

EZEKIEL 40-42 THE TEMPLE

The Measurement of Ezekiel's Temple By Dr. Stephen S Jones

In **Revelation 11 :1** **John is** given a reed and told to " *measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein .*" The temple and the altar cannot be separated from " *them that worship therein .*" The fact that the temple can be measured shows that it was limited in size. By extension, it indicates that it contained only a limited number of worshippers.

The outer court, on the other hand, was not to be measured, " *for it is given unto the nations .*" **This implies that "the nations" were not true worshipers, and therefore they could not be measured by the divine standard (sacred cubit).** Therefore, they needed the light of the word from the two lampstands representing the two witnesses of Revelation 11:3. **Rev. 11:3 , 4 .** We will say more about this later.

The dimensions of Ezekiel's temple are the same as those of Solomon's temple. The Holy Place was 40 x 20 cubits (**Ezekiel 41:2**) , and the Most Holy Place was 20 x 20 cubits (**Ezekiel 41:4**) . If we convert these figures to handbreadths, the Holy Place was 280 x 140 handbreadths, with an area of 39,200 square handbreadths. This number is **800 x 49** , so we see that its spiritual size is based on the truth of the Jubilee Year (**49**). And since "**Lord**" in Greek **is Kurios** is, with a numerical value of **800** , we see that the Holy is measured in terms of Christ's Lordship (rule) and the Jubilee Year.

As for the Holy of Holies, which is half as large as the Holy Place,

20 x 20 cubits is 140 x 140 handbreadths, which is an area of 19,600 square handbreadths. This number is **400 x 49** , which again indicates the Jubilee Year, but connects it with the cross. The *tav* , the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, has a numerical value of **400** , and was originally written in **the form of a cross** . If you take a cube, such as the Holy of Holies, and fold in its walls, and open up the top (ceiling) with one of its sides, the result is a cross in the shape of the walls and ceiling.

Ezekiel's temple used **the sacred (long) cubit**, while Solomon's temple was measured " **in cubits according to the old standard** " (**2 Chron. 3:3**) .

So we see a progressive pattern from carnal to spiritual . Solomon's Temple was built according to the cubit of **six breadths** , while **the temples of both Ezekiel and John** were measured according to the cubit of **seven breadths** .

Both temples measured 60 x 20 cubits, but Solomon's Temple was slightly smaller. Solomon's Temple was measured in "old standard" cubits of 19.8 inches each, so the circumference of the temple (160 cubits) was 3,168 inches. This is also the numerical value of *Lord* (800) *Jesus* (888) *Christ* (1480) in Greek. (800 + 888 + 1480 = 3168) **So even with the "old standard" length of cubits Solomon's temple was a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

However, Ezekiel's temple was measured with the longer cube of

23.1 inches. (If 19.8 inches is six handbreadths, then each handbreadth is

3.3 inches, which, added to 19.8, is 23.1). The circumference of Ezekiel's temple measures 160 long cubits, which is 3,696 inches. This number is **528 x 7**.

The Hebrew word for *inheritance* in **Numbers 34:15** is *nachalam* . It has a numerical value of **528**. Also "the key" of David, mentioned in **Isaiah 22:22** is *maphteach* , which has a numeric value of **528**.

The name David is based on the word "love." Hence, the key of David (**Rev. 3:7**) , which opens the door to the church of Philadelphia ("City of Brotherly Love") is LOVE. God is love, and to receive the inheritance as joint heirs with Christ, one must be like Him - motivated by love. This not only opens the door to the treasury of the temple, but such a one is made a pillar in the temple (**Rev. 3:12**) . **Isaiah 22:23** says " *he shall be a glorious throne to his father's house* ."

So we see that the measure of Solomon's earthly temple was an expression of Jesus Christ coming to earth to manifest the glory of God in the flesh, but the measure of the spiritual temple in Ezekiel and in the book of Revelation speaks of **the key of David which gives us access into our Father's house (temple) as our inheritance.**

Measuring the Temple Precinct and the City

Ezekiel 41:13 , 14 gives us the dimensions of the temple area, saying,

¹³ Then he measured the length of the temple, its walls and its front, a hundred cubits. ¹⁴ The width of the front of the temple and its rooms on the east side were a hundred cubits.

In other words, the temple area was 100 x 100 cubits. This is 10,000 square cubits, or **490,000 square handbreadths** . (100 cubits times 7 handbreadths is 700 handbreadths long and 700 handbreadths wide. **700 x 700 is 490,000** .)

We can quickly recognize that 490,000 is **49 x 10,000, so this too is built on the measure of the Jubilee year.**

Likewise, the measurement of the city itself (i.e., the walls) is said to be 500 reeds on each side (**Ezekiel 42:16 , 17 , 18 , 19 , 20**) . The walls were intended " *to separate the sacred from the profane* " (**Ezekiel 42:20**) . The purpose of the wall of the New Jerusalem was not to keep people out, but to bring them in through the proper gates (doors). Jesus said, " *I am the door* " (**John 10:9**) , and that " *he that entereth not by the door...but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber* " (**John 10:1**) .

In other words, the "saints" who are allowed entrance into the city are those who enter by the Door (Christ). All others remain "profane" until they come to Christ.

The wall , which is the law (boundary) , separates the two until every knee bows and every tongue confesses Him as Lord ([Isaiah 45:23 , 24](#) ; [Phil. 2:10 , 11](#)) .

Each wall in this square "city" is thus said to be 500 reeds long, or 3,500 cubits, or 21,000 handbreadths. None of these are perfectly divisible by 49, but if we calculate the area of the city enclosed by the four walls, it is 250,000 square reeds, or 12,250,000 square cubits (**250,000 x 49**). If we calculate the area of the city in square handbreadths, it is 600,250,000 h² , which is also **12,250,000 x 49**.

So we see that all the dimensions of the New Jerusalem, the temple area and the temple itself are built on the basic unit of **49, the Jubilee Number** . **That in turn is built on the perfect number Seven.**

This is the temple that John also saw. **It is not to be understood in terms of a physical temple (or city)** as in the days of Solomon. We know this from the fact that in the construction of the two houses two different cubits were used, one ordinary **and one sacred**.

So the Temple (The Holy Spirit) is IN the Governing Body of Christ during the 1000-year Kingdom!