

*Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 10; Phil. 1; Ezekiel 40; Psalm 91*

## *October 7 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **1Kings 10**

A record of the visit to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the gifts she brought.

#### **The Queen of Sheba**

**1Ki 10:1** And the sovereignty of Sheba heard of the report of Shelomoh concerning the Name of יהוה, and **came to try him with hard questions.**

1Ki 10:2 And she came to Yerushalayim with a very great company, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones. And she came to Shelomoh, and she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

1Ki 10:3 **And Shelomoh answered all her questions.** There was no matter hidden for the sovereign that he did not make known to her.

1Ki 10:4 And the sovereignty of Sheba saw

- all the wisdom of Shelomoh,
- and the house that he had built,
- 1Ki 10:5 and the food on his table,
- and the seating of his servants,
- and the service of his waiters and their attire,
- and his cupbearers,
- and his ascending offerings which he offered in the House of יהוה,
- and there was no more spirit in her.

1Ki 10:6 Then she said to the sovereign, **"The word I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom was true.**

- 1Ki 10:7 "But I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes. And see, I have not been told the half!
- Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the report which I heard.
- 1Ki 10:8 "Blessed are your men and blessed are these your servants, who stand continually before you, who are hearing your wisdom!
- 1Ki 10:9 "Blessed be יהוה your Elohim, who delighted in you, to put you on the throne of Yisra'el!
- Because יהוה has loved Yisra'el forever, therefore He made you sovereign, to do right-ruling and righteousness."

1Ki 10:10 **And she gave the sovereign**

- ❖ one hundred and twenty talents of gold,
- ❖ and very many spices,

- ❖ and precious stones. Never again did so many spices come as the sovereignty of Sheba gave to Sovereign Shelomoh.

1Ki 10:11 **And also, the ships of Hiram,**

- ❖ which brought gold from Ophir,
- ❖ brought almug wood,
- ❖ a great many, and precious stones from Ophir.

1Ki 10:12 And the sovereign made steps of the almug wood for the House of יהוה and for the sovereign's house, also lyres and harps for singers. No such almug wood has come or been seen to this day.

1Ki 10:13 **And Sovereign Shelomoh gave the sovereignty of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what he gave her according to the hand of Sovereign Shelomoh. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.**

**Solomon's Great Wealth** – A record of Solomon's great wealth, possessions, and wisdom.

1Ki 10:14 **And the weight of gold that came to Shelomoh yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold.**

1Ki 10:15 besides that from men of travel, and the profit from traders, and from all the sovereigns of Arabia, and from the governors of the land.

1Ki 10:16 **And Sovereign Shelomoh made**

- ✚ two hundred large shields of beaten gold – six hundred pieces of gold went into each shield;
- ✚ 1Ki 10:17 and three hundred shields of beaten gold – three minas of gold went into each shield. And the sovereign put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.
- ✚ 1Ki 10:18 And the sovereign made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with refined gold.
- ✚ 1Ki 10:19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round at the back, and there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests.
- ✚ 1Ki 10:20 And twelve lions were standing there, one on each side of the six steps. The like of it was never made in any reign.
- ✚ 1Ki 10:21 And all the drinking vessels of Sovereign Shelomoh were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of refined gold – not of silver, for this was reckoned of little value in the days of Shelomoh.

1Ki 10:22 **For the sovereign had ships of Tarshish at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and baboons.**

1Ki 10:23 **And Sovereign Shelomoh was greater than any of the sovereigns of the earth in riches and wisdom.**

1Ki 10:24 **And all the earth sought the presence of Shelomoh to hear his wisdom,** which Elohim had put in his heart.

1Ki 10:25 **And they were each bringing his present:**

- objects of silver
- and objects of gold,
- and garments,
- and armour,
- and spices,
- horses,
- and mules, the matter of a year by year.

**1Ki 10:26 And Shelomoh gathered chariots and horsemen,**

- and he had one thousand four hundred chariots
- and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the sovereign in Yerushalayim.

**1Ki 10:27** And the sovereign made silver as common in Yerushalayim as stones, and he made cedars as plenty as the sycamores which are in the low country.

**1Ki 10:28** And Shelomoh had horses brought out from Mitsrayim and Quěh; the sovereign's merchants bought them in Quěh at a price.

**1Ki 10:29** And a chariot came up and went out from Mitsrayim for six hundred pieces of silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty. And so, by their hand, they brought them out to all the sovereigns of the Hittites and the sovereigns of Aram.

## **Philippians 1**

Paul and Silas first visit Philippi on Paul's second missionary journey. Just prior, Paul had picked up Timothy in Lystra and Luke in Troas. Their visit to Philippi was quite eventful and is recorded in Acts 16. Later, Paul passes through Philippi twice [coming and going] on his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey.

Act 16:11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrake, and the next day came to Neapolis,

Act 16:12 and **from there to Philippi, which is the principal city of that part of Makedonia**, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.

Several encounters and events take place in Philippi and the Philippian church earnestly loved Paul for the knowledge of truth he had shared.

- Just outside of Philippi by the river, Lydia of Thyatira, a woman who was a 'seller of purple' is converted and immersed.
- Paul encounters the slave-girl in whom he casts out the spirit of Puthon. This money-making possessed slave-girl, was set-free and her masters were angry due to their financial loss.

- They insight the crowd and the captains order Paul and Silas to be beaten with rods and placed in the inner prison with their feet fastened in stocks. There they prayed and sang songs to Elohim and through a mighty earthquake they are set free. The Philippian jailer was about to kill himself when Paul stops him; assuring him all the prisoners were accounted for. After experiencing this miracle, the Philippian jailer and his household believe and are immersed.

So now Paul is writing to this beloved church of Philippi with a heart-felt greeting along with prayers and thanksgiving.

**Php 1:1** Sha'ul and Timotiyos, servants of **יהושע** Messiah, to all the set-apart ones in Messiah **יהושע** who are in Philippi, with the overseers and attendants:

**Php 1:2** Favour to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master **יהושע** Messiah.

**Php 1:3** I thank my Elohim in all my remembrance of you.

**Php 1:4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy,

**Php 1:5** for your fellowship in the Good News from the first day until now,

**Php 1:6** being persuaded of this, that He who has begun a good work in you shall **perfect<sup>a</sup>** it until the day of **יהושע** Messiah.

**Php 1:7** It is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, all of you being sharers of the favour with me, both in my chains and in the defence and confirmation of the Good News.

**Php 1:8** For Elohim is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of **יהושע** Messiah.

**Php 1:9** And this I pray, that your love might extend more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

**Php 1:10** for you to examine the *matters* that differ, in order to be sincere, and not stumbling, until the day of Messiah,

**Php 1:11** being filled with the **fruit of righteousness,<sup>b</sup>** through **יהושע** Messiah, to the esteem and praise of Elohim.

He assures the Philippians that YHWH is working all things together for good. Even through chains, Messiah was made known to all the palace guard. **YHWH orchestrates circumstances to accomplish reaching whomever He seeks.** Many believers have been used by YHWH to reach those imprisoned; physically, as well as spiritually.

Paul was Yahusha's chosen vessel to be sent to the nations to spread the Good News. Paul had emptied himself completely. We are all familiar with his following words:

### **The Advance of the Gospel**

**Php 1:12** And I wish you to know, brothers, that what has befallen me has turned out for the advancement of the Good News,

Php 1:13 so that it has become known to all the palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Messiah;

Php 1:14 and most of the brothers, trusting in the Master because of my chains, are much more bold to fearlessly speak the word.

Php 1:15 Some indeed proclaim Messiah even from envy and strife, but some also out of pleasure –

Php 1:16 the former announce Messiah from selfish ambition, not sincerely, thinking to add distress to my chains,

Php 1:17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defence of the Good News.

### To Live Is Messiah

Php 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Messiah is announced. And in this I rejoice, in fact, I shall rejoice.

Php 1:19 For I know that this shall turn out for my **deliverance<sup>C</sup>** through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of **יהושע** Messiah, **Footnote: <sup>C</sup>See Job 13:16.**

Php 1:20 according to my intense longing and anticipation that I shall not be ashamed at all, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Messiah shall be made great in my body, whether by life or by death.

Php 1:21 **For to me, to live is Messiah, and to die is gain.**

Php 1:22 **And if to live in the flesh is to me a fruit of work,** then what shall I choose? I do not know.

Php 1:23 For I am pressed down by the two, **having a desire to depart and be with Messiah,** which is much better,

Paul clearly states that if he died, he would be with Messiah. It doesn't say he would 'sleep' awaiting the Messiah. Yahusha is the resurrection and the life. The bodily resurrections from the grave will take place on the last day; but life means, that though a believer dies he lives; their soul along with His Spirit within them are in the presence of Messiah. We are one with Him.

Joh 11:23 **יהושע** said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Joh 11:25 **יהושע** said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. **He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.**

Joh 11:26 **"And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all.** Do you believe this?"

Php 1:24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

Php 1:25 And being persuaded of this, I know that I shall stay and continue with you all, for your progress and joy of belief,

Php 1:26 so that your boasting might overflow in **יהושע** Messiah on account of me, through my coming to you again.

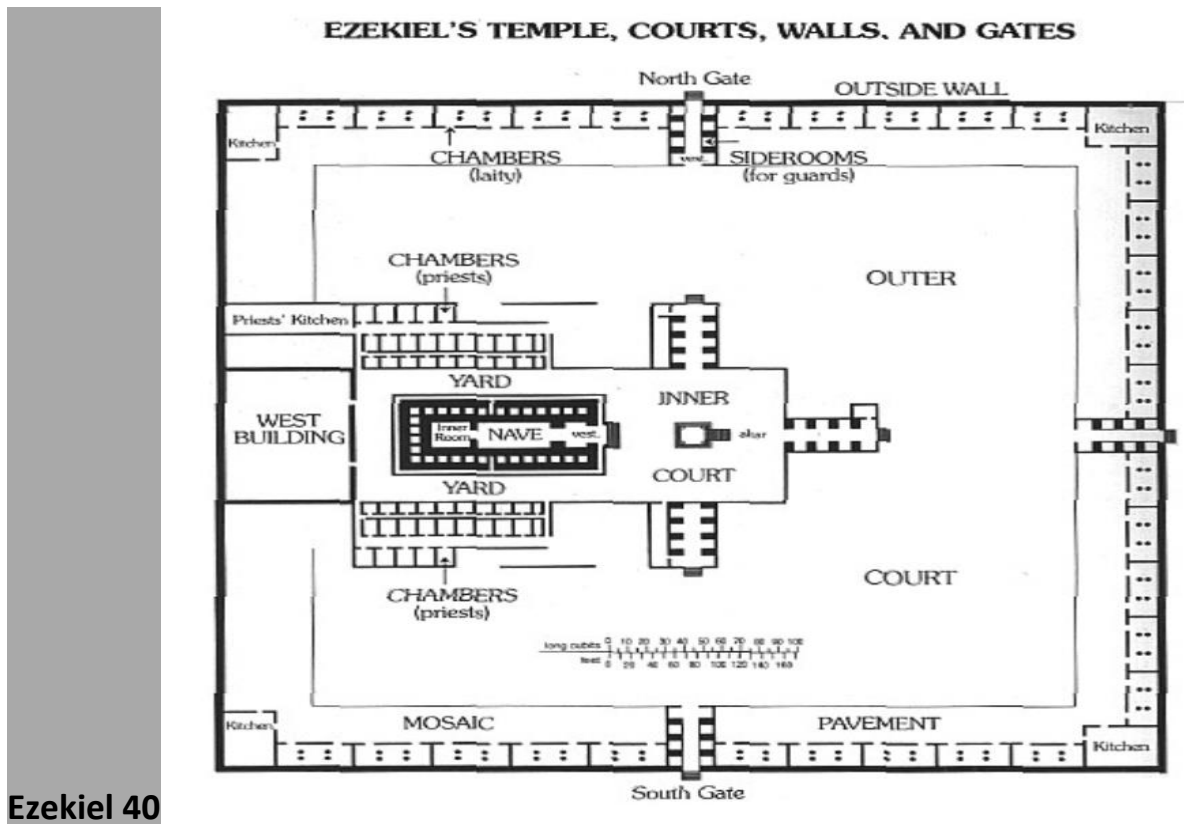
Then Paul gives a word to the Philippians as well as to all believers to heed.

Php 1:27 Only, **behave yourselves worthily of the Good News of Messiah**, in order that whether I come and see you or am absent, I hear about you, that you **stand fast in one spirit, with one being**, striving together for the belief of the Good News,

Php 1:28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose, which to them truly is a proof of destruction, but to you of deliverance, and that from Elohim.

Php 1:29 Because to you it has been given as a favour, on behalf of Messiah, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

Php 1:30 **having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.**



Ezekiel 40

Above is a **possible** rendering of Ezekiel's Temple – Ezekiel's temple **does not equate** to the sanctuary recorded in Revelation. Ezekiel's temple is NOT millennial. The two are NOT the same. Ezekiel is shown the details of a **proposed temple** that was a contingent offer made to both the house of Israel and Judah by YHWH **based on their repentance**. However, we will see they refuse to repent; therefore, the offer is retracted.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
F 0308	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) <small>(of King Jehoiachin's captivity)</small>
11	40:1 - 48:35 (regulated to back of Volume as an appendix. Ez. as ambassador with a Provisional Constitution, inc. temple visions, a conditional offer of national restoration contingent on both houses repenting. This would have been an interim constitution "until the time of reformation when the seed would come.")	10/04/25 (after 13 year silence) 43:10 purpose: to shame Israel into repentance

### Vision of the New Temple

**Eze 40:1** In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at Rosh<sup>a</sup> haShanah,<sup>b</sup> on the tenth of the new *moon*, in the fourteenth year after the city was stricken, on that same day the hand of יהוה came upon me and He brought me there. Footnotes: <sup>a</sup>Head. <sup>b</sup>Of the year.

**Adam Clarke's Commentary gives an exact date to be considered: Ezekiel 40:1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity** - According to the date here given, this prophecy was delivered on Tuesday, April 20, A.M. 3430, in the twenty-fifth year of the captivity of Jeconiah, and fourteen years after the taking of Jerusalem.

"Jewish" calendars declare Rosh haShanah to be the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. We know when YHWH led the captives out of Egypt, He defined the beginning of the year to be the 1<sup>st</sup> of Abib. The above date seems to coincide with the 'head of the year' being in the spring.

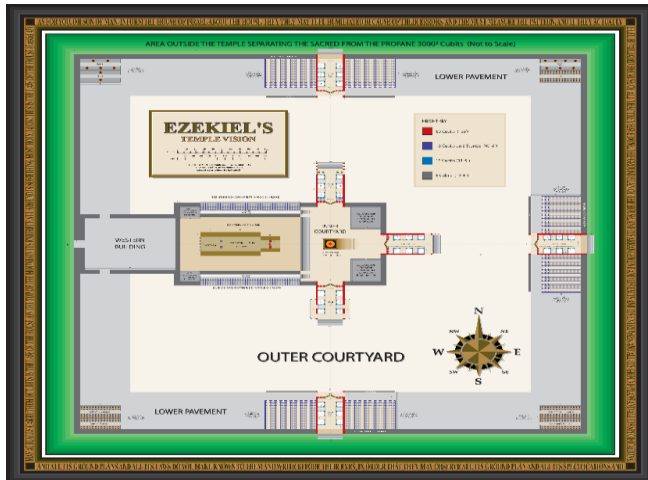
### The Passover

**Exo 12:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon in the land of Mitsrayim, saying,  
Exo 12:2 "This new *moon* is the beginning of new *moons* for you, it is the first new *moon* of the year for you.

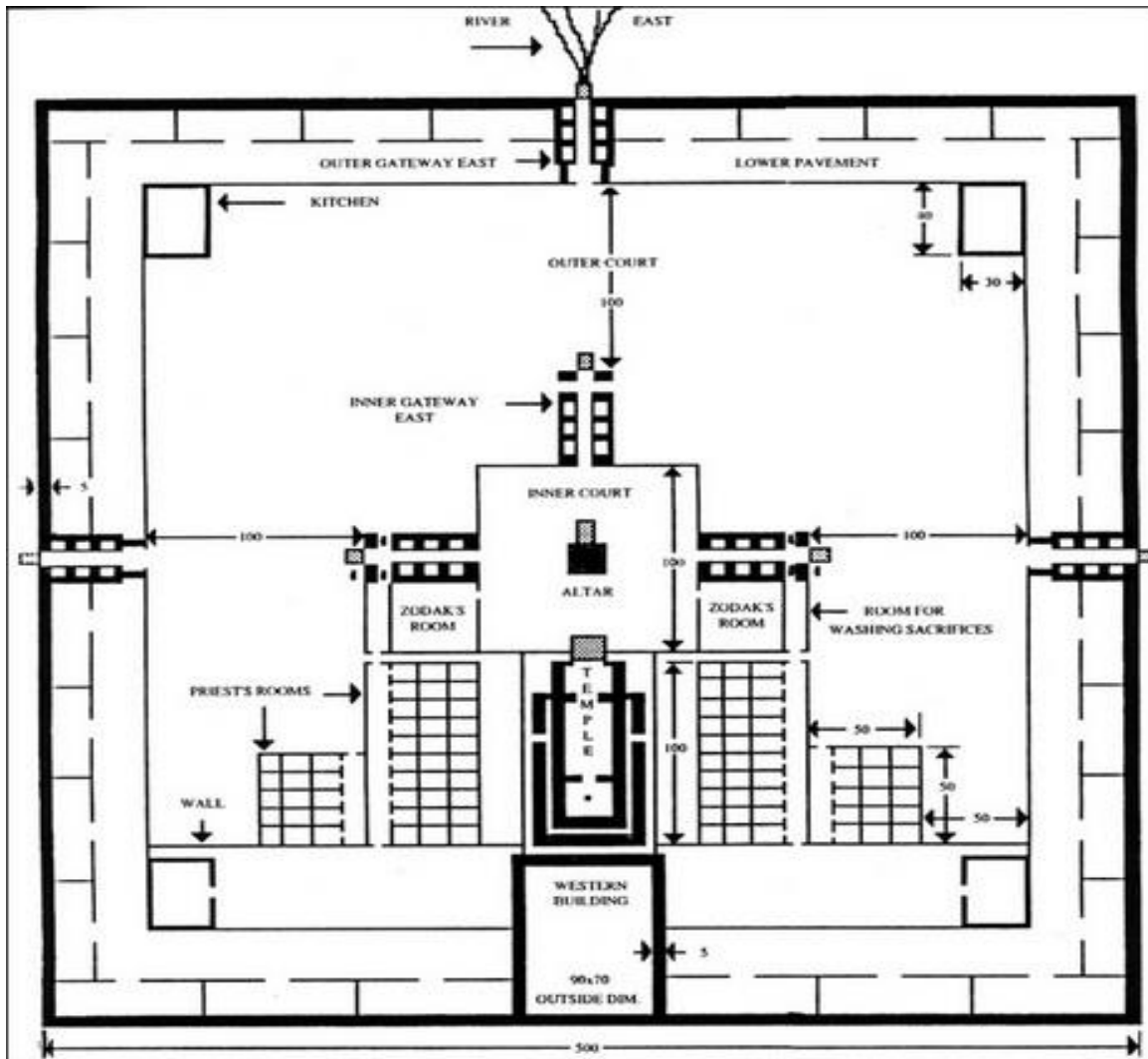
**Eze 40:2** In visions of Elohim He brought me into the land of Yisra'el and set me on a very high mountain, and upon it toward the south was as the structure of a city.

**Eze 40:3** So He brought me there, and look, a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, and a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand, and he stood in the gateway.

**Eze 40:4** And the man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I am showing you, for you were brought here in order to show them to you. Declare to the house of Yisra'el all that you are seeing."



Possible rendering of Ezekiel's Temple



Possible rendering of Ezekiel's temple



### **The East Gate to the Outer Court**

**Eze 40:5** And look: a wall all around the outside of the House, and in the man's hand a measuring rod six cubits long, each being a cubit and a handbreadth. And he measured the width of the wall structure, one rod, and the height one rod.

**Eze 40:6** Then he came to the gate facing east. And he went up its stairs and measured the threshold of the gate, one rod wide, and the other threshold, one rod wide,

**Eze 40:7** and the little room one rod long and one rod wide, and between the little rooms a space of five cubits. And the threshold of the gate inwards from the porch of the gate was one rod.

**Eze 40:8** Then he measured the porch of the inside gate, one rod.

**Eze 40:9** And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits, and its posts two cubits. And the porch of the gate was on the inside.

**Eze 40:10** And the little rooms of the east gate three on one side and three on the other, all three of the same size. And posts were of the same size on this side and that side.

**Eze 40:11** And he measured the width of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits, and the length of the gate thirteen cubits.

**Eze 40:12** And the border in front of the little rooms, one cubit on this side and one cubit on that side. And the gate room was six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side.

**Eze 40:13** And he measured the gate from the roof of one little room to the roof of the other, the width was twenty-five cubits, door to door.

**Eze 40:14** And he measured the posts, sixty cubits high, even to the post of the courtyard all around the gate.

**Eze 40:15** And from the front of the entrance gate to the front of the porch of the inner gate was fifty cubits.

**Eze 40:16** And there were narrowed window frames in the little rooms and to their posts at the inside of the gate all around, and for the porches too. And there were windows all around on the inside. And on each post were palm trees.

### **The Outer Court**

**Eze 40:17** And he brought me into the outer courtyard, and look, rooms and a pavement made all around the courtyard, thirty rooms on the pavement.

**Eze 40:18** And the pavement was by the side of the gates, equal to the length of the gates – the lower pavement.

**Eze 40:19** And he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner courtyard on the outside, one hundred cubits toward the east and the north.

### **The North Gate**

**Eze 40:20** And the gate of the outer courtyard facing north he measured its length and its width.

**Eze 40:21** And its little rooms, three on this side and three on that side, its posts and its porches, had the same measurements as the first gate, its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.

**Eze 40:22** And its windows and its porches, and its palm trees, had the same measurements as the gate facing east. And they went up to it by seven steps, and its porch was in front of it.

**Eze 40:23** And the gate of the inner courtyard was opposite the northern gate, and at the eastern gate. And he measured from gate to gate, one hundred cubits.

### **The South Gate**

**Eze 40:24** And he took me toward the south, and look, a gate toward the south. And he measured its posts and porches according to these measurements.

**Eze 40:25** And windows were in it and in its porches all around like those windows, its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.

**Eze 40:26** And seven steps led up to it, and its porch was in front of them. And it had palm trees on its posts, one on this side and one on that side.

**Eze 40:27** And the inner courtyard had a gate toward the south. And he measured from gate to gate toward the south, one hundred cubits.

### **The Inner Court**

**Eze 40:28** And he brought me to the inner courtyard through the south gate, and he measured the southern gate according to these measurements.

**Eze 40:29** And its little rooms, and its posts, and its porches were according to these measurements. And windows were in it and in its porches all around – fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

**Eze 40:30** And there were porches all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

**Eze 40:31** And its porches were toward the outer courtyard, and palm trees were on its posts, and eight steps led up to it.

**Eze 40:32** And he brought me into the inner courtyard toward the east, and he measured the gate according to these measurements.

**Eze 40:33** And its little rooms, and its posts, and its porches were according to these measurements. And windows were in it and in its porches all around – fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

**Eze 40:34** And its porches were toward the outer courtyard, and palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side, and eight steps led up to it.

**Eze 40:35** And he brought me to the north gate, and he measured it according to these

measurements,

**Eze 40:36** its little rooms, its posts, and its porches. And it had windows all around, its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.

**Eze 40:37** And its posts were toward the outer courtyard, and palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side, and eight steps led up to it.

**Eze 40:38** And there was a room with its entrance by the posts of the gate, where they washed the ascending offering.

**Eze 40:39** And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side and two tables on that side, on which to slay the ascending offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

**Eze 40:40** And on the outer side, as one went up to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables. And on the other side of the porch of the gate were two tables.

**Eze 40:41** Four tables were on this side and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate, eight tables on which they slew.

**Eze 40:42** And there were four tables of hewn stone for the ascending offering, one cubit and a half long, one cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high. On these they placed the instruments with which they slew the ascending offering and the slaughterings.

**Eze 40:43** And the double hooks, a handbreadth wide, were fastened all around. And on the tables was the flesh of the offerings.

### **Chambers for the Priests**

**Eze 40:44** And on the outside of the inner gate were the rooms for the singers in the inner courtyard, one at the side of the north gate and facing south, and the other at the side of the south gate facing north.

**Eze 40:45** And he said to me, "This room facing south is for the priests who guard the duty of the House.

**Eze 40:46** "And the room facing north is for the priests who guard the duty of the slaughter-place, **they are the sons of Tsadoq, from the sons of Lěwi, who come near יהוה** to serve Him."

**Eze 40:47** And he measured the courtyard, one hundred cubits long and one hundred cubits wide, a square. And the slaughter-place was in front of the House.

### **The Vestibule of the Temple**

**Eze 40:48** And he brought me to the porch of the House and measured the doorposts of the porch, five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side. And the width of the gate was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side.

**Eze 40:49** The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits. And by the steps which led up to it there were columns by the doorposts, one on this side and one on that side.

## Psalm 91

Whenever a person needs to find comfort and peace from the storms of life, one should read Psalm 91. It is a 'go-to chapter' for believers.

Psalm 91 speaks of the benefits of one who walks by faith in YHWH. We encounter spiritual battles that often can spill over into our physical realm. We are triumphant when our focus remains steadfast on Him. He takes full responsibility for us when we walk in covenant with Him. He is our everything!

### My Refuge and My Fortress

**Psa 91:1** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, Who abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

**Psa 91:2** He is saying of יהוה, "My refuge and my stronghold, My Elohim, in whom I trust!"

**Psa 91:3** For He delivers you from the snare of a trapper, From the destructive pestilence.

**Psa 91:4** He covers you with His feathers, And under His wings you take refuge; His truth is a shield and armour.

**Psa 91:5** You are not afraid of the dread by night, Of the arrow that flies by day,

**Psa 91:6** Of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Of destruction that ravages at midday.

**Psa 91:7** A thousand fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it does not come near you.

**Psa 91:8** Only with your eyes you look on, And see the reward of the wrong ones.

**Psa 91:9** Because you have made יהוה – My refuge, the Most High – your dwelling place,

**Psa 91:10** No evil befalls you, And a plague does not come near your tent;

**Psa 91:11** For He commands His messengers concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.

**Psa 91:12** They bear you up in their hands, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Psa 91:13** You tread upon lion and cobra, Young lion and serpent you trample under foot.

**Psa 91:14** "Because he cleaves to Me in love, Therefore I deliver him; I set him on high, Because he has known My Name.

**Psa 91:15** "When he calls on Me, I answer him; I am with him in distress; I deliver him and esteem him.

**Psa 91:16** "With long life I satisfy him, And show him My deliverance."

### *My Refuge and My Fortress*

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