

Ezekiel 40-48

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5 And behold, there was a wall (**CHOMAH = 133x; a protective wall; 1st use in Exo 14:22 of what the waters did when the sea was parted**) on the outside of the temple all around, and in the man's hand was a measuring rod of six cubits, each of which was a cubit and a handbreadth (**18 inches + 3 inches = 1 long cubit x 6 = 1 rod = 6 long cubits x 21 inches {1.75 ft} = 10.5 feet**). So he measured the thickness of the wall, one rod (**10.5 ft.**); and the height, one rod (**10.5 ft**).

6 Then he went to the gate which faced east, went up its steps, and measured the threshold of the gate, one rod in width; and the other threshold was one rod in width.

7 And the guardroom (**TA' = 13x; all in this chapter except 1 Kgs 14:28 and 2 Chr 12:11; KJV renders "little chamber"**) was one rod long and one rod wide; and there were five cubits between the guardrooms. And the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate facing inward was one rod.

8 Then he measured the porch of the gate facing inward, one rod.

9 And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its side pillars, two cubits. And the porch of the gate was faced inward.

10 And the guardrooms of the gate toward the east numbered three on each side; the three of them had the same measurement. The side pillars also had the same measurement on each side.

11 And he measured the width of the gateway, ten cubits, and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 And there was a barrier wall one cubit wide in front of the guardrooms on each side; and the guardrooms were six cubits square on each side.

13 And he measured the gate from the roof of the one guardroom to the roof of the other, a width of twenty-five cubits from one door to the door opposite.

14 And he made the side pillars sixty cubits high; the gate extended round about to the side pillar of the courtyard.

15 And from the front of the entrance gate to the front of the inner porch of the gate was fifty cubits.

16 And there were shuttered windows looking toward the guardrooms, and toward their side pillars within the gate all around, and likewise for the porches. And there were windows all around inside; and on each side pillar were palm tree ornaments.

Summary:

1. There are some similarities to Solomon's Temple but it is still quite different.
2. These types of structures were normally used for the military, so it tells us that there is still a conflict going on, even with David and the Lord on the thrones.
3. The walls were for protection so the question is "from who or what?"
4. A similar question might be asked of the Garden of Eden, when Adam was placed there to protect it. Gen 2:15
5. There will still be people in the Millennial Kingdom who have Sin Natures (the Sheep), so there will still be issues of sin, culminating in the Gog-Magog rebellion. Cf Rev 20:7-10
6. Justice in the Millennium will be meted out correctly for a change. Rev 2:27; 12:5; 19:15
7. The Temple is a memorial to the Lion of Judah, the Lamb of God, who has accomplished all that was given Him to do.
8. Gates (doors) are reminders that entry into the "sheepfold" is through the door, unless one is a thief or robber. John 10:7-12
9. The fact that there are three gates refers to the functions of the Trinity in bringing this Plan to pass. (no Western Gate)
10. The Millennial Temple will in a sense foreshadow the New Jerusalem, a 1,500 mile cube, on the New Earth, revealed in Revelation 21.
11. The Eastern Gate is the direction from which Messiah comes. Zech 14:4

Principle: Where there is a wall, look for a gate.

c. Measurements of The Lower Pavement. 40:17-19

- 17 Then he brought me into the outer court, and behold, there were chambers and a pavement, (**RATZPAH = 8x**) made for the court all around; thirty chambers faced the pavement.
- 18 And the pavement (that is, the lower pavement) was by the side of the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates. (**50 cubits**)
- 19 Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the exterior of the inner court, a hundred cubits on the east and on the north.

Summary:

1. The section had a group of rooms that is speculated to be used by worshipers for dining during the periods of Millennial gatherings.
2. The term for pavement usually indicates a mosaic floor inlaid with precious stones, so, like gold, these previous stones will also be "paving material."

d. Measurements of The North Gate. 40:20-23

- 20 And as for the gate of the outer court which faced the north, he measured its length and its width.
- 21 And it had three guardrooms on each side; and its side pillars and its porches had the same measurement as the first gate. Its length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty-five cubits.

- 22 And its windows, and its porches, and its palm tree ornaments had the same measurements as the gate which faced toward the east; and it was reached by seven steps, and its porch was in front of them.
- 23 And the inner court had a gate opposite the gate on the north as well as the gate on the east; and he measured a hundred cubits from gate to gate.

Summary:

1. **The steps are different from the Tabernacle which had no steps leading to the Altar. Exo 20:26**
2. **Solomon's Temple had six steps to his throne, pointing out that this was a throne of man. 1 Kings 10:18-21**
3. **This Temple has seven steps leading to the outer court, indicating perfection was maintained by One so that others could enter.**
4. **For humanity to fully comprehend the significance requires the "Seven-fold Ministry of the Holy Spirit." Isa 11:1-5**
 - A. **Guidance (NACHAH)**
 - B. **Wisdom (CHAKMAH)**
 - C. **Understanding (BINAH)**
 - D. **Counsel (ETZAH)**
 - E. **Strength (BeBURAH)**
 - F. **Knowledge (DA'AT)**
 - G. **Fear of the Lord (YIR'AH)**
5. **In the far north is where the gods were thought to sit, from which Satan wanted to rule. Isa 14:13**
6. **Many of Israel's enemies came from the north, so this gate indicates that all of Israel's enemies have either been judged or have accepted the love of God even for His enemies. Rom 5:8-11**

e. Measurements of The South Gate. 40:24-27

- 24 Then he led me toward the south, and behold, there was a gate toward the south; and he measured its side pillars and its porches according to those same measurements.
- 25 And the gate and its porches had windows all around like those other windows; the length was fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.
- 26 And there were seven steps going up to it, and its porches were in front of them; and it had palm tree ornaments on its side pillars, one on each side.
- 27 And the inner court had a gate toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, a hundred cubits. **(identical to the eastern gate)**

f. South Gate of the Inner Court. 40:28-31

- 28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to those same measurements.
- 29 Its **(inner court)** guardrooms also, its side pillars, and its porches were according to those same measurements. And the gate and its porches had windows all around; it was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.
- 30 And there were porches all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

- 31 And its porches were toward the outer court ; and palm tree ornaments were on its side pillars, and its stairway had **eight** steps. **(This new landing had 8 steps instead of 7; 7 is the number of completion, 8 is the number of new beginnings. Like circumcision on the 8th day.)**

Summary:

1. **Storms were said to come from the south. Job 37:9**
2. **The Lord's direction of the south wind has to do with agricultural prosperity. Psa 78:22-27**

g. East Gate of the Inner Court. 40:32-34

- 32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east. And he measured the gate according to those same measurements.
- 33 Its guardrooms also, its side pillars, and its porches were according to those same measurements. And the gate and its porches had windows all around; it was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.
- 34 And its porches were toward the outer court; and palm tree ornaments were on its side pillars, on each side, and its stairway had **eight** steps.

h. North Gate of the Inner Court. 40:35-37

- 35 Then he brought me to the north gate; and he measured it according to those same measurements,
- 36 with its guardrooms, its side pillars, and its porches. And the gate had windows all around; the length was fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.
- 37 And its side pillars were toward the outer court; and palm tree ornaments were on its side pillars on each side, and its stairway had eight steps.

Summary:

1. **The gates easily represent all that was given to Abraham. Gen 13:14-16**
2. **There were specific functions of these gates for selected people. Ezek 46:9-11**
3. **The South is a frequent reminder of the storms that came against the land. Zech 9:14-17**