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Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 41:1-26

Text: Ezekiel 41:1-26

Subject: EZEKIEL SERIES – More descriptions of the Future Temple

In the last message, we left the man with the measuring reed and the prophet Ezekiel on the porch of the temple. In this chapter, the Lord continues the description of the temple. We have seen something of the gates, the outer court, and the inner court. Now we read the temple, itself, described.

In this chapter, the prophet's guide brings him to the temple itself, and gives: --

- the dimensions of the posts and doors, both of the holy and the most holy place, [Eze 41:1](#).
- then of the wall of the house, its side chambers, the winding about to them, and the doors of them, [Eze 41:5](#).
- next of a building before the separate place, its doorposts, narrow windows, and galleries, [Eze 41:12-17](#).
- after that each of the ornaments of the house are described, [Eze 41:18-21](#).
- then the altar of incense, [Eze 41:22](#).
- the chapter is concluded with observing the decorations and lights on the doors, porch, and side chambers of the temple and sanctuary, [Eze 41:23](#).

- **In verses 1-4, we read of the dimensions of the posts and doors, both of the holy and the most holy place, Eze. 41:1-4**

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.

and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side -- These were the posts of the door of the temple, and stood on each side of it, on the north and south; and this was the thickness, six cubits or a reed each.

Which was the breadth of the tabernacle. – I am not exactly sure why the word tabernacle is mentioned here, except to say that twelve cubits is the precise width of the OT tabernacle. Maybe it is that.

2 And the breadth of the door 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 breadth, twenty cubits.

We can see by this verse that the total width of the front of the temple was twenty cubits with the door taking up ten cubits with five cubits on each side.

and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits. -- The length of the temple from east

to west, and the breadth of it from north to south, were of this measure twenty by forty cubits; which was the exact dimension of Solomon's temple.

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 holy place.

Eze. 41.3 [LXXE] *And he went into the inner court, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the side-pieces of the door, seven cubits on one side, and seven cubits on the other side. 4 And he measured the length of the doors, forty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, in front of the temple: and he said, This is the holy of holies.*

This verse is difficult without the LXX. It is a description of the partition-wall and door between the Holy place and the Holy of Holies, which, according to the LXX, was twenty cubits long. that is to say, *the איל 'ayil of the door* (which must mean the ends of the wall, to which the door was hung) *two cubits; and the door six cubits* (broad), *and the sides of the door* (that is to say, the spaces of wall on each side of the door,) *were seven cubits on one side, and seven cubits on the other.* Therefore these fourteen, with the six of the breadth of the door, do make *twenty*, which was the breadth of the house.

So we see this is the holy of holies which is 20 cubits broad and 20 cubits long whose length and width were the same as Solomon's temple:

1Ki 6:19-20 (KJV) *And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. 20 And the oracle in the forepart **was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth,** and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.*

- **Description of the wall of the house, its side chambers, the winding about to them, and the doors of them, Eze. 41:5-11.**

5 After he measured the wall of the house, 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 chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

On the sides of the temple were chambers of four cubits – thirty in order in three stories. Thus, there were ninety chambers in all.

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.

And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers,-- These chambers, as they rose up in stories one above another, were larger and larger. Those in the middlemost story were larger than those in the lower story by a cubit; so much being taken out of the thickness of the wall, to make the rests or rebatements for the beams of the floor to rest upon, by which so much was gained in breadth for the chambers; and those in the upper story, for the same reason, were a cubit broader than those in the middle, and two cubits broader than the lowermost; the floor of the first and lower story was four cubits broad, [Eze 41:5](#) the floor of the second five cubits; and the floor of the third or uppermost six cubits.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits. 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 chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

Ezekiel saw the height of the house round about, but we are not told the measurement of the height. Notice that the foundations for the side chambers were a full reed wide – six cubits. The wideness of the chambers speaks of the all around the house on every side. We might say it was the length.

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.

The doors of the side-chambers opened on to the passage or corridor, between the chambers and the temple-wall.

- **In verses 12-17, we read of the building before the separate place, its doorposts, narrow windows, and galleries, Eze. 41:12-21.**

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 hundred 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 over against 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;

This building was west of the temple adjacent to the outer wall. We are not told in this chapter the purpose of this building. It is, counting the width of the walls – 100 cubits long and wide.

16 The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, cieled 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 cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub 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.

Here, we read of the decoration of the building with palm trees and cherubs which seem to be carved into the wooden sides of the building. A palm tree between a cherub and a cherub – and every cherub had two faces – the face of a man toward the palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. It is difficult to discern if the next two verses are speaking of the house on the western wall or of the temple.

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

This appears to speak of the wall of the temple where the same design of cherubims and palm trees were made.

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

The posts of the temple were not round but squared. As one came to the sanctuary, the posts and entry were the same – squared, not rounded.

- **In verse 22, we read of an Altar of Wood.**

22 The altar 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 table that is before the LORD.

If this is the altar of incense (which I think it is), then we can see the altar is made completely of wood. No gold overlay here which is obviously quite different from both the tabernacle in the wilderness and the temple of Solomon.

- **The chapter is concluded with observing the decorations and lights on the doors, porch, and side chambers of the temple and sanctuary, Eze. 41:23-26**

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 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 of the temple,

cherubims and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick planks 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.

Very descriptive of the doors upon which were cherubims and palm trees. Too there were narrow windows with palm trees on both sides and on the side chambers of the house.

Up to this point, we have read the description of the temple, the side chambers, the separate house, the incense altar and the description of the beauty of the house.

In the next chapter, the description of the temple complex will continue. We will read of:

- a description of some chambers in the northern part of the outward court, [Eze. 42:1-12](#);
- an account of the use of those chambers by the priests, [Eze. 42:13-14](#),
- And the measuring of the area, or whole compass of ground, upon which the entire temple complex is built, [Eze. 41:15-20](#).

Beloved, are you ready for this phase of the kingdom whereby the faithful in the churches at given dominion over the nations of the earth and shall reign with Christ a thousand years? Let us be diligent to faithfully keep his word so that is a certain reality for us.

Re 2:26-29 (KJV) *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my*

works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
27 *And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28* *And I will give him the morning star. 29* **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**