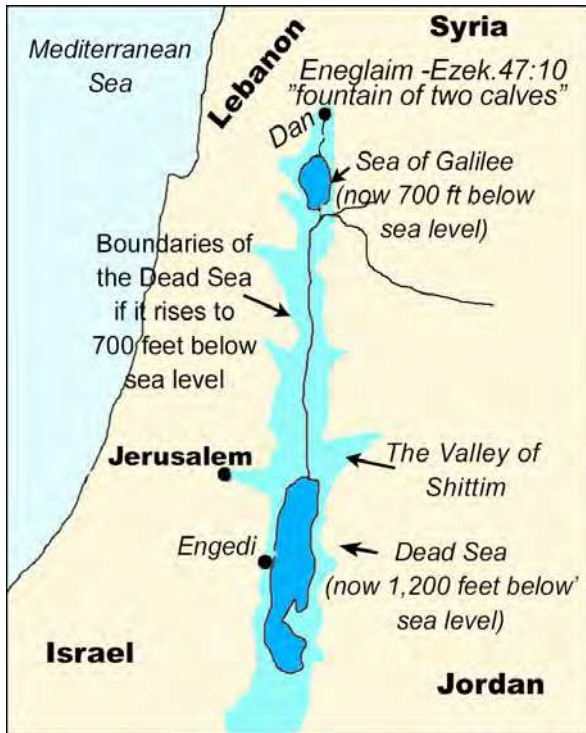


The 1,000 Year Millennial Kingdom

When Christ returns He will come as King of kings to reign over the earth (Rev.19:16). The nations that survive the Tribulation will be separated as the sheep are divided from the goats. The sheep, (the saved), will enter the kingdom and the goats, (Antichrist and all who received his mark), go away into "everlasting fire" (Matt.25:31-46).

All Israel will be gathered to the land (Ezek.39:28; Matt.24:31) which will be divided among the 12 tribes and David will be a prince among them (Ezek.48:1-35). The presence of Christ will be there and the glory of God will lighten Jerusalem (Isa.60:1-3, 19-20).



A millennial Temple will be built to specifications given in Ezekiel chapters 40 to 42. Sacrifices will be offered in memorial of Christ's sacrifice at Calvary. Satan will be bound for 1,000 years and there will be universal peace; men will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks (Isa.2:4).

The land of Israel will receive "showers of blessing" (Ezek.34:26); "the tree of the field shall yield her fruit...and they shall be safe in their land" (Ezek.34:27). Isaiah wrote:

"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. 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" (Isa.2:2-3).

A stream of fresh water will gush out from under the Temple and flow into the Dead Sea so that the water level will be raised and fish will be caught in the Dead Sea (Ezek.47; Joel 3:18; Zech.14:8).

The animal kingdom will be at peace and the curse imposed in Eden will be lifted:

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa.11:6-9).



Worship in the Millennial Kingdom

Ezek.chs.40-48

Sacrifices in the Old Testament could never “take away sins” (Heb.10:4) but pointed forward to Christ’s sacrifice. Millennial sacrifices will be offered as memorials of Christ’s sacrifice in the millennial Temple that has three parts as follows:

1. **The House** which has a holy of holies, a holy place and an entry. Around the outside wall of the Temple are 30 rooms in 3 storeys with a spiral staircase. Many rooms will store the priests’ garments, provide change rooms and perhaps house instruments or store materials used to make incense, oil for the lamps, and anointing oil.

2. There is an **inner court** where the priests, the sons of Zadok, alone can work dressed in priestly bonnets, linen garments and linen breeches. These holy garments must be removed before they leave the inner court. Only the priestly line of Zadok may come near to God in the service of the Temple. Zadok was appointed chief priest by David in accordance with the everlasting covenant God made with Phinehas. See page 17.

Priests must not touch the dead other than close family, must only marry virgins or widows of priests, have shorn hair and not drink wine when

servicing. They can eat the sacrifices and dedicated things in the holy place.

3. **The outer court** is the “court of the people” who will enter by the north gate and leave by the south gate or enter by the south gate and leave by the north gate. The people will worship before the east gate of the inner court where the singers and priests with musical instruments are located. There is space for 10,000.

The other priests whose forebears went astray in years past will be in charge of the gates, kill the burnt offerings and be “keepers of the charge of the house” (Ezek.44:11-14).

The courts are separated by a wall 6 cubits (3 meters) high and the ground level in the inner court is 8 steps (1.5m) higher than the outer court.

The eastern gate to the outer court will be kept shut except on the sabbath when the Prince (David) will enter and leave. It is through this gate that the glory of God returns (Ezek.43:2-7).

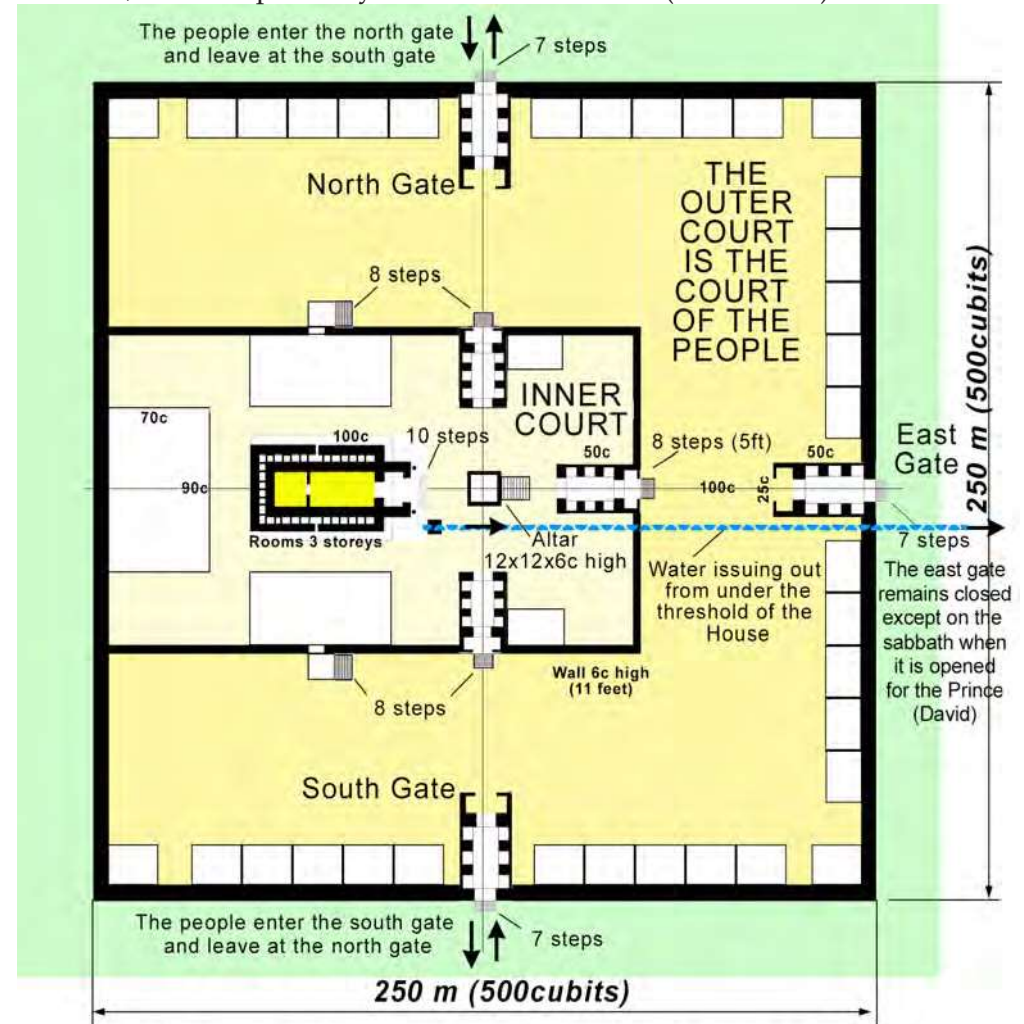
The many rooms around the perimeter of the outer court have varied uses including storage of materials and instruments for slaying sacrifices, and cooking the meal offerings. A 50 cubits (25m) wide open space, is around the outside of the outer wall.

Ezekiel saw a stream of water issuing from under the threshold of the

Temple and flowing past the altar on its south side through the outer court and exiting beside the eastern gate increasing in depth until the waters of the Dead Sea are raised all the way to Eneglaim (“the fountain of the two calves”) which is probably at Dan

north of Galilee where one of Jeroboam’s two idol calves were located.

The priests were to offer sacrifices daily, on the new moons and the feasts of Passover and Tabernacles. Zechariah confirms that Jews and Gentile will keep the feast of Tabernacles (Zech.14:16).



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