

# Prophetic Fall Feasts

December 4, 2019 #45 Millennial Temple & River

The Millennial Temple is a literal temple where Jesus Christ will rule for 1000 years. Many OT prophets, including Isaiah, Daniel, Joel and Haggai spoke of this temple and its significance.

1. Called Ezekiel's Temple because God gave the plans and dimensions to Ezekiel in a vision.

## Ezekiel & His Vision:

- God strengthens
- Watchman for the house of Israel
- Born into the priestly line [Ezek. 1:3] but served God as a prophet.
- He knew the law and taught it to the people.
- True prophet = all his predictions came true in every detail
- He predicted the city of Tyre would be destroyed [26:1-14]. Every detail happened!
- He was living in exile in Babylon when he had this vision. [~573 BC]
- He was supernaturally transported to a high mountain in Israel where he saw the glorious temple that God would establish in the Millennium.
- He was told to record in amazing detail so he could present it to the Jewish people in captivity in Babylon. This would encourage them not only about the coming temple, but about their restoration and their glorious future.
- God wanted His hurting people to know that His judgments are always redemptive and His purpose was not to destroy them but to restore and reconcile them.

Ps. 94:15a But judgment shall return unto righteousness:

Note: This was God's purpose for them and for us also.

- This vision was to convict the Jews of their past unfaithfulness and to demonstrate, by this future hope, God's unconditional Love. [Ezek. 43:10-11]
- God was forced to judge them in the past, but in the future, He will re-gather them, cleanse them, and ultimately bless them.

Ezek. 36:26-27 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:

and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

<sup>27</sup> And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes,

and ye shall keep my judgments and do them.

In Ezekiel 40-48 Ezekiel sees a detailed vision of a grand and glorious temple.

Ezek. 40-44:3 describe the temple complex in unbelievable architectural detail.

Ezek. 44:4-46:24 spells out the return of the Lord to the temple and the new organization that He will establish.

Ezek. 47:1-48:35 tells of the incredible changes and blessings that will come to the Promised Land from the temple.

## *The Millennial Mountain of Jehovah's House*

The land will undergo some tremendous geographical and topographical changes at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ.

Isa. 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

Zech. 14:4,10 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

[Large plateau on top will be 50 miles in each direction. Outer court = 400,000 sq. ft.]

In Israel: The rise of a very high mountain that will become the highest mountain of the world.

The Millennial Temple and Millennial Jerusalem will be on the top of the mountain.

The Temple area itself will measure 500 reeds on each of its four sides (a reed is ~ 10').

The Millennial Temple will, therefore, be approximately one mile square. It will be the largest and most magnificent structure ever erected, and it will all be for the glory of God.

Zech. 6:12-13 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is

The BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the LORD:

<sup>13</sup> Even He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. [Office of King & Priest will be joined.]

Ezekiel's Temple: Haggai 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

➤ Function as Christ's dwelling place, His throne room, for His 1000 year earthly reign.

➤ A place for His glory which will be a visible sign of God's presence among His people.

Luke 1:32-33 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

➤ Fulfillment of prophecy and promise

Isa. 2:2-4 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be EXALTED above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. <sup>3</sup> And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And he shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

- Jerusalem will be the center of world government.
- The Law of the His Kingdom will emanate from this mountain.
- This will result in worldwide peace. Difference among the nations will be settled by the Word of The Lord that will come from the Mountain of Jehovah's House.

Isa. 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Ezek. 20:40-41 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.<sup>41</sup> I will accept you with your sweet savor, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

- It will be the focal point and worship center for His Kingdom.
- The Temple will demonstrate Christ's holiness and purity. [Ezek. 43:12]
- Holiness will permeate everything connected to the Temple.

Isa. 56:6-8 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;<sup>7</sup> Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

- High mountain will become a place of prayer for all peoples - Jews & Gentiles

Ezekiel provides details of this very high Mountain of Jehovah's House.

Ezek. 40:1-4 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity [April 28, 573 BC], in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

- 25<sup>th</sup> year of the 70 years of captivity: 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan

a. Passover: Remind them of Israel's deliverance from Egypt

b. Beginning of Religious Year

Ezekiel is given a special revelation of Israel's future in the Messianic Kingdom.

40:2 In the visions of God brought He me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.

- He saw a very high mountain which had the skyline of a city on its southern side. [v.2]
- This city is the Millennial Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> And He brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

Rev. 1:15a And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;

Note: "Bronze speaks of God's righteous judgment that is perfectly just and tempered, wisely administered with precision and perfect timing to get the results He desires and motivated by love."

Sin and uncleanness were dealt with at the bronze altar.

Only then can a person enter the pure and holy presence of God.

40:3b with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

Note: To measure property is symbolic of claiming it for yourself;

"shows ownership and defining the parameters of God's possession" [MacArthur]

Before the "brass man" gives Ezekiel a guided tour of the temple precincts, the guide gave Ezekiel some solemn counsel.

<sup>4</sup> And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and SET THINE HEART upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

- He is to declare this message to the House of Israel.

Two Instruments Of Measurement:

A. The Rod Of Measurement - Measure the details of the House of God

The Man of Brass with His measuring rod: the object in view is Christ. He governs everything. Jesus Christ will judge our lives, our walk, our works.

His standard is The Word of God, Jesus Christ.

Question: Is He the Fullness of the Godhead bodily? [Col. 2:9] Is Jesus Christ in me? [Col. 1:27]

I Corinthians is an example of the fullness of Christ being diminished within the church by the intrusion of the fleshly or carnal man. Paul held up the measuring rod against the church when He said: "I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." [2:2] Paul brought in The Righteous Man to correct the things that were unrighteous.

By bringing in the Righteous Man, he put out the unrighteous man.

By bringing in the Man of the Spirit, he put out the man of the flesh.

B. The Linen Cord Of Measurement - Line Of Flax - The Measureless Measure

1. No measurement is given: Linen Cord was used for the greater measurements.

2. Bronze Man with the Line of Flax shows us there is great fullness of Christ.

a. He is God's standard of measure. God measure everything by Jesus Christ.

b. The Letters to the 7 churches: Jesus Christ is measuring them according to His Fullness. He shows them where they are failing to overcome and to attain unto His Fullness!

d. We all will be measured by His Fullness and whether we have gained it!

Consider: We are to be filled with the FULLNESS of JESUS CHRIST.

- This supernatural life can only be lived because we are indwelt by a supernatural Person whose indwelling Presence is to make the life of Christ a living reality within us.
  - The Holy Spirit had indwelt, infilled and empowered Jesus Christ in His earthly life.
- Heb. 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- He would now indwell, infill and empower those who believed on Jesus Christ.
  - We are baptized with the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.  
He is the means of us becoming full-grown in Christ.
  - To be filled with the Holy Spirit is the standard for every Christian.
  - Normal Christians are filled and continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Consider: There are conditions to maintain the fullness of the Spirit.

- ❖ My position in Jesus Christ makes me a potential partaker of the fullness of Christ.
- ❖ We are "made full."

Col. 2:9-10 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

<sup>10</sup> And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

- ❖ At the moment of salvation, the fountain of fullness in Christ is opened to me.

Question: Is this fullness possible for me?

John 4:14 But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

- ❖ Water is the type of the Spirit. [John 7:38-39]
- ❖ Christ is not called the water of life, but He gives this water to those who thirst and drink.
- ❖ In him a well of water springing up into everlasting life: leaping up in an exhaustless, irrepressible way; springing up and overflowing - Fullness
- ❖ Whosoever: It is a term big enough to include ALL.
- ❖ Shall never thirst: Have perfect inward satisfaction and sufficiency

John 7:37-38 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. <sup>38</sup> He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Rivers of living water: not a stream or a river; RIVERS

Shall flow: not a Dead Sea but a river that refreshes and renews every life it touches

From within: an inflow demands an outflow and an overflow

Question: Is this fullness optional?

Eph. 5:18 Be ye filled with the Spirit.

Consider: If I choose to disobey this command, I will not live a life of victory, holiness and power.

Question: Why Do I Not Experience The Fullness of the Spirit?

1. Ignorance: In Christ I possess The fullness of the Spirit, but because of ignorance of God's Word, I lack the knowledge and therefore, the experience.
2. Unbelief: I know the truth intellectually and doctrinally, but I have not appropriated this fullness by faith.

Heb. 3:19 So we see that they could not enter because of unbelief.

Two reasons I do not experience the FULLNESS.

1. Unconfessed sin: The infilling and fullness demand cleansing from all known sin. The cleansing is not the infilling but it rids us of what prevents the fullness and makes us ready for it.
2. Unyielded life: It is an uncrucified and uncontrolled self. Requires: utter dethronement of self and the voluntary enthronement of Jesus Christ  
Yielding is not the infilling but it prepares us for it. Emptying makes ready for infilling.

Question: How do I live in this fullness?

John 7:37 If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.

Thirst: An intense desire for holiness for Christ's sake; a longing for God Himself

Drink: This is an action. Thirst is desire: I want water. Drink: I take water.

Phil. 3:10-14 That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

<sup>11</sup> If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

<sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Ps. 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

### The River That Flows Out From The Temple

Its origin coincides with Christ's Second Advent arrival on the Mt. of Olives, which will trigger a massive earthquake, thus creating a vast East-West valley running through Jerusalem and allowing for the water flow.

Ezek. 47: When Ezekiel is shown the river that flows out from the Temple, the bronze man uses the linen cord for measurement. [measureless measure] The river becomes too deep for man.

47:2-5 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looks eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

<sup>3</sup> And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured 1000 cubits, [~4.1 football fields] and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

<sup>4</sup> Again he measured a thousand and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

<sup>5</sup> Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

47:6-7 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me and caused me to return to the brink of the river. <sup>7</sup> Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

Along the banks of the supernatural yet literal river will grow "very many trees on the one side and on the other" (Ezek. 47:7). These marvelous trees shall be "for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine" (v. 12). These trees will have an inexhaustible quantity of fruit all year long. The leaves of the tree will provide healing, apparently for those who were redeemed in the Tribulation and entered the Millennium in their physical bodies, and for their offspring.

47:8-10 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that everything that lives, which moves, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

Its issue from the temple, its immense size, the beneficial qualities of its fruit, its perennial flow "in summer and in winter" [Zech. 14:8] emphasize the supernatural nature of the stream.

Question: Son of Man, do You See This? HOPE

Truth: Sinful human beings cannot live in the presence of God.

- ❖ He barred the entrance to the Garden.
- ❖ Brought Israel out of Egypt and dwelt in the Holy of holies. God was with them again although there were barriers.
- ❖ Later, they built a temple out of stones in Jerusalem. People came there to celebrate that God was with His people. However, they fell into sin and the temple was destroyed and turned to ashes.
- ❖ The people in Babylon are out of their inheritance; promised land; it was defiled;

Lev.18:28 If you defile the land, it will vomit you out.

Question: Will they be OUT OF THE LAND at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming? \_\_\_\_\_

His purpose: Bring them back to a new and restored land; a new temple

Before God can put them back in the land, He must cleanse the LAND which is defiled.

The River Is Vital To Bring The People Back Into Their Restored Inheritance!

1. Water from the temple goes thru the desert and creates a beautiful vista.
2. This river brings life and nourishment to a barren and accursed land - the Judean Wilderness east of Jerusalem

Gen. 13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well-watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD,

3. It then descends to the Dead Sea filled with salt and minerals; NO LIFE
4. The salty waters become fresh and filled with life. It will be The Living Sea!
5. Vision of God's restorative work to His promised land

6. The river is used by God to cleanse the people in the land and bring nourishment and healing Great river that brings food, nourishment and sustenance - Garden of Eden

Source: Vision of new temple where God dwells on earth. River flows from it.

Ezekiel's vision is like a ray of light piercing the darkness.

A small trickle that becomes a flood. Joy pierces through despair for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

There is a new or perfect temple where God will once again dwell with His people.

My Spiritual Growth: Ezek. 47:3-5: ankle deep, knee, waist, deep river. The more the Lord as the man of bronze measures us, the more the level of the river of water of life increases in our being, and the more this flow of life is deepened in us. The more we allow the Lord to examine, test, and judge us to possess us, the deeper the flow becomes.

The more the flow of life increases in us and the deeper we are in the flow, the more we are limited. When the river is up to the ankles, up to the knees, or up to the chest, we still have some liberty to move in the water.

But when the level of water is so increased that it becomes a river, it sweeps us off our feet, and we are carried along by the flow. In a sense, we are fully limited, but in another sense, we are fully free, for we don't have to do any effort or struggling - the flow of life carries us on and brings us to where God wants to be.

For believers, the trickle of God's Spirit and understanding is shallow at first. Instead of running out of energy God's Spirit gets deeper and wider as it flows from the Word into our hearts! Its ultimate destination is to sanctify the most desolate wastelands of our heart, full of the poisonous water of our carnal old nature like the Dead Sea. As you go deeper in the river, you see less of the flesh!

This is the beautiful reality of receiving Christ and drinking the living water from His Word that so richly flows from His throne.

John 7:37b-38 If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

"The tragedy of many believers: they are sitting and paddling on the edge of the shore.

They have never gone in and known the blessings of the Spirit of God.

There is a whole ocean out there to enjoy. But they are satisfied with just dabbling!"

In your spiritual growth and life, you can go as deep, as mature and developed as you want to.

May you not linger in the shallows when there are depths for you to enjoy.

Eph. 3:17-20 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; <sup>19</sup> And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be Filled With All The Fullness Of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

<sup>21</sup> Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.