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Ezekiel

CHAPTER 1

Verse 26: **“And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.”** The vision that Ezekiel sees is a foreshadow of the Second Coming of Christ in His glory. Revelation chapter four offers a similar scene, as does Isaiah chapter six. The one on the throne is obviously Christ Himself. The fire of verses 4, 13, and 27 speaks of judgment.

CHAPTER 2

Verses 1-10: The term “son of man” is the standard title used for Ezekiel throughout the book. In the New Testament, it is the Lord Jesus Christ who wears this title, so Ezekiel (“God will strengthen”) becomes a type of Christ. Here he pictures Christ in that he receives a commission to be a faithful prophet and not be discouraged by the rejection of the people. Jesus was very faithful in this regard by fulfilling the Father’s will to every jot and tittle.

CHAPTER 3

Verse 18: **“When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.”** Jesus certainly gave His generation warning. He warned them so much that they killed Him.

CHAPTER 4

Verses 5-6: **“For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.”** The words “shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel” are just close to ignore. This is exactly what Jesus did: **“the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”** (Isa. 53:6)

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CHAPTER 5

Verses 3-4: **“Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.”** So Christ will send people into the fire one day (Mat. 25:41).

CHAPTER 6

Verse 13: **“Then shall ye know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.”** That will be at the Second Coming of Christ when all worshippers of the beast and their idols are destroyed.

CHAPTER 7

Verse 16: **“But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.”** They will be on the mountains because Jesus foretold them to “flee into the mountains” (Mat. 24:16) after the antichrist commits the “abomination of desolation” (Mat. 24:15). It is during this time that many of the Jews will be converted to Christ (Rev. 12; Hos. 2:14-17).

CHAPTER 8

Verse 16: **“And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.”** The temple is a type of Christ (John 2:19-21). So people with their backs to the temple picture people rejecting Christ. Here it is in honor of the sun god Baal.

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Ezekiel 9 - 29

CHAPTER 9

Verse 4: **“And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.”** The type is that of Jesus knowing and sealing His own. II Timothy 2:19 says, **“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”** Also see Ephesians 4:30 and John 10:14.

CHAPTER 10

Verse 14: **“And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.”** The four faces of the cherubim point to the four accounts of the gospel of Christ. The face of a cherub is like the face of an ox or calf (Ezk. 1:10; Rev. 4:7), so this face points to the gospel of Mark where Jesus is presented as God’s faithful servant. The gospel of Luke is foreshadowed by the face of a man, since Luke presents Christ as the Son of Man. The face of a lion points to Matthew where Christ is the King, and John, being the book that emphasizes the deity of Christ, is foreshadowed by the face of an eagle, the heavenly bird. With the number four being the *earth* number in numerology, this fits very well since the Great Commission demands that the gospel go into *all the world* (Mat. 28:18-20). The good N.E.W.S. must go North, East, West, and South.

CHAPTER 11

Verses 17-20: **“Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof**

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and all the abominations thereof from thence. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.” The passage obviously refers to the Millennial Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ when Israel is regathered in the land, saved, and walking in the light of the Lord.

CHAPTER 12

Verses 22-25: “Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision. For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.” The message “the days are at hand” remind us of the preaching of Jesus in Matthew 4:17: “. . . Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Ezekiel was sent to warn people that they were in error when they claimed that the days were prolonged and not at hand. People do the same today by doubting that the Lord’s return is near (II Pet. 3:3-4), yet that day will take them by surprise and catch them totally unprepared (I Ths. 5:2-3).

CHAPTER 13

Verses 4-5: “O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.” A true prophet of God will stand in the gap. Jesus stood in the greatest gap ever: the gap between God and man. Being the one sinless mediator between God and man, Jesus completely bridged the gap and gave us access to the Father (John 14:6).

CHAPTER 14

Verses 10-11: “And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him; That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.” That doesn’t happen

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until their Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ returns and establishes His kingdom with Israel set up as the head of all nations.

CHAPTER 15

Verse 6: **“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”** Christ was also a vine (John 15), and He suffered in much the same way.

CHAPTER 16

Verses 6-14: **“And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live. I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare. Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine. Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head. Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.”** This is a good picture of our salvation in Christ. The Lord first found us “polluted.” Then He gave us life with His word, as also stated in I Peter 1:23. Then we grew and glorified God among the heathen while experiencing His blessings along the way. Unfortunately for many believers, it doesn't stop at verse fourteen. Worldliness and pride often creep in and bring God's judgment into our lives (verses 15-63).

CHAPTER 17

Verses 22-24: **“Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent: In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall**

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bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it.” So Jesus the meek and lowly Galilean has been exalted by the Father and will be yet even more exalted in His kingdom when the times of the Gentiles expire, the world powers fall, and Christ’s Millennial Kingdom is firmly established from Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4).

CHAPTER 18

Verses 30-31: “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?” They won’t get “a new heart and a new spirit” until they receive Christ as their Saviour and Messiah in the Great Tribulation.

CHAPTER 19

Verse 14: “And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.” The expression “no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule” refers to Christ who rules with a “rod of iron” in the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 2:27; Psa. 2:9; Gen. 49:10).

CHAPTER 20

Verse 12: “Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.” The Sabbath, anytime it appears, is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, the one in whom we find rest. Matthew 11:28 says it best: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” The reason that Christians don’t keep the Sabbath is that *the Sabbath keeps us!*

Verses 46-49: “Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop thy word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field; And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein. And all flesh shall see that I the

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LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched. Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?" Notice how it is pointed out that fiery judgment from God is interpreted by many as being "parables." Sound familiar? It should because that's how Jesus' words from Luke 16:19-31 are interpreted by the liberal scholars and commentators.

CHAPTER 21

Verse 27: **"I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."** That's obviously a reference to the coming King Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 22

Verse 2: **"Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations."** Jesus the "son of man" did just that during His gospel ministry. That's why He killed Him.

CHAPTER 23

Verse 49: **"And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD."** They'll know this when Jesus returns, not before.

CHAPTER 24

Verse 24, 27: **"Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign . . . thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD."** Ezekiel being a "sign" to Israel pictures Christ being a sign to them also. Jesus said in Matthew 12:39-40, **". . . there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."**

CHAPTER 25

Verses 11-17: The whole passage points to God's judgments on Israel's Muslim neighbors at the Second Coming of Christ.

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CHAPTER 26

Verses 20-21: **“When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.”** Though speaking of God’s judgment on Tyrus, the prophecy clearly typifies the fall of Babylon at the Second Coming of Christ. The statement **“I shall set glory in the land of the living”** is definite reference to Christ ruling from Jerusalem after the Antichrist and his followers have been destroyed.

CHAPTER 27

Verses 30-31: **“And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing.”** Again, the language is very similar to that of Revelation when Babylon is destroyed at the Second Coming of Christ. Revelation 18:11 says, **“And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more.”**

CHAPTER 28

Verse 2: **“Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God.”** Here we have a counterfeit of Christ. The prince of Tyrus has said, “I am a God” although he is “a man.” There’s only one “man” in the Bible who is also God, and that’s the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan and all his world leaders are counterfeits.

CHAPTER 29

Verse 21: **“In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.”** As always, the term “in that day” refers to the greatest day on God’s calendar, the day in which Christ returns and rules the world in righteousness.

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Ezekiel 30 - 48

CHAPTER 30

Verses 1-2: **"The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Howl ye, Woe worth the day!"** Again, that's the day of the Lord, the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 31

In speaking of God's judgment on Pharaoh, the whole chapter prefigures the fall of the Antichrist when Jesus returns. Verse three is key because Pharaoh is called "the Assyrian," just as the Antichrist is in Isaiah 10:5. Verses sixteen and seventeen also contain elements of the judgments against Antichrist and his followers in Revelation: **"I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth. They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen."** The sword that they are slain with is the one Christ has in Revelation 19:15, 21.

CHAPTER 32

Verses 4-8: **"Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee. And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimst, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee. And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD."** Little comment is needed. As the familiar language indicates, the whole passage matches the Second Coming prophecies of Revelation chapters six and nineteen.

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CHAPTER 33

Verses 7-9: **"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."** So Christ the "son of man" was a perfect watchman that left no work unfinished. In fact, He said of the lost religious crowd of His day, **"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin."** (John 15:22)

Verses 30-32: **"Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not."** That is so true of the way people treat the words of Jesus Christ. They speak well of Jesus because they know they should and words come cheap, but in their actions they ignore Him for the most part. Jesus said it best in Matthew 15:8: **"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."** They'll even have holidays, supposedly in Christ's honor, yet they refuse to learn and obey His words.

CHAPTER 34

Verses 11-18: This whole chapter deals with the irresponsible shepherds of Israel in contrast to Christ the "good shepherd." (John 10:11, 14) The key verse is verse eleven: **"For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out,"** which goes very well with Luke 19:10: **"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."**

CHAPTER 35

Verses 14-15: **"Thus saith the Lord GOD; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it: and**

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they shall know that I am the LORD." The whole earth will not rejoice until Jesus sits on the throne of His glory in Jerusalem and rules in righteousness. (Psa. 48:2; 67:4).

CHAPTER 36

Verses 10-11: **"And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD."** Here's another Second Coming and Millennial Kingdom prophecy that will not see fulfillment until Christ returns. The multiplication of "man and beast" is in accord with Isaiah 11:5-9 and Romans 8:18-23 where the curse on nature is lifted and the whole world enjoys fruitfulness and blessing in Christ's kingdom.

CHAPTER 37

Verses 1-14: The passage refers doctrinally to the restoration of Israel in the last days and Israel's rebirth as a nation upon receiving Christ (Isa. 66:7-8; Rom. 11:26). The "breath" of verse ten is the Holy Spirit that takes up residence in the converted Jews, prefigured in Acts 2 and fully realized in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ. Ezekiel 36:27 is a good cross reference: **"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."** Spiritually, the whole passage can picture the new birth of any Christian.

CHAPTER 38

Verses 19-23: **"For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD."** The prophecy concerns the Second Coming of Christ and God's judgment on the nations of the world, especially those that oppose Israel. Verse twenty-three is Christ alone being

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exalted while all false gods are brought down. In fact, those nation will be required to come to Jerusalem annually to worship Christ (Zch. 14:14-16).

CHAPTER 39

Verses 17-22: **“And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD. And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.”** The “great sacrifice” for the fowl and beasts is the battle of Armageddon that Revelation 19:17 calls “the supper of the great God.” Then God sets His “glory” among the heathen, which will be Christ ruling for one thousand years in righteousness. As a side note, the words “Christ” and “glory” are found together in twenty-eight separate verses.

CHAPTER 40

Verse 2: **“In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.”** Ezekiel chapters forty through forty-eight cover the measurements and order of the millennial temple, the entire existence of which points back the Christ’s finished work at Calvary. As such, the section begins quite appropriately on “a very high mountain.” That would be Mt. Moriah, the location of the temple (II Chron. 3:1) and the location of Abraham’s efforts to sacrifice Isaac (Gen. 22:2), which pictured God’s sacrifice of His Son at Calvary. The mention of the “very high mountain” here is to emphasize the fact that this concerns Christ’s *kingdom*, since mountains picture kingdoms in the Bible. Ezekiel 17:22 is a good reference: **“Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent.”**

CHAPTER 41

Verse 1: **“Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle.”** This is the only place in the Old Testament where the words “temple” and “tabernacle” are both used

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in a single verse. The Old Testament tabernacle pictured Christ at His First Coming, since it was not a permanent thing. The temple, with its glory and permanent structure, pictured Christ at His Second Coming. Also see John 2:19-21 where Jesus refers to Himself as “this temple.”

CHAPTER 42

Verse 13: “Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.” The offerings point to Christ’s work on the cross, and “the LORD” in the verse is Christ.

CHAPTER 43

Verses 1-7: “Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. And he said unto me, Son of man, 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 for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.” The glory from the east that fills the house parallels with Christ returning in glory and establishing His kingdom. The “place of my throne” is Jerusalem the city of the great King (Mat. 5:35; Psa. 48:2)

CHAPTER 44

Verse 2: “Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.” The “God of Israel” that enters through the gate is none other than Christ the King.

CHAPTER 45

Verse 15: “And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith

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the Lord GOD.” The mention serves as a continual memorial to the **“Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”** (John 1:29)

Verse 19: **“And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.”** The *four* corners of the altar are the locations of the *four* horns, which speak of the “power” of the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16), of which we just happen to have *four* accounts. This gospel is to be taken into the *four* corners of the earth.

CHAPTER 46

Verse 10: **“And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.”** Although the prince here isn’t Christ, this still pictures His abiding presence among His people. As Hebrews 13:5 promises, **“... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”**

Verse 13: **“Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD of a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning.”** This is description that Peter gives of Jesus in I Peter 1:19: **“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”**

CHAPTER 47

Verse 9: **“And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.”** So this river pictures the water of life that is found in Christ alone. John 7:38-39 is a good reference: **“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”** Also see Revelation 22:17.

CHAPTER 48

Verse 35: **“It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.”** The LORD that will be there will be Christ Himself.