

These chapters are going to be very detailed, and you might be tempted to skip over these chapters, but we need to pay attention. If God thought it was important enough to reveal to Ezekiel, who in turn wrote it down for our benefit, then we need to pay attention and see what we can learn.

Complete the course you have started for you are approaching the finish line. Be faithful to the end; there are still treasures to be found.

DAY 1 THROUGH DAY 3

1. You are going to be handling Ezekiel 40-42 together. As you work through these chapters, you will want to consult the page at the end of this lesson so you can see the various pictures of the temple area. As always, begin your time in prayer and read through and complete a thorough observation of all three chapters. Remember that you have three days to complete this assignment. Mark key words that are on your marking card, but also look for the following words. There are other words that are repeated throughout the chapters that aren't necessarily key. If you want to mark them as you find them, that's fine but they aren't crucial to our study.

a. *visions*

b. *gate facing east*

c. *outer court*

d. *inner court*

e. *offering*

f. *priests*

g. *altars*

Don't forget to watch for the following that should be on your marking card.

1) *time references*

2) *locations*

3) *son of man (Ezekiel)*

4) *temple (house, sanctuary)*

5) *holy*

2. You are going to read through Ezekiel 40-42 again taking note of each paragraph. Write out the main events in the space below and then summarize and write a paragraph theme on your Observation Worksheets.

a. 40:1-4

b. 40:5-16

c. 40:17-19

d. 40:20-23

e. 40:24-27

f. 40:28-31

g. 40:32-34

h. 40:35-37

i. 40:38-43

j. 40:44-47

k. 40:48-49

l. 41:1-4

m. 41:5-11

n. 41:12

o. 41:13-14

p. 41:15-20

q. 41:21-26

r. 42:1-9

s. 42:10-12

t. 42:13-14

u. 42:15-20

3. Review each chapter and record a chapter theme on the “At a Glance” chart and on the Observation Worksheets.

4. Now let’s dig a deeper into these three chapters.
 - a. Read Ezekiel 40:1-2 several times. Now answer the 5 W’s and H questions - who, what, where, when, why, and how. Record what you learn.

 - b. What structure is the focus of chapters 40-42?

 - c. Look at the timing of Ezekiel 40 and compare it to Ezekiel 33:21-22. Record what you learn.

5. According to Ezekiel 40:1-2, Ezekiel was brought to the land of Israel. Where was he taken from and has this happened before? Read Ezekiel 8:1-4 to refresh your memory.

6. In Ezekiel 8, Ezekiel was taken to the temple area and through chapters 8-11, we saw the abominations that were committed, the destruction that was eminent, and the glory of God leaving the temple. Let's take a couple of minutes and read through the passages that showed us what happened to the glory of the Lord. Remember to read each verse in its context (the verses that surround it) and record what you learn.

a. Ezekiel 3:12

b. Ezekiel 8:4

c. Ezekiel 9:3

d. Ezekiel 10:1-20

e. Ezekiel 11:22-23

f. Ezekiel 39:21

I can't give you any more verses because you haven't studied them yet. Good news is coming!

7. Read II Chronicles 36:11-21 and record what happened to the temple and why. You should know this, you are reviewing for the sake of clarity and understanding.

DAY FOUR

1. Today we move on to Ezekiel 43. Complete your observations on this chapter. Pay special attention to the markings of *abominations* and the *glory of the Lord*.
 - a. *offerings* (If you haven't been marking it, you want to mark it now.)
 - b. *altar*
 - c. *priests*
2. Record paragraph themes.
 - a. 43:1-5
 - b. 43:6-9
 - c. 43:10-12
 - d. 43:13-17
 - e. 43:18-21
 - f. 43:22-27
3. Record a chapter theme on your "At a Glance" chart and on your Observation Worksheets.
4. Read through the chapter once again and record what you learn from having marked each of the following words.
 - a. *offering*

b. *altar*

c. *Priests*

DAY FIVE

1. Read Ezekiel 43 one more time. Yesterday, you should have recorded what you learned about the priests. Review what you learned. Next week you will spend some time looking at the priests in more detail. Don't forget to read this with the diagrams that come at the end of this lesson.
2. Carefully read Ezekiel 42:13-14. What takes place in the north and south chambers?

6. Let's see how this applies to us today. How holy are we or doesn't it matter once we are saved? Answer that question before you read the following verses.

a. Read I Corinthians 6:19-20. How does this shed light on the question posed at the beginning of this question?

b. I Peter 1:14-16. What does this passage tell us about our everyday lifestyle?

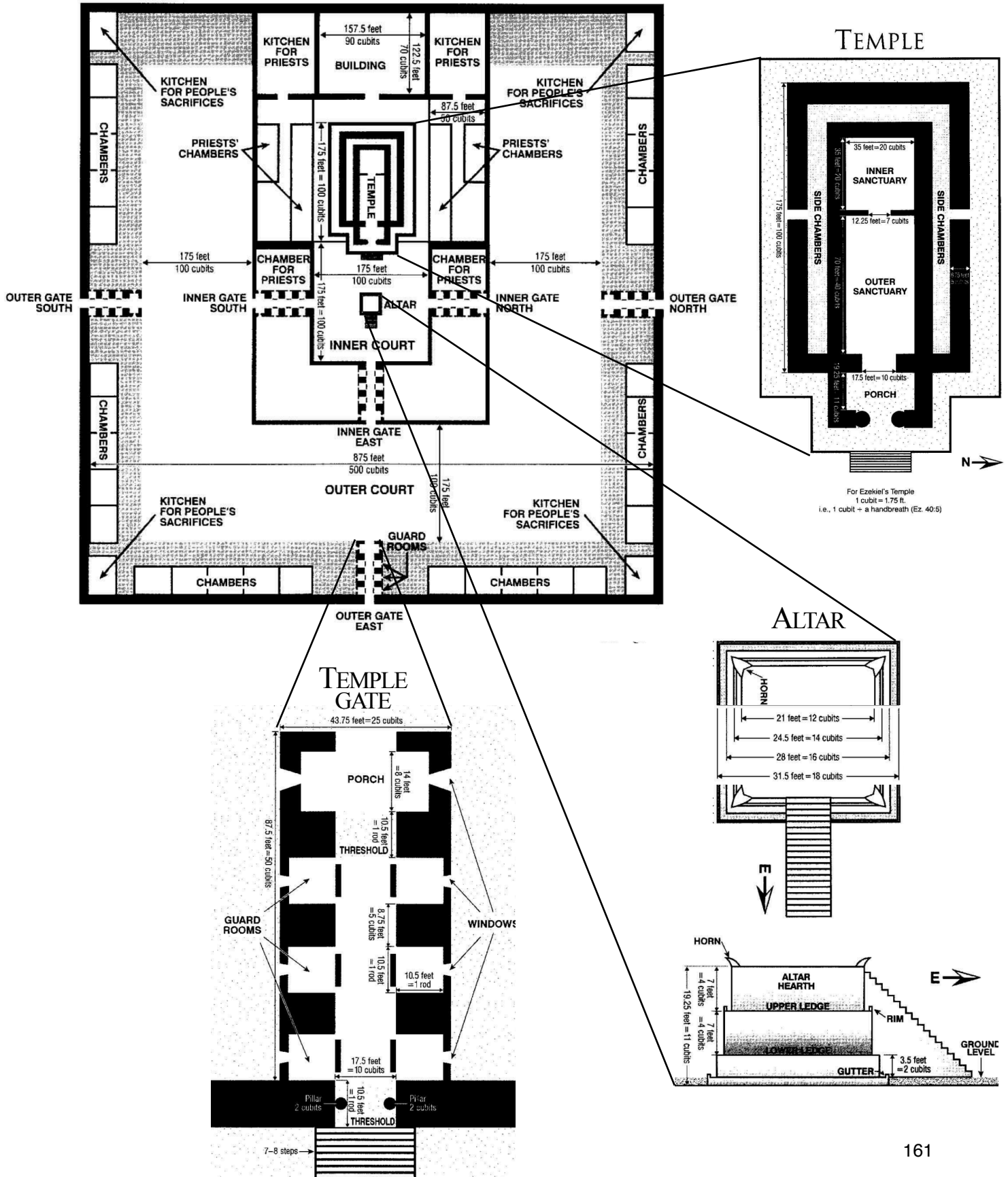
c. Do you want to add anything to your answer from above?

7. Let's wrestle with Ezekiel 43:18-27 for just a bit.
 - a. Where is Ezekiel when this is written?
 - b. Where are the events occurring that are recorded in these verses?
 - c. Is this something that is happening now or will happen in the future? If it is going to happen in the future, when do you think that will be?
 - d. Will Ezekiel be part of the exiles who return to Jerusalem? The remnant returned under a decree given by Cyrus (Ezra 1:1-5) to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. In Ezra 2, there is a list of those who returned to the land. Guess whose name is not on the role? You guessed it. Ezekiel's name is missing. So when Ezekiel 43:19-25 says that "you" shall give or you shall do, to what or whom do you think this may be referring? Give reasons for your answer.

Isn't it fun to stretch your brain. We may not always find answers to our questions but every moment we spend striving to hear and understand what God is communicating, draws us closer to Him! Too many times, we approach God's Word rushed by the busyness of the day, sidetracked by the offerings of the world, dulled by an apathetic attitude, and dissuaded by a sense of "it's not that important anyway." Satan's deceptions rob us of the joy and blessing that every word that proceeds from the mouth of God can bring us.

8. You can spend the rest of your time today seeing what the commentaries have to say about Ezekiel 40-43.

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Ezekiel

Lesson 13, Chapters 40-43