

The Architecture of the New Temple - Ezekiel 40:1-42:20

Topics: Details, Holiness, Listening, Prophecy, Separation, Temple, Vision

Open It

- * 1. What are some of the more impressive examples of architecture that you have seen?
- 2. How difficult would it be for you to find your way around your home blindfolded?

Explore It

- 3. What was the specific time of Ezekiel's vision of the temple? (40:1)
- 4. Whom did Ezekiel meet when God transported him to Jerusalem in a vision? (40:2-3)
- 5. What instructions did the man have for Ezekiel before they set out on their exploration? (40:4)
- 6. What was impressive about the wall that surrounded the temple Ezekiel saw? (40:5)
- * 7. What are some examples of how detailed Ezekiel's description of the east gate area becomes? (40:6-16)
- 8. What did the man do each time he stopped at the outer court, the north gate, and the south gate? (40:17-27)
- * 9. What sorts of rooms did Ezekiel see before he actually came into the temple? (40:28-47)
- 10. What was at the center of the temple structure? (40:48-41:15)
- * 11. How were the internal parts of the temple decorated? (41:16-26)
- 12. What important activity was to take place in the side rooms around the temple? (42:1-13)
- 13. What specific regulations were given with regard to the priests' garments inside and outside the temple? (42:14)
- 14. How was the whole temple area kept distinct from the "common" parts of the city? (42:15-20)

Get It

- * 15. Why do you think the exiles to whom Ezekiel spoke might have "eaten up" every detail of his description of the temple?
- 16. What point did the temple buildings and worship practices make by separating the holy from the common?
- 17. In what respect was Ezekiel a "servant" of the exiled people of Israel?
- * 18. If someone could bring you a blueprint of heaven, what details would you want it to include?
- 19. How would you describe heaven to someone unfamiliar with the Bible?

Apply It

- 20. How could you express your gratitude for the care that has gone into the planning and maintenance of your place of worship?
- * 21. How can the prospect of a new heaven and a new earth inspire you in a specific problem you are presently facing?