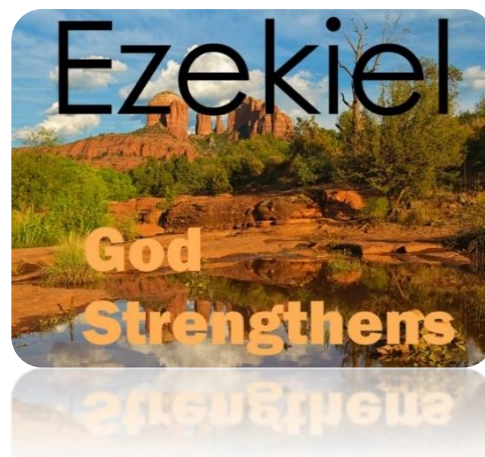


EZEKIEL 44 vs 1

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An outline of Ezekiel: **Chapters 1 – 24**: The Lord's prophecies against **Israel** and **Judah**; **Chapter 25**: prophecies against 4 neighbors: Ammon, Moab, Edom – east of Jordan, Philistia – the western coastline; **Chapter 26 – 28**: judgment on Tyre in Lebanon, its overthrow; a funeral song; its leader's downfall, and a funeral song for its real king, lastly judgment on Sidon. **Chapter 29 – 32**: judgment on Egypt; description of judgment; comparison to Assyria; a funeral song over Egypt. **Chapter 33**: appointing watchmen on the wall; **Chapter 34**: firing all the shepherds / the hired pastors; the LORD will do the job. **Chapter 35 - 36**: judgment begins at the household of God; but extends to the irksome neighbors; God always looks for love freely given. Much of this record – but not all was local history 2500 years ago.



The last days: Trumpets, Afflicting souls, and Tents; 3 days that are still on the Lord's calendar.

Is this the UNNECESSARY TEMPLE: few Jewish people returned from captivity in Babylon, though it seems the Lord had great plans; the people were underwhelmed and faithless 2500 years ago. Could these chapters be called THE WASTED WORDS OF JESUS. The temple is no longer needed. But maybe it is related to the millennial kingdom.

¹ Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outer sanctuary that looks toward the east; and it was shut.

² Then the Lord said to me; This gate will be shut, it will not be opened, and no one will enter by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, so it will be shut.

³ It is for the prince; the prince will sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he will enter by way of the portico of that gate, and will go out the same way.

⁴ Then he brought me the way of the north gate facing the house: and I looked, and saw, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord: and I fell on my face.

⁵ And the Lord said to me, Son of man, mark well, and see with your eyes, and listen with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the order of the house of the Lord, and all its laws; and notice the entrance of the house, with everything going on in the sanctuary.

⁶ And you will say to the rebellious, even to **the house of Israel, The Lord God says this; O house of Israel, enough of all your abominations,**

⁷ when you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to profane it, even My house, when you offer My food, the fat and the blood – for they made My covenant void, in addition to all your abominations.

⁸ And you yourselves have not kept the charge of My holy things: but you have set foreigners to keep My charge in My sanctuary.

⁹ Thus says the Lord God; No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, will enter My sanctuary, of all the foreigners among the children of Israel.

¹⁰ And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who wandered away from Me after their idols, they will bear the punishment for their iniquity.

¹¹ Yet they will be ministers in My sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they will slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they will stand before them to minister to them.

¹² Because they ministered to them while facing their idols, and caused the house of Israel to stumble into iniquity; so I lifted up My hand against them, says the Lord God, and they will bear the punishment for their iniquity.

¹³ **And they will not approach Me, to serve as a priest to Me,** nor approach any of My holy things, and the things that are most holy: but they will bear their shame, and their atrocities which they committed.

¹⁴ But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all its service, and for all that will be done in it.

¹⁵ But the Levitical priests, **the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary** when the children of Israel went astray from Me, **will come near to Me to minister to Me,** and they will stand facing Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood, declares the Lord God:

¹⁶ **They will enter to My sanctuary, and come near to My table, to minister to Me, and they will keep My charge.**

¹⁷ And it will happen, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they will be clothed with linen garments; and wool will not be on them, when they minister in the gates of the inner court, in the house.

¹⁸ They will have linen turbans on their heads, and linen shorts on their loins; and will not wear anything that makes them sweat.

¹⁹ And when they go to the outer court, even the outer court of the people, they will put off their garments in which they minister, and put them in the holy rooms, and they will put on other garments; and they may not transmit holiness to the people with their garments.

²⁰ Also, they will not shave their heads, nor let their locks grow long; they will only trim their heads.

²¹ Nor will any priest drink wine, when they enter the inner court.

²² Nor will they marry a widow, nor one who is divorced: but will take virgins from the house of Israel, or a widow who is widow of a priest.

²³ And they will teach My people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

²⁴ And in a dispute they will take their stand to judge; they will judge according to My judgments: and they will keep My laws and My statutes in all My assemblies; and they will revere my sabbaths.

²⁵ They will **not** touch a dead person to defile themselves: but for father or mother, for son, or daughter, for brother or sister who has no husband, they may defile themselves.

²⁶ And after he is cleansed, they will count seven days for him.

²⁷ And on the day he goes to the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the house, he will offer his sin offering, declares the Lord God.

²⁸ And regarding an inheritance for them: I am their inheritance: and you will give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.

²⁹ They will eat the meat offering, the sin offering, the trespass offering: and every devoted thing in Israel will be theirs.

³⁰ And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every offering of all, of every sort of your offerings, will be the priest's: you will also give to the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause a blessing to rest on your house.

³¹ The priests will not eat any fowl or beast that died naturally, or was torn to pieces.

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