

Class #41 - Ezekiel's Temple (Ezekiel 40-48)

Objectives:

- Place Ezekiel 40-48 in the context of the other visions in the Book of Ezekiel.
- Recall important details from the construction of the tabernacle and temple
- Offer a basic explanation for the purpose of Ezekiel 40-48.

Review: Hope for Israel

Match the chapters of Ezekiel's "Hope" section with their highlight/summary:

- ch.33 _____ A. Ezekiel's role as the watchman repeated; Jerusalem falls
- ch.34 _____ B. Mountains of Israel will be inhabited & fruitful again
- ch.35 _____ C. Spirit revives the dry bones; two nations become one
- ch.36 _____ D. Armies of Gog destroyed to vindicate Yahweh's holiness
- ch.37 _____ E. Shepherds of Israel rebuked, God/David will be Shepherd
- ch.38-39 _____ F. Mount Seir condemned for Edom's plundering of Judah

Summarize each vision we've seen so far in Ezekiel

#1: Chapter 1-3

#2: Chapter 8-11

#3: Chapter 37

Background for Ezekiel's Temple

- Exodus 25-40: Building the Tabernacle
 - **Significance:** _____ of the Book of Exodus
 - **Purpose:** "That I may _____ in their midst." (25:8; 29:45-46)
 - **Basis:** Model of a _____ reality (25:40; 36:30)
 - **Features:**
 - Ark of the Covenant, mercy seat between _____ (25:10-22; 37:1-10)
 - Resemblance to a _____ / dwelling place (25:23, 31; 37:10,17)
 - Resemblance to a _____ (25:31-35; 37:17-21; 39:25-26)
 - **Conclusion:** Cloud of God's _____ fills the tabernacle (40:34-38)

- 1 Kings 6-8: Building the Temple
 - **Significance:** Part of God's _____ with David (8:15-21; see 2 Samuel 7)
 - **Purpose:** "Will God indeed _____ on the earth?" (8:27)
 - **Basis:** "If you will keep My _____." (6:11-13)
 - **Features:**
 - Spoken of as a _____ (6:1, 5, 12, 14, etc.)
 - Imagery of a _____ (6:18, 29; 7:18, 20, 36)
 - Visually _____ (6:2, 21-22; 7:15, 45-50; see Ezra 3:12)
 - **Conclusion:** Cloud of God's _____ fills the temple. (8:10-11)

Ezekiel's Temple: What does it all mean?

- Direct answer to the vision of God's presence _____ Jerusalem. (Ezekiel 8-11)
 - Glory of the Lord _____ the temple (43:5)
 - "The Lord is _____." (48:35)
- Features that don't (can't) work for the _____ rebuilding a temple in Jerusalem.
 - Spring that comes out of the temple and freshens the Dead Sea (ch.47)
 - Land allotments different than originally prescribed by Moses. (ch.47-48)
- Features the don't (can't) work for building under the _____ Covenant.
 - Animal sacrifices described in ch.43-46 done away with (Book of Hebrews)
 - We are the temple of God built together in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5)
 - No temple in John's vision of the new heavens/new earth (Revelation 21:22)
- Instead, this is an elaborate, _____ description of God dwelling with His people—starting with the exiles but truly fulfilled in _____ and the age to come.
 - Visions are intended to be _____, not necessarily dissected.
 - Symbols have _____, often connecting to other Bible passages.
 - _____ is the interpretative key for the Old Testament, including Ezekiel 40-48.