

The Divine Tapestry

PART 90

Ezekiel 40-48

“THE FINAL CHAPTER”

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“The Old Testament speaks in glowing terms of the Millennium. The desert will blossom like the rose (Isaiah 35:1), the wolf will lie down with the lamb (Isaiah 65:25), men will learn war no more (Psalm 46:9); Isaiah 2:4), the curse will be removed from the earth (Romans 8:18-21), and a man will be a youth at a hundred years of age (Isaiah 65:20). Jerusalem will be the world’s capital (Isaiah 66:10-13, 18). The twelve apostles will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:28). The throne of David will be set up in Jerusalem (Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:32).” *Exploring the World of the Jew*, John Phillips, p. 208

At the opening of the book of Ezekiel, the prophet’s greatest hope was crushed. It was revealed he would not be able to lead in worship at the temple, ever! However, as the final chapters were written, his joys would be renewed ... there were greater things to come.

THE LAST CHAPTER

As God brings Ezekiel's revelations to a close, He gives him a glimpse of the restoration to come. Ezekiel was shown:

- New **Temple** (40:1-43:12)

- Ezekiel describes a massive **temple** yet to be **built**.

- This **temple** would see the glory of God return (43:1-12).

- New **Trustees** (43:13-46)

- In the Millennium there will once again be **priests**. These priests will come from the line of **Zadok** (40:46; 43:19; 44:15; 48:11).

- Priests will once again perform ordinances that will include **offerings**.

Note some changes:

1. No **Ark**
2. No Pot of **Manna**, Aaron's Rod, Tables of Law
3. No **Cherubim**
4. No Mercy Seat
5. No **Lampstand**

6. No Golden Altar of Incense
7. No **Veil**
8. No Wall of **Partition** for Gentiles
9. No Court of Women
10. No unapproachable Holy of Holies
11. No **High Priest** (but rather a Prince)
12. No Feast of Pentecost
13. No Great Day of **Atonement**

➤ These offerings are **memorial** in nature.

● New **Territory** (47-48)

➤ The land will be redistributed to **Israel**.

OBJECTIONS

1. This is **too big** to be real, isn't it?

➤ Ezekiel meant it to be **literal**.

➤ This will be the only **temple** in the **world!**

2. The reinstatement of **sacrifices** would violate the finished work of Christ, wouldn't it?

➤ These sacrifices differ from **“Aaron's”** and are **memorial** in nature.

➤ The blood of animals **never** removed sin (*Hebrews 10:3-4; 11*).

THE GRAND FINALE

- Note: What you crave when everything else is stripped away ... that is what you **worship!**
- The final words of this worn out prophet as he looked into the future at this place he longed to see were these: **“The Lord is there!”**