

In the prophetic vision of Ezekiel, he was commissioned to measure the temple that had been destroyed,¹ which is to say he was prospectively looking at the restoration, not only of the temple in Jerusalem, but of something else. That something else is, what did the temple represent? If the temple were merely a building for the entertainment of sacrifices, as temples would be, then prophesying the rebuilding of the temple as an end to itself is no great moment. That could have waited for what was remaining of the seventy years that they were supposed to be in Babylonian captivity. It could have waited, and prior to that, when it was time for the first and second waves of refugees to come back from Babylon, at that point a vision of the rebuilt temple could have been given. But it was in the midst of captivity, which also indicates that captivity was a type and shadow as well. In giving measurements for the temple, very complete, very detailed measurements of the temple—and I do not have time to get into the numbers five and ten and fourteen and three and the rest of it, because they all are symbolic as to significant measurements of the entrances, the exits, and the dimensions of rooms, and what those things are related to—they all have their spiritual co-efficiencies.

So, both the measurement of a temple that now has been destroyed and the doing of it in a time of captivity are critically important prophetic factors because it is foreshadowing a time when that which the physical temple represented, namely the people of God, would need to know that God has not forgotten them. They would need to be encouraged to continue on to the conclusion of the matter, although they were faced with opposition on every side. Now it served that purpose of encouraging natural Israel in the time of Babylonian captivity, but even natural Israel is a type and shadow of what has been described as the Israel of God, the prince of God. We forget that the name Israel is a prophetic name, not just given to Jacob, to *Yaaqob*,² the supplanter, the heel-grabber; he was given a name that was prophetic for the Prince of Peace, the Sar Shalom, the King of Righteousness, the Melchizedek, who is Christ.

All Scripture quotations are taken from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Ezekiel 40:1-4

² See *Yaaqob*, Strong's Hebrew 3290 - <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3290.htm>

And here we are not merely speaking of Mary’s Son, the Son of Man. We are speaking of the spiritual man who is comprised of many members, according to 1 Corinthians, the 12th chapter.³ The physical body is comprised of many members, it tells us, and so is the Body of Christ. And then he describes certain functions associated with certain members: “It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, pastors, teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the Body of Christ”—and I am referencing now, both 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians, the 4th chapter— “until we all grow up into the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ”—the spiritual Man, not the Man from Galilee, who was born in Nazareth. This is the meat of Scripture. This is both the mystery and the revelation of mystery of Scripture. This is why it is a bogus notion to suggest that the Book of Revelation was finished in the first century. It is silly. It is nonsensical because the Book of Revelation, here and in numerous other places, contains symbols that reference things that have been spoken in the plain and ordinary meaning of Scripture. The Body of Christ is the temple of the Holy Spirit, where God dwells by His presence.⁴

Now when he said, “I was given a measuring rod,” or given a reed, a *kanón*,⁵ like a measuring rod, the reference also implies a standard by which it is to be determined the readiness of the House of God. In the case of Israel and the restoration of the temple, as prophesied by Ezekiel, the rod and the line of flax that was given was a prophesying of the rebuilding of the destroyed temple and the continuation of the symbolic reference of what the temple portrayed. But the reality is the measuring of the House of God, and that is to be accomplished by a rod.

In all the divisions of the temple and all the references to the temple in the Book of Ezekiel, we see a progression from the outer court to the inner court. We see the chambers of the priests, the vestibule of the temple (all in chapters 40 and 41), the inner temple. We see the temple’s chambers

³ See 1 Corinthians 12:12: “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ.”

⁴ See 1 Corinthians 3:16: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

⁵ See *kanón*, Strong’s Greek 2583 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2583.htm>

in chapter 42, and going forward. Then, in chapter 43, when the temple has been rebuilt, in verse 4 it says,

And the glory of the Lord came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. And He said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever (Ezekiel 43:4-7 NKJV).

And then he goes on to say,

Now let them put their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever (Ezekiel 43:9).

Then, this amazing verse, verse 10,

“Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel [in the KJV it is said, “Son of man, show the house to the house”], that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern” (Ezekiel 43:10).

In the midst of a prophecy regarding the restoration of the physical temple is the prophecy of the temple as the dwelling place of God, and the place where His throne is, and the place where His glory abides. Now, only the deaf and the blind will fail to understand that this is a reference to the Body of Christ, and it is not a reference to the rebuilt temple under the hand of Zerubbabel. In fact, we know that the rebuilt temple under the hand of Zerubbabel was such a diminished version of its original, grand and glorious state, the one built by Solomon, that the few who survived Babylonian captivity of seventy years, when they saw the new temple, they wept because it was

so underwhelming by comparison to what they remembered as the glory of the former temple.⁶ God did that so that no one would mistake the fact that these descriptions about the temple to be rebuilt following the Babylonian captivity was not, in fact, what Ezekiel was instructed to commemorate by prophetic reference.

It was pointing beyond that physical temple to the place where the glory of God abides. And it says, “The glory of the Lord came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east,” classically the entrance point of the Messiah, the King, because it is toward the rising sun (cf. Ezekiel 43:4). God always does things by causing there to be first darkness, and then out of darkness to bring revelation. So it is evening and morning, according to the structure of revelation, and the One who arises is the glory of God in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of My throne” (cf. Ezekiel 43:7).

The apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians, and he tells them that for long ages past, indeed, before the foundations of the world—in chapter one he says, “Before the foundations of the world, we were seen in Christ.” God referenced us in Christ, the biblical doctrine of propitiation, to include us in the person of Christ and to cover us with the glory of sonship by including us in the pattern Son, so that when He looks on Christ, He sees the many-membered Body of Christ. That is His dwelling place. And the premise of the Book of Ephesians is threefold, according to the 1st chapter of the Book of Ephesians. Paul says, “I am writing to you, you who have been included in Christ since before the foundations of the world, that you might understand three things:”

1. “What is the hope of His calling”—In other words, what did He invest by way of hope in calling you.
2. “What is His glorious inheritance (His inheritance) in the saints (in the corporate man).” And keep in mind, you cannot be an heir—which relates to the term “inheritance,” which is the term “clergy,” *kléroó*⁷—you cannot have that unless you are a son.

⁶ See Ezra 3:12-13: “But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers’ *houses*, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.”

⁷ See *kléroó*, Strong’s Greek 2820 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2820.htm>

3. “What is the working of His mighty power (that has to do with His throne) on behalf of those who believe.” The workings of His power, Paul said, is like when He raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him far above all rule and authority, and any title that may be given, not only in the present age but in the one to come, and set everything under His feet, and made Him to be head over all things for the church, which is His body.

So where is the throne of God? If you ask the question relating to who has the authority of God, then the throne of God is in the midst of the four living creatures, which is the corporate man. The authority of Christ in heaven and on earth rests in the corporate man. That is why Jesus could say to His disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go ye therefore.”⁸ Whether in heaven or on earth, we are held together, we are moved by, we are empowered by the divine authority which, in creation, is symbolized by the throne of God, and it is in the midst of the four living creatures. This was the reference to the throne of God. But might I add, the throne of God was never placed at any time in the temple in Jerusalem—not in the temple of Solomon, not in the rebuilt temple of Zerubbabel, and definitely not in the temple that Herod rebuilt in the days of Jesus. No.

This was a prophecy of the House of God. Therefore, when He says, “Son of man, show the house to the house,” it is not a play on words. He is saying, “Show the perfected body to the beleaguered body, so that they might have hope because of what I am doing.” This is precisely what is going on in the Book of Revelation, the 11th chapter, when he says, “I was given a reed like a measuring rod.” And the angel says, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.” Further to that, and I would strongly encourage the reading of Ezekiel, chapters 40-43, at a minimum. Hook into that for the prophetic significance of what he is saying here in the beginning of Revelation, chapter 11. In fact, you cannot understand about the two witnesses and their role, and how they are oppressed by the beast that comes up out of the abyss with the intent of killing them. And the language that speaks of the oppression of the saints from as far back as Daniel,

⁸ See Matthew 28:18-20: “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

chapter 12, that tells us that it will be for time, times, and half a time, when the power of the holy people has been finally broken.⁹

That is a statement of urgency in the present time because we are observing the power of the holy people being shattered while we are watching. But the prophets of the hour are asleep. In fact, they have been numbed and their senses dulled by their compromise and complicity, justifying the unjustifiable, and deceiving the people under their rule for their own gain. Let me say this: Most of what I have been reading and seeing—most of what is coming across my desk and across my iPad and iPhone and other electronic communication devices—attributed to prophets, for a long time, has been nothing more than gossip by busybodies. Because they did not continue to pursue God, to hear from God, but instead they decided that when politicians did what they thought politicians should do, in fact, when politicians did what they told politicians to do, that this was God fulfilling Scripture. And they crowed about it. They created their own wave, and they rode it, and they called it God. They invented things. They made up such notions as the prayer movement. They made up such things as reconciling to people groups.

Let me ask you this: What good has all the reconciling with people groups done? What shred of evidence that it did any good remains in this time when, by common consent, everyone agrees that the nation is more divided now than it has ever been in its history? And racism is fraying the very fabric of the nation. What about all this reconciling? Or do people simply forget, whether it was praying through a 10/40 window, national reconciling, prophetic prayer and prophetic presbyteries, and the rest of it? This is just garbage. None of this you can find in the Scriptures. Now, I am not saying that there is not real prophecy and real prophets and prophetesses. I am not saying that. But I have seen over these years every dissatisfied preacher, every unfulfilled housewife wanting to be a prayer warrior or a prophetic figure. It is the easy way to get there, to have relevance. I am telling you now, the bill has come due for this folly.

⁹ See Daniel 12:7: “Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who *was* above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that *it shall be* for a time, times, and half *a time*; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these *things* shall be finished.” See also Daniel 7:25.

It is God Himself who is sweeping the board, even as it is God Himself who has allowed for this spirit of delusion to so fully captivate the people, because it is the people who wanted it so. The prophets prophesied falsehoods, the priests ruled by their own authority, and they got away with it because the people became consumers of this garbage. They were satisfied with symbols, tokens, likes bones thrown at them, and they made a bargain with the devil because of their lusts. It is time to pay the piper. God was not in it. They created their own waves and mistakenly thought that because of the numbers of people they could stir up—who would come to their conferences and pay for whatever and made these fellows rich, men and women—that God was in it. This was the delusion. And it is ripe. Not only is it ripe, it has fallen off the tree. But do you know what? Instead of these witless sorts coming around and saying, “My God, we have been drugged by the wine of our own folly,”—no, they keep going. And the blowback that they feared and imagined had come will now come. This is the shaking.

It is part of the measuring of the temple. Because one of the things spoken of concerning the Lord Jesus Christ was, from Isaiah 11, “A Rod will come from the stump of Jesse.”¹⁰ The rod has a double meaning: it is the standard of measurement; and, because it is the standard of measurement, it is an instrument of correction and judgment. Judgment inevitably comes whenever the righteousness of the standard has been brought back. That is what we are seeing. Christ is appearing in His temple, and He is cleansing the temple of the moneychangers, the vagabonds, the thieves, the deceivers, and the delusional. He is cleansing His House. For who, in this hour, can embrace the folly of present-day evangelical Christianity—the hypocrisy of it, the self-serving nature of it? None of this speaks the truth now. That is what is open. That is what is clear.

And the fact that some of the operators would say, “Well, oops! I made a mistake.” No. God has much more that He intends to unveil. You are not going to be allowed to simply continue. You have been discredited. Now repent in the sense of standing back. Stand down. If you are going to be used again, it will be because you have learned the humility of being corrected. And if you will

¹⁰ See Isaiah 11:1-2: “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”

not learn it, God has bypassed you. When a prophet loses the Spirit of God and the spirit of prophecy, he is like salt that has lost its savor; he is good for nothing, except to be thrown out.¹¹ But in the current day things, all you have to do is say, “Oops! I am sorry,” and keep right on going and let the money continue to flow, because the people love it so. These leaders get away with it because they are speaking as the voice of the people. They have not spoken for God. They are not measured by the rod. When measured by the rod of God’s judgment, when weighed in the balances of God’s judgments and justice, they are light; they are found wanting. Everybody who is serious about God knows that there is more to it than what they are hearing, but the churches are echoing halls of hollow sounds.

But there is something real, and God is about to disclose what He has done. I will continue with the measurement of the temple.

I am Sam Soleyn. Join me then. Bye-bye.

¹¹ See Luke 14:34-35a KJV: “Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out.