

Ezekiel 40-48

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 - a. Description Of The Altar Of Sacrifice. 43:13-17
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- 13 "And these are the measurements of the altar by cubits (the cubit being a cubit and a handbreadth): the base shall be a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border on its edge round about one span; and this shall be the height of the base of the altar.
- 14 "And from the base on the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits (**42 inches**), and the width one cubit; and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge shall be four cubits, and the width one cubit.
- 15 "And the altar hearth shall be four cubits; and from the altar hearth shall extend upwards four horns.
- 16 "Now the altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve wide, square in its four sides.
- 17 "And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides, the border around it shall be half a cubit, and its base shall be a cubit round about; and its steps shall face the east." **Cf Exo 20:24-26)**

Summary:

- 1. These are instructions for the construction and consecration of the altar of sacrifice. 43:13-27
- 2. Following will be:
 - A. Instructions for the proper use of the Temple. 44:1-9
 - B. Ordinances for priestly conduct. 44:10-31
 - C. The sacred district is then marked out. 45:1-8
 - D. There is an interruption for an exhortation to the leaders of Ezekiel's time. 45:9-12
 - E. The duties of the leader in worship are delineated. 45:13-46:18
 - F. Then instructions concerning the kitchens. 46:19-24
- 3. The altar was to be located in front of the sanctuary in the Inner Court.
- 4. It's location indicated that the Ultimate Sacrifice is the focal point of history.
 - b. The Law For The First Day Of Sacrifice. 43:18-21
- 18 And He (**the One speaking**) said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD (**ADONAI YAHWEH**), 'These are the statutes (**CHUQQAH = a required action**)

for the altar (**MIZBEACH**) on the day it is built (**ASAH**), to offer *burnt* ('**OLAH** = in singular + **QARBAN** is elited) offerings on it and to sprinkle blood on it. (cf **Exo 29:36-37**; **Lev 8:14-17** cf **2 Chr 7:9**)

- 19 'And you (**Ezekiel**) shall give to the Levitical priests who are from the offspring of Zadok, who draw near to Me to minister to Me,' declares the Lord GOD, 'a young bull for a *sin offering*.
- 20 'And you (**Ezekiel**) shall take some of its (**young bull**) blood, and put it on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border round about; thus you (**Ezekiel**) shall cleanse it (**the altar**) and make atonement for it.
- 21 'You (**Ezekiel**) shall also take the bull for the *sin offering*; and it (**the bull**) shall be burned in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

Summary:

1. The altar is designed to offer an offering (collective singular) which points directly to the "one offering for all time" of Hebrews 10.
2. This is a similar dedication to the Bronze Altar of the Tabernacle and the Temple of Solomon.
3. Ezekiel is functioning here as the High Priest, so he is a type of Christ, who is the High Priest according to the Order of Melchizedek. Heb 5
4. The line of Zadok has replaced the Aaronic line of the priesthood.
5. The priests are human beings who are believers who survived the Tribulation, the sheep. Matt 25
6. Thus they are required to make a Sin Offering for themselves.
7. The blood on the four corners indicates that God's power extends to the four directions of the earth.

c. The Law For The First Week Of Sacrifice. 43:22-

- 22 'And on the second day you (**Ezekiel**) shall offer a male goat without blemish for a *sin offering*; and they (**the sons of Zadok**) shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.
- 23 'When you (**Ezekiel**) have finished cleansing it, you shall present a young bull (**PAR**) without blemish (**TAMIYM**) and a ram ('**AYIL**) without blemish from the flock.
- 24 'And you (**Ezekiel**) shall present them before the LORD, and the priests shall throw salt on them, and they (**the priests**) shall offer them up as a *burnt offering* (**OLAH**) to the LORD.
- 25 'For seven days you (**Ezekiel**) shall prepare daily a goat for a *sin offering* (**CHAT'AH**); also a young bull and a ram from the flock, without blemish, shall be prepared.
- 26 'For seven days they (**the priests**) shall make atonement (**a covering**) for the altar and purify it; so shall they consecrate it.
- 27 'And when they (**the priests**) have completed the days, it shall be that on the eighth day and onward, the priests shall offer your *burnt offerings* (**OLAH in plural**) on the altar, and your *peace offerings* (**SHALOM in plural**); and I will accept you (**Qal PF + wc RATZAH**),' declares the Lord GOD."

Summary:

1. This Temple shows that one must be Holy to come into the presence of the Lord.
2. The High Priest is to be the leader.
3. The priests are to do this for seven days symbolizing perfect purity.
4. With the beginning of the new week, after the initial consecration, the priests shall present the offerings for the people.

Ezekiel 44:1-31

d. The Shutting Of The East Gate. 44:1-3

- 1 Then He (**the Lord**) brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east; and it was shut.
- 2 And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.
- 3 "As for the prince (**NASI = leader**), he shall sit in it as prince to eat bread before the LORD; he (**the prince**) shall enter by way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the same way."

Summary:

1. After the Lord enters the Millennial Temple through the East Gate, it will be permanently shut.
2. He will never leave it again as He did earlier in disgust with His people.
3. It is a reminder of the special promise He made.
4. David is declared to be "The Prince." Ezek 34:23-24
 - A. He makes a Sin Offering for himself which he must use as an illustration of the grace shown to him in spite of his great sins. Ezek 45:21-23
 - B. He has children, but since he is in resurrection body they are not from this new body but of his line that has been preserved by grace. Ezek 46:16-17
5. David once ate the shewbread that had been presented to the Lord, which was off-limits to anyone but priests. 1 Sam 21:1-6; Matt 12:1-8
6. Once he went into the Holy of Holies, which was completely prohibited to the Kings of Israel. 2 Sam 7:18-29

e. Reminder Of Israel's Sins. 44:4-8

- 4 Then He (**the Lord**) brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD (**YAHWEH**) filled the house of the LORD, and I fell on my face.
- 5 And the LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the statutes (**CHUQQA** = **ordinances**) of the house of the LORD and concerning all its laws (**TORAH = 219x; 1st the details**); and mark well the entrance of the house, with all exits of the sanctuary.

- 6 "And you (**Ezekiel**) shall say to the rebellious ones, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Enough of all your abominations, O house of Israel,
- 7 when you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, even My house, when you offered My food, the fat and the blood; for they made My covenant void-- this in addition to all your abominations.
- 8 "And you (**house of Israel**) have not kept charge of My holy things yourselves, but you have set foreigners to keep charge of My sanctuary." (**Joshua {Josh 9:23,27} and into the time of Ezra {Ezra 8:20}**)

Summary:

1. **Ezekiel gets a replay of the glory of the Lord filling the Temple.**
2. **Ezekiel is to pay very close attention to the details and then relay them to the people.**
3. **The "sermon" is to the survivors of the Tribulation who still possess a Sin Nature and were all rebellious at one time. Cf Rom 5:8-10**
4. **In the past Israel would use captured slaves, usually Gentiles, to conduct a lot of the menial tasks of the Tabernacle and Temple.**
5. **There were laws concerning foreigners that were not enforced. Exo 12:48**
6. **The most important command was for everyone to "circumcise their heart." Deut 10:12-22**
7. **The Millennium is the time in which the Lord God will circumcise the hearts of the sons of Israel. Deut 30**

f. Loss Of Inheritance. 44:9-14

- 9 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary.
- 10 "But the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their (**Israel's**) idols, shall bear the punishment for their (**Israel's**) iniquity.
- 11 "Yet they (**the Levites**) shall be ministers in My sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house and ministering in the house; they shall slaughter the **burnt offering** and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them (**the people**) to minister to them.
- 12 "Because they (**the Levites**) ministered to them before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn against them (**the Levites**)," declares the Lord GOD, "that they (**the Levites**) shall bear the punishment for their iniquity.
- 13 "And they (**the Levites**) shall not come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they (**the Levites**) shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.
- 14 "Yet I will appoint them (**the Levites**) to keep charge of the house, of all its service, and of all that shall be done in it.

Summary:

1. **The Millennium will also be a time of the rendering of discipline.**
2. **That which the Levites were commanded to do will be enforced during the Kingdom.**

g. Increase Of Inheritance. 44:15-27

15 "But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood," declares the Lord GOD.

16 "They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge.

17 "And it shall be that when they enter at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and wool shall not be on them while they are ministering in the gates of the inner court and in the house.

18 "Linen turbans shall be on their heads (**cf 1 Cor 11**), and linen undergarments shall be on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything which makes them sweat.

19 "And when they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they have been ministering and lay them in the holy chambers; then they shall put on other garments that they may not transmit holiness to the people with their garments.

20 "Also they shall not shave their heads, yet they shall not let their locks grow long; they shall only trim the hair of their heads.

21 "Nor shall any of the priests drink wine when they enter the inner court. (**cf Lev 21:6**)

22 "And they shall not marry a widow or a divorced woman but shall take virgins from the offspring of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest. (**cf Lev 21:7,14**)

23 "Moreover, they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 "And in a dispute they shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances. They (**the sons of Zadok**) shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts, and sanctify My Sabbaths. (**cf Gen 26:5**)

25 "And they shall not go to a dead person to defile themselves; however, for father, for mother, for son, for daughter, for brother, or for a sister who has not had a husband, they may defile themselves.

26 "And after he is cleansed, seven days shall elapse for him.

27 "And on the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his **sin offering**," declares the Lord GOD.

h. The Identity Of The Inheritance. 44:28-31

28 "And it shall be with regard to an inheritance for them, that I (**the Lord**) am their inheritance; and you (**plural**) shall give them no possession in Israel-- I am their possession.

29 "They shall eat the **grain offering**, the **sin offering**, and the **guilt offering**; and every devoted thing (**Lev 27:21,28**) in Israel shall be theirs.

- 30 "And the first of all the first fruits of every kind and every contribution of every kind, from all your **(plural)** contributions, shall be for the priests; you shall also give to the priest the first of your dough to cause a blessing to rest on your house.
- 31 "The priests shall not eat any bird or beast that has died a natural death or has been torn to pieces.