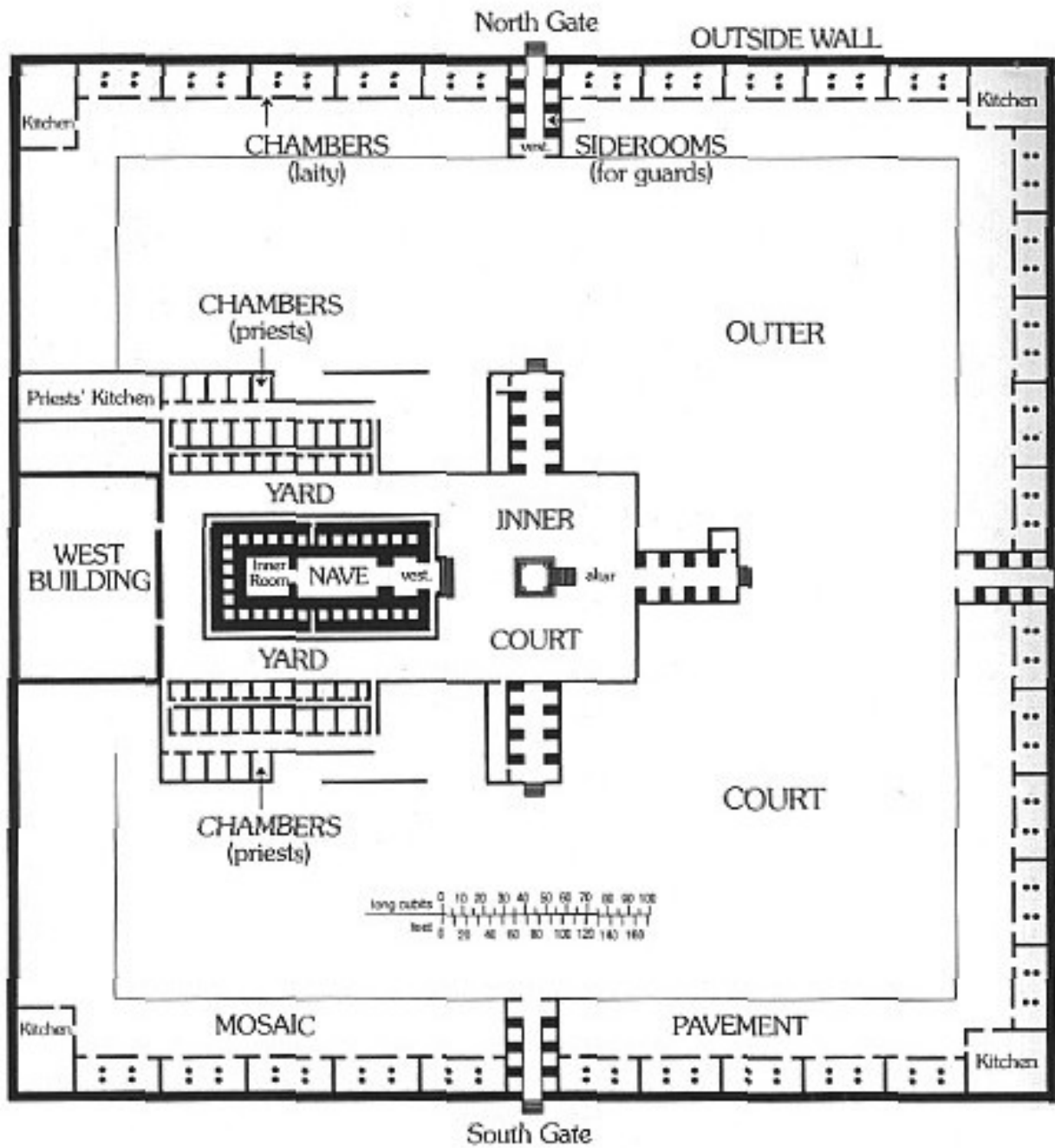


30. Temple Side Chambers or Galleries in three stories (30 chambers per story) - 41:5-8 (They have Cherubim & Palm Tree Carvings all around on the inside - 41:16-20)
31. Two Pillars - 40:49
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33. Wall of the temple - 41:5



34. Separating Courtyard - 41:13-15
35. Outer Wall of the Side chambers - 41:9
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EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE, COURTS, WALLS, AND GATES



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