

THE EXCITING DESIGN OF EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE



**GOD DISLIKES FANCY BUILDINGS**

Exodus 20:24 An **altar of earth** you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings... And if you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones; for if you wield your tool upon it you profane it.

1 Chronicles 17:4 You shall not build me a house to dwell in. <sup>5</sup> For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I led up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling. <sup>6</sup> In all places where I have moved with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

**NO LITERAL TEMPLE ?**

"I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple." Rev. 21:22

Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you? 1 Cor. 6:19

"Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." John 2:19

**TEMPLE FUTURE & LITERAL ?**

**Spiritually it has begun**

**Magic Leaves**

Never die  
Food  
Power to Heal

### ALREADY HAPPENING ?

Ezek. 47: 12 "Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."



That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Ps. 1:3

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jer. 17:8

### LIVING WATER

I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple... where the river flows everything will live. Ezek. 47

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water." John 7:38

### Temple is Measured



I was given a measuring rod like a staff and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the number of worshippers there." Rev 11:1

I saw a man whose appearance was like bronze. He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring rod in his hand. Son of man," ... "look with your eyes, hear with your ears, and pay attention ... Report everything you see to the house of Israel." Ez. 40:3-4

### SON OF MAN

#### Jesus & Ezekiel among Temple objects



Son of man, describe the temple to the people of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their sins. Let them consider its perfection, and if they are ashamed of all they have done, make known to them the design of the temple—its arrangement, its exits and entrances (gates)—its whole design and all its regulations and laws. Ezek. 43:10-11

I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was One like the Son of Man Rev. 1:13

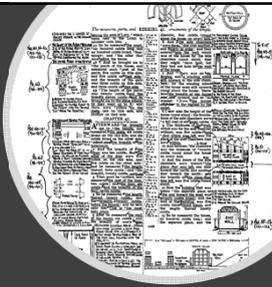
### Sulley's designs (Henry Sulley 1845-1940)

As a Christadelphian Sulley toured Australia, New Zealand, America and Canada, showing his large illustrated architectural designs for Ezekiel's temple, in lecture halls and museums, typically over two or three nights. These public lectures followed a regular pattern: archaeology, architecture, prophecy, and then preaching. On his journeys he would write articles for publication in England giving impressions on the buildings he saw; for example, noting that the [temple] was a marvel, but that the corner-towers of Ezekiel's temple would be two-and-a-half times taller.



If Deity so carefully specified the structure which was to be used for worship when the children of Israel occupied the land of Palestine under the law, how much more necessary to furnish the design for that building which is to be used for universal worship in the day of Israel's glory!

Henry Sulley






"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will **come to his temple**" Mal. 3:1



### EASTERN GATE ?

Ezekiel 44:1-3  
 Then the man brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was shut. The Lord said to me, "This gate is to remain shut. It must not be opened; no one may enter through it. It is to remain shut because the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered through it. The **prince himself** is the only one who may sit inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the Lord. He is to enter by way of the portico of the gateway and go out the same way."



### Jesus was the Shekinah Glory

The glory of the Lord entered the temple according to **the way of the gate** facing east. ... and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. Ezek. 43:4  
*"And the Word became flesh, and **tabernacled** among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... **the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him.**"*  
 John 1:14-18 Youngs



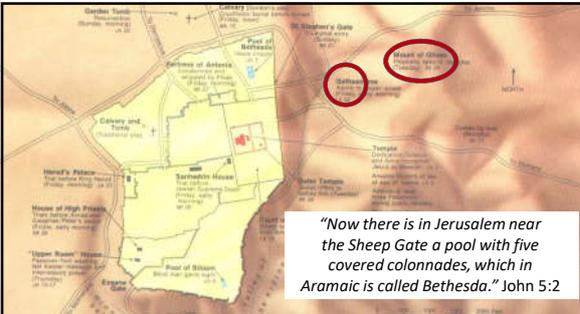
*"We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus"*  
 Heb. 10:19

Jesus the WAY to Lord's presence

The prince himself is the only one who may sit inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the LORD." Ezek. 44:2

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. John 10:9



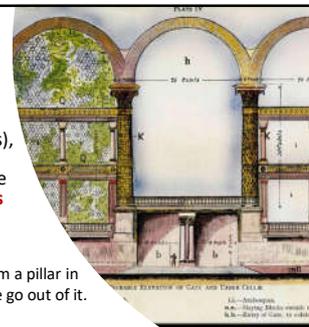
*"Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool with five covered colonnades, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda."* John 5:2

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29



### The Measure of the Gate

“And their **windows** (entrances), and their **arches**, and their **palm trees**, were after the **measure of the gate that looks toward the east.**” Ezek. 40:22



The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it. Rev 3:12

### GATES OF JERUSALEM

#### Ezekiel

These will be the exits of the city... they will be named after the tribes of Israel - (12 gates) Ezek. 48:30



#### Revelation

On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. (12 gates) Rev. 21:13

### Palm Trees (read)

The righteous will flourish like a **palm tree**, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted **in the house of the LORD**, they will flourish in the **courts of our God**. They will still bear **fruit** in old age, they will **stay fresh** and green proclaiming, “The LORD is upright; Ps. 92:12-15

“How beautiful you are and how pleasing, my love, with your delights! Your stature (**height**) is like a **palm tree**” Song 7:6-7



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Ezek. 47:9-12

Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. **The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Great Sea (Mediterranean)**

“Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of **Great fish, 153**, but even with so many the net was not torn.

“Those who have written about animated nature say that there are **153** kinds of fish (in Mediterranean). One of each of these kinds was caught by the Apostle, and more remained uncaught. For noble and ignoble, rich and poor, all sorts and conditions of men, are drawn out of the sea of this world to salvation.” Jerome (345-420CE)

### The Right Side

He told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it there, and they were unable to haul it in because of the great number of fish. John 21



"Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy hill? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart" Ps. 15

End ?

### CONTINUING SACRIFICES ?

They shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having charge* at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the **sacrifice** for the people  
Ezek 44:11

Heb. 9:11 "When Christ came as high priest ...he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands...He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place **once for all** by his own blood."

### No Foreigners is Ezekiel's Inner Temple

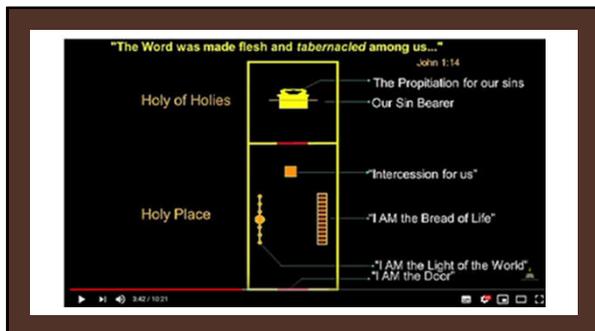
"No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary. Ezek. 44:9

Jer. 9:26 "Like all these foreign nations, the people of Israel also have uncircumcised hearts."



### Borders of Israel

"On the east side the boundary will run between Hauran and Damascus, along the Jordan between Gilead and the land of Israel, to the Dead Sea and as far as Tamar. This will be the eastern boundary." Ezek. 47:18



**EDEN**  
God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden...In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...A river watering the garden flowed from Eden

**JERUSALEM**  
Ezek 5:5 This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her.

God's dwelling is with people  
He rode the Cheurbim and came down  
Dwells between cherubs  
King of Tyre was cherub in Eden  
Meaning of Cherubs on the ark

Gen. 11:4 city with tower with top in heaven

Ezek. 40:2 city with temple with centre in heavenly place

**THE SHEEP GATE** (on East near pool of Bethesda)

When Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked...I answered them, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, **you have no share in Jerusalem** or any claim or historic right to it." Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and **rebuilt the Sheep Gate**. Neh. 2:20-3:1

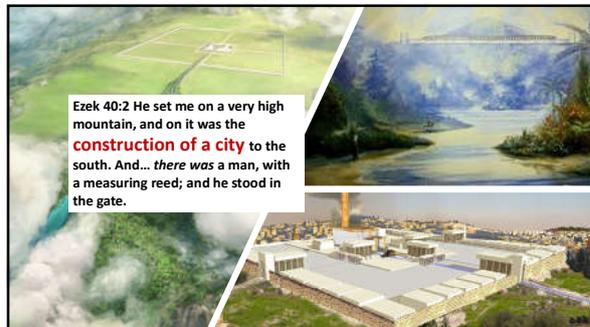
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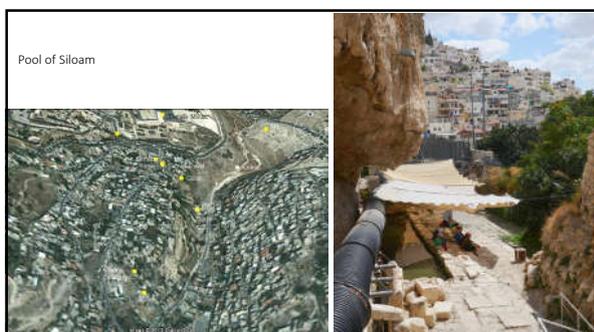
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### Emblematic Parallelism - one thought figurative, the other literal

<p>“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” Prov. 27:17</p>	<p><i>The seven lampstands are the seven churches. Rev. 12:1 &amp; 20</i></p>
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**144,000 = Great Multitude**

**SYMBOLIC**

Then I **heard** the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. Rev 7:4



**LITERAL**

After this I **saw**, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Rev 7:9

