

# Ezekiel 41 - Temple Building (Cont'd)

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(ii) Holy place (41:1-2)

1 Then he brought me to the sanctuary, and he measured the side pillars: six cubits wide on each side was the width of the side pillar.

1 Then he brought me to the nave and measured the side pillars; six cubits wide on each side was the width of the side pillar.

1 Next he brought me to the Temple and measured its door jambs at six cubits wide on each side of the structure.

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.

2 The width of the entrance was ten cubits and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on each side. He also measured the length of the sanctuary, forty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.

2 The width of the entrance was ten cubits and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on each side. And he measured the length of the nave, forty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.

2 The entrance was ten cubits wide and its door jambs were five cubits wide on each side. He measured the length of the nave at 40 cubits and its width at 20 cubits.

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.

(iii) Most holy place (41:3-4)

3 Then he went inside and measured each side pillar of the doorway, two cubits, and the doorway, six cubits *high*; and the width of the doorway, seven cubits.

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3 Then he went inside and measured the door jambs at two cubits wide and the doorway at six cubits high. The doorway was seven cubits wide.

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 And he measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, before the sanctuary; and he said to me, "This is the Most Holy Place."

4 He measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, before the nave; and he said to me, "This is the most holy *place*."

4 He measured its length at 20 cubits, its width at 20 cubits in front of the structure, and then he told me, "This is the most holy area."

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.

- The dimensions of the two apartments are the same as in Solomon's temple, since being fixed originally by God

- The angel went in and measured it, while Ezekiel stood in front, in the only part of the temple accessible to him

#### (iv) Side chambers (41:5-11)

5 Then he measured the wall of the temple, six cubits; and the width of the side chambers, four cubits, all around the house on every side.

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5 Next, he measured the Temple walls at six cubits high and the width of the side chambers at four cubits around all four sides of the Temple.

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 The side chambers were in three *stories*, one above another, and thirty in each story; and the side chambers extended to the wall which *stood* on their inward side all around, so that they could be attached, but not be attached to the wall of the temple *itself*.

6 The side chambers were in three stories, one above another, and thirty in each story; and the side chambers extended to the wall which *stood* on their inward side all around, that they might be fastened, and not be fastened into the wall of the temple *itself*.

6 The side chambers consisted of three stories, each above the other, with 30 chambers in each story. The side chambers extended out from the wall that faced the inside of the chambers where the chambers were fastened together, but the chamber walls were not fastened directly into the Temple walls themselves.

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.

7 And the side chambers surrounding *the temple* were wider at each successive story. Because the structure surrounding the temple *went* upward by stages on all sides of the temple, for that reason the width of the temple *increased* as it went higher; and so one went up from the lowest *story* to the highest by way of the second *story*.

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7 The side chambers surrounding the Temple were wider at each successive story, because the surrounding structure ascended by proportional increments as it rose, ascending to the highest story by going up successively from the lowest.

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.

8 I saw also that the house had a raised platform all around; the foundations of the side chambers were a full rod of six long cubits *in height*.

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8 I observed a raised platform that surrounded the Temple, and the foundations of the side chambers were a full six cubits deep.

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.

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9 The outer wall of the side chambers was five cubits thick, and there was an empty space between the Temple's side chambers

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 the *outer* chambers was twenty cubits in width around the temple on every side.

10 and the *outer* chambers was twenty cubits in width all around the temple on every side.

10 and its outer chambers 20 cubits in width, surrounding the Temple on each side.

10 And between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 The doorways of the side chambers toward the free space *consisted of* one doorway toward the north, and another doorway toward the south; and the width of the free space was five cubits all around.

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11 The side chamber doorway facing the free space contained a single north-facing doorway and a second south-facing doorway. The width of the free space was five cubits all around the perimeter.

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.

#### (v) Separate building (41:12-14)

12 The building that was in front of **the separate area** at the side toward the west was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the **building** was five cubits thick all around, and its length was ninety cubits.

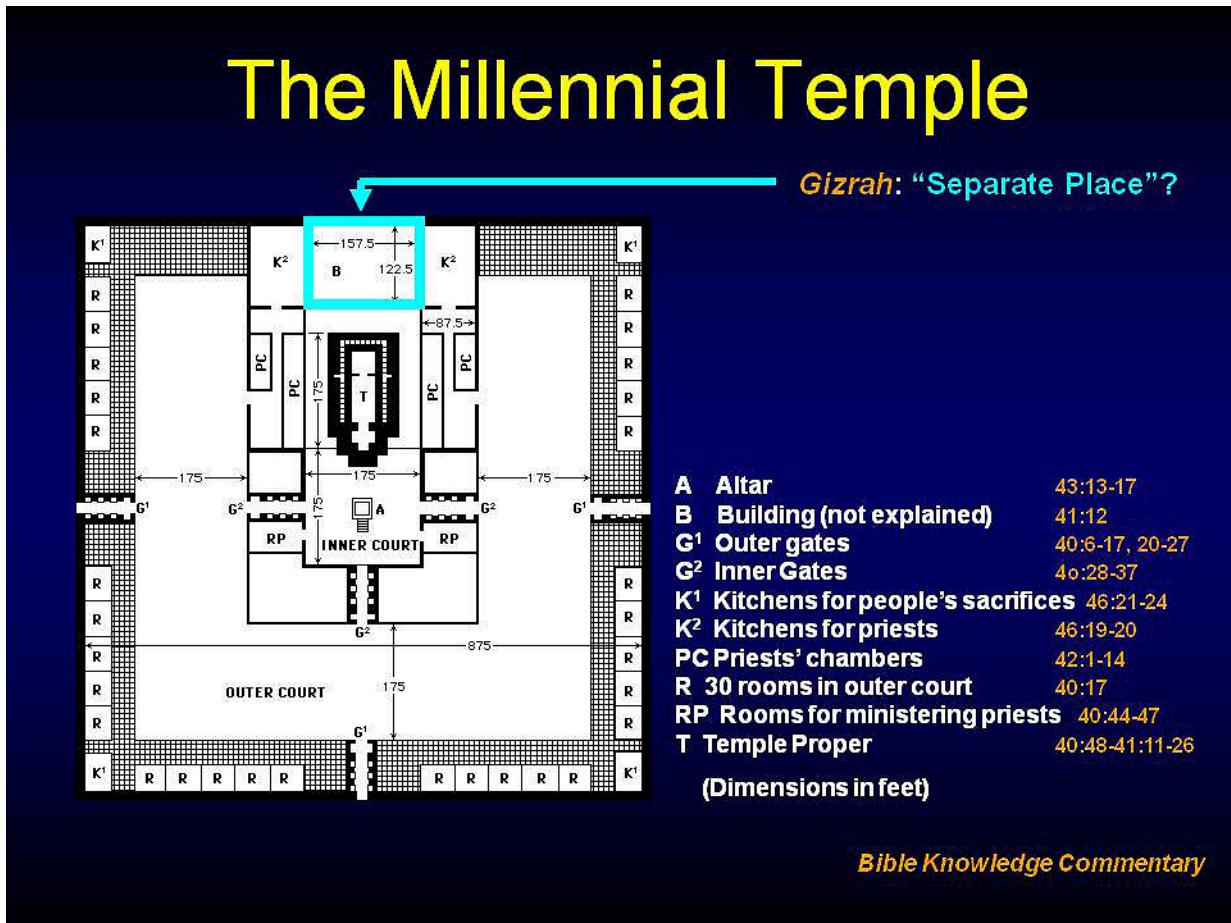
12 The building that was in front of the separate area at the side toward the west was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length was ninety cubits.

12 The building that faced the west side of the courtyard was 70 cubits wide, and the building's wall was five cubits thick all around. It was 90 cubits long.

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.

- "...the separate area" - *gizrah*, a place reserved for repair, polishing, maintenance support? The building, or the space it faces?

- Behind Solomon's temple lay a similar space (2 Kings 23:11; 1 Chr 26:18)
  - "...building" - *binyan*, behind the Temple
  - Its purpose is not explained: a large building (90 x 70 cubits, with walls 5 cubits thick) behind or west of the Temple, facing the temple yard ("separate place" - Gr. *gizrah* (41:12-15; 42:1,10,13)



## The Temple

**13** Then he measured the temple, a hundred cubits long; **the separate area** with the building and its walls were also a hundred cubits long.

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**13** Then he measured the Temple. It was 100 cubits long, and the courtyard, its building, and its walls were 100 cubits long.

**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;

- "...the separate area" - on the west or back of the temple, there was a separate place occupied by buildings of the same external dimensions as the temple, that is, one hundred cubits square in the entire compass

— The purpose of this space is not explained

14 Also the width of the front of the temple and *that of* the separate areas along the east *side totaled* a hundred cubits.

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14 The front of the Temple and its east-facing courtyard were each 100 cubits long.

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

(vi) Temple interior (41:15-26)

15 And he measured the length of the building along the front of the separate area behind it, with a gallery on each side, a hundred cubits; *he also measured* the inner sanctuary and the porches of the courtyard.

15 He measured the length of the building along the front of the separate area behind it, with a gallery on each side, a hundred cubits; *he also measured* the inner nave and the porches of the court.

15 Next, he measured 100 cubits as the length of the structure toward the front of the courtyard that stood behind it, where it housed a gallery on each side of it. Then he measured the Temple and the inner porticos of the courtyard,

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;

16 The thresholds, the latticed windows, and the galleries all around their three *stories*, opposite the threshold, were paneled with wood all around, and *from* the ground to the windows (but the windows were covered),

16 The thresholds, the latticed windows and the galleries round about their three stories, opposite the threshold, were paneled with wood all around, and *from* the ground to the windows (but the windows were covered),

16 the thresholds, the shielded windows, and the surrounding three-storied galleries that stood opposite. From the ground to the shielded windows, they were paneled with wood all around,

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 over the entrance, and to the inner house, and on the outside, and on all the wall all around inside and outside, *by measurement*.

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17 including up to the doorway, up to the Temple (both within and without) and all around both sides of the inner wall, according to his measurement.

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 It was carved with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces:

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18 There were carved cherubim and palm trees, alternating with a palm tree between a cherub, and each cherub had two faces,

**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 a human face toward the palm tree on one side and a young lion's face toward the palm tree on the other side; they were carved on all the house all around.

19 a man's face toward the palm tree on one side and a young lion's face toward the palm tree on the other side; they were carved on all the house all around.

19 with a human face looking toward the palm tree on one side and a young lion's face looking toward the palm tree on the other side. These carvings extended all the way around the Temple,

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.

20 From the ground to above the entrance cherubim and palm trees were carved, as well as *on* the wall of the sanctuary.

20 From the ground to above the entrance cherubim and palm trees were carved, as well as *on* the wall of the nave.

20 from the ground to above the doorway, as well as on the walls of the main sanctuary.

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

## **The Exterior**

**21** The doorposts of the sanctuary were square; as for the front of the *inner* sanctuary, the appearance of one doorpost was like that of the other.

**21** The doorposts of the nave were square; as for the front of the sanctuary, the appearance of one doorpost was like that of the other.

**21** The door posts of the main sanctuary were square. Each door post was identical in appearance to the others.

**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.

**22** The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits; its corners, its base, and its sides were of wood. And he said to me, "This is the table that is before the LORD."

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**22** The altar was made of wood, three cubits high and two cubits long. Its corners, base, and sides were of wood. He told me, "This table stands in the LORD's presence."

**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.

- Altar of Incense (vs. Brazen Altar in outer court)

**23** The sanctuary and the *inner* sanctuary each had a double door.

**23** The nave and the sanctuary each had a double door.

**23** The nave and the sanctuary each were equipped with double doors.

**23** And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

**24** Each of the doors had two leaves, two swinging leaves; two leaves for one door and two leaves for the other.

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**24** Each door had two sections mounted on hinges, for a total of two sections for one door and two sections for the other.

**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** Also there were carved on them, on the doors of the main room, cherubim and palm trees like those carved on the walls; and there was a threshold of wood on the front of the porch outside.

25 Also there were carved on them, on the doors of the nave, cherubim and palm trees like those carved on the walls; and *there was* a threshold of wood on the front of the porch outside.

25 The doors of the nave had carvings engraved on them, consisting of cherubim and palm trees identical to those on the walls. The front of the exterior porch was equipped with a wooden threshold.

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* latticed windows and palm trees on one side and on the other, on the sides of the porch; *the same were* on the side chambers of the house and the thresholds.

26 *There were* latticed windows and palm trees on one side and on the other, on the sides of the porch; thus were the side chambers of the house and the thresholds.

26 Shielded windows and palm trees were visible on both sides; that is, on the sides of the porch, the side chambers of the Temple, and on its thresholds.

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.