

# THE MILLENNIUM II

Scripture Reference: Ezekiel 37:21-28

In the last session, we began to look at the Millennium – the one thousand year rule of Christ on earth. We discussed three major theological views of the Millennium. Finally, we discussed life and participants in the Millennium.

<b>QUESTION?</b>	<b>From last session, who will be here during the Millennium?</b>

Read **Ezekiel 37:21-28**.

What does God say He will do for the nation of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who will be their king? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will they dwell in this land? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will David their “*prince*” rule over them? \_\_\_\_\_

God makes a covenant with them. What kind of covenant is this? \_\_\_\_\_

So God brings His people back into the land He had promised Abraham many centuries ago. He makes a covenant of peace with them that will last forever. The people of Israel will know no more conflict! What an incredible promise that only God can guarantee.

God also says in this passage that He will make David their king forever. Read **Jeremiah 30:9**. Who does God say He will raise up to be the king? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Ezekiel 34:23**. To whom does God refer to as the one to whom He will give to shepherd over Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

There are two major ideas as to the identity of this king. What do you think they are?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Most believe this mentioning of David is really a reference to Christ. Read **2 Samuel 7:16**. What was God’s promise to David? \_\_\_\_\_

In commenting on **Ezekiel 37:24**, John MacArthur writes, “*This is to be understood as Jesus Christ the Messiah, descendant of David.*”<sup>1</sup>

Of course, another possibility is that God literally means David here. One writer states, “*David will rule solely over Israel, whereas Christ will rule supremely over all the earth from His throne in the temple.*”<sup>2</sup>

<b>QUESTION?</b>	<b>What do you think?</b>

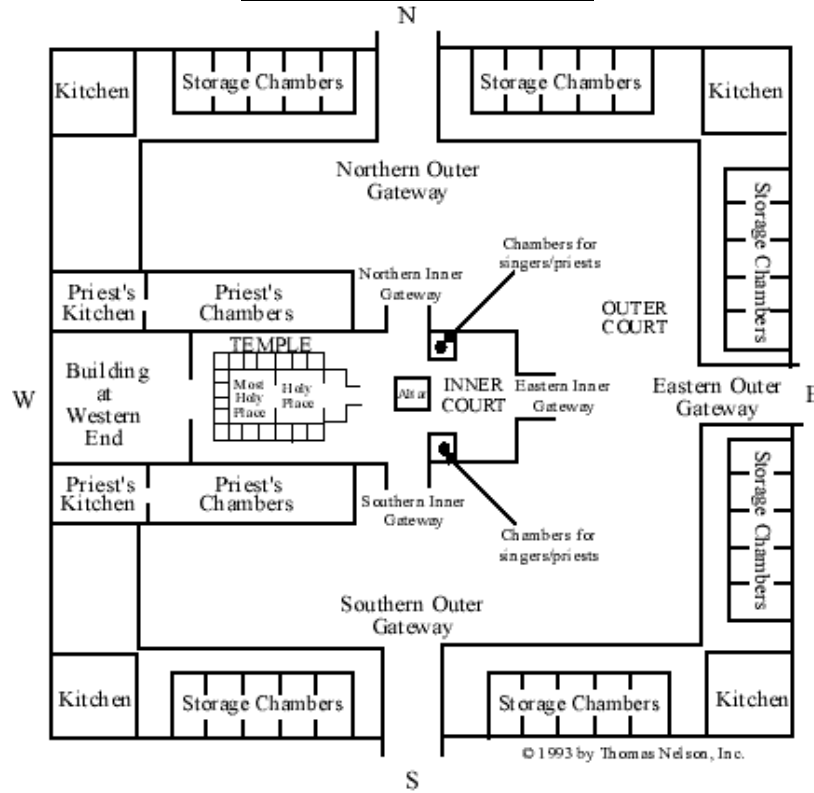
As we already discussed in the session on the 45-Day Restoration period, Christ restores His rule on earth and builds the Temple. As we follow in Ezekiel, God lays out what this Temple will be like. Beginning in Ezekiel 40, Ezekiel recounts what the Millennial Temple will be like.

On the next page are Solomon’s Temple and the Millennial Temple. Look at them closely to notice any difference.

<sup>1</sup> MacArthur, John F. *The MacArthur Study Bible* (Word Bibles: Nashville, TN. 1997) pg. 1205.

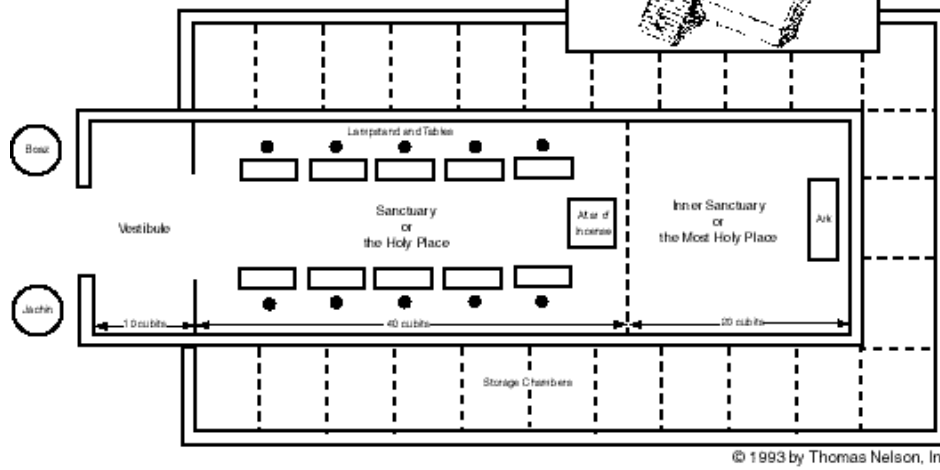
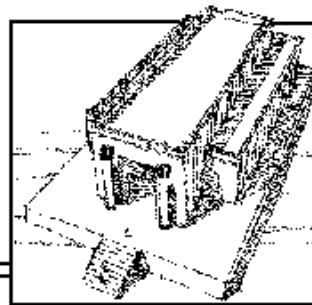
<sup>2</sup> Van Kampen, Robert. *The Sign of Christ’s Coming and the End of the Age*. (Crossway Books: Wheaton, IL, 1992) pg. 441.

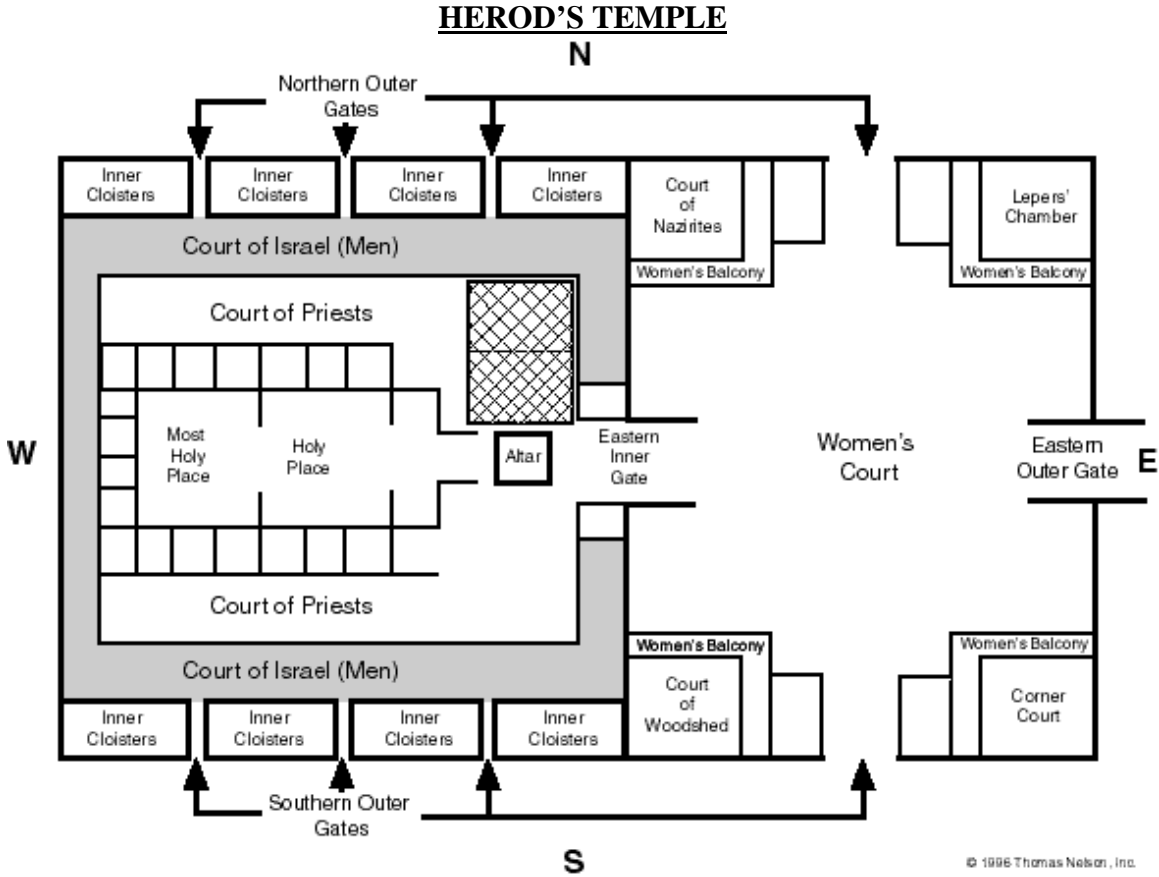
**MILLENNIAL TEMPLE**



**SOLOMON'S TEMPLE**

Solomon constructed the temple on Mt. Moriah, north of the ancient City of David. The temple was built according to plans that David received from the Lord and passed on to Solomon (1 Chr. 28:11-13, 19). The division into a sanctuary and inner sanctuary corresponds to the division of the tabernacle into the Holy Place and Most Holy Place.





Who has a section on either side of the holy district and the city's property? \_\_\_\_\_

Now let's read **Ezekiel 45:6-12**. To whom is God giving specific instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

By His referencing "the prince" and then later "princes", it becomes apparent that this "prince" and "princes" is not a reference to Christ. After all, He is King! This would give some credence to the notion that perhaps David will literally be raised and be the prince in Israel.

Read **Ezekiel 45:18-25**. Throughout the history of the Old Testament, the Feasts were always about worship! Which feasts will be re-instated during the Millennium?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Ezekiel 47:1-12**. Here Ezekiel sees the waters running and is told about how the water will be healed. Why would the waters need to be healed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read **Ezekiel 48:35**. What will the new name for the city be? \_\_\_\_\_

So, for one thousand years life will continue with Christ as King over all the earth. Jews and Gentiles alike will come to the holy city – Jehovah Shammah and worship Christ. David could very well be the prince of Israel and all the saints will rule with Christ over the earth. We will rule over all those who survived the tribulation and their descendants for 1000 years.

So, what happens when these 1000 years come to an end? That is our next session.