

## Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennium Temple—God's Glorious House (November 2, 574 BC)

Ezekiel 40–42

### The Man With the Measuring Rod

40:1 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck down, on this very day, the hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me there.

2 By means of divine visions he brought me to the land of Israel and placed me on a very high mountain, and on it was a structure like a city, to the south.

3 When he brought me there, I saw a man whose appearance was like bronze, with a linen cord and a measuring stick in his hand. He was standing in the gateway.

4 The man said to me, "Son of man, watch closely, listen carefully, and pay attention to everything I show you, for you have been brought here so that I can show it to you. Tell the house of Israel everything you see."

### The Wall, Gate and Lodges

5 I saw a wall all around the outside of the temple. In the man's hand was a measuring stick  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet long. He measured the thickness of the wall as  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and its height as  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

6 Then he went to the gate facing east. He climbed its steps and measured the threshold of the gate as  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep.

7 The alcoves were  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet long and  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide; between the alcoves were  $8\frac{3}{4}$  feet. The threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate facing inward was  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

8 Then he measured the porch of the gate facing inward as  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

9 He measured the porch of the gate as 14 feet, and its jambs as  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet; the porch of the gate faced inward.

10 There were three alcoves on each side of the east gate; the three had the same measurement, and the jambs on either side had the same measurement.

11 He measured the width of the entrance of the gateway as  $17\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and the length of the gateway as  $22\frac{3}{4}$  feet.

12 There was a barrier in front of the alcoves,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  feet on either side; the alcoves were  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet on either side.

13 He measured the gateway from the roof of one alcove to the roof of the other, a width of  $43\frac{3}{4}$  feet from one entrance to the opposite one.

14 He measured the porch at 105 feet high; the gateway went all around to the jamb of the courtyard.

15 From the front of the entrance gate to the porch of the inner gate was  $87\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

16 There were closed windows toward the alcoves and toward their jambs within the gate all around, and likewise for the porches. There were windows all around the inside, and on each jamb were decorative palm trees.

### The Outer and Inner Courts

17 Then he brought me to the outer court. I saw chambers there, and a pavement made for the court all around; thirty chambers faced the pavement.

18 The pavement was beside the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates; this was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the width from before the lower gate to the front of the exterior of the inner court as 175 feet on the east and on the north.

20 He measured the length and width of the gate of the outer court which faces north.

21 Its alcoves, three on each side, and its jambs and porches had the same measurement as the first gate;  $87\frac{1}{2}$  feet long and  $43\frac{3}{4}$  feet wide.

22 Its windows, its porches, and its decorative palm trees had the same measurement as the gate which faced east. Seven steps led up to it, and its porch was in front of them.

23 Opposite the gate on the north and the east was a gate of the inner court; he measured the distance from gate to gate at 175 feet.

24 Then he led me toward the south. I saw a gate on the south. He measured its jambs and its porches; they had the same dimensions as the others.

25 There were windows all around it and its porches, like the windows of the others;  $87\frac{1}{2}$  feet long and  $43\frac{3}{4}$  feet wide.

26 There were seven steps going up to it; its porches were in front of them. It had decorative palm trees on its jambs, one on either side.

27 The inner court had a gate toward the south; he measured it from gate to gate toward the south as 175 feet.

28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. He measured the south gate; it had the same dimensions as the others.

29 Its alcoves, its jambs, and its porches had the same dimensions as the others, and there were windows all around it and its porches; its length was  $87\frac{1}{2}$  feet and its width  $43\frac{3}{4}$  feet.

30 There were porches all around,  $43\frac{3}{4}$  feet long and  $8\frac{3}{4}$  feet wide.

31 Its porches faced the outer court, and decorative palm trees were on its jambs, and its stairway had eight steps.

32 Then he brought me to the inner court on the east side. He measured the gate; it had the same dimensions as the others.

33 Its alcoves, its jambs, and its porches had the same dimensions as the others, and there were windows all around it and its porches; its length was  $87\frac{1}{2}$  feet and its width  $43\frac{3}{4}$  feet.

- 34 Its porches faced the outer court, it had decorative palm trees on its jambs, and its stairway had eight steps.  
35 Then he brought me to the north gate, and he measured it; it had the same dimensions as the others—  
36 its alcoves, its jambs, and its porches. It had windows all around it; its length was  $87\frac{1}{2}$  feet and its width  $43\frac{3}{4}$  feet.  
37 Its jambs faced the outer court, and it had decorative palm trees on its jambs, on either side, and its stairway had eight steps.

#### **The Chamber for the Priests**

- 38 There was a chamber with its door by the porch of the gate; there they washed the burnt offering.  
39 In the porch of the gate were two tables on either side on which to slaughter the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.  
40 On the outside of the porch as one goes up at the entrance of the north gate were two tables, and on the other side of the porch of the gate were two tables.  
41 Four tables were on each side of the gate, eight tables on which the sacrifices were to be slaughtered.  
42 The four tables for the burnt offering were of carved stone, 32 inches long, 32 inches wide, and 21 inches high. They would put the instruments which they used to slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice on them.  
43 There were hooks three inches long, fastened in the house all around, and on the tables was the flesh of the offering.  
44 On the outside of the inner gate were chambers for the singers of the inner court, one at the side of the north gate facing south, and the other at the side of the south gate facing north.  
45 He said to me, "This chamber which faces south is for the priests who keep charge of the temple,  
46 and the chamber which faces north is for the priests who keep charge of the altar. These are the descendants of Zadok, from the descendants of Levi, who may approach the LORD to minister to him."  
47 He measured the court as a square 175 feet long and 175 feet wide; the altar was in front of the temple.

#### **The Porch**

- 48 Then he brought me to the porch of the temple and measured the jambs of the porch as  $8\frac{3}{4}$  feet on either side, and the width of the gate was  $24\frac{1}{2}$  feet and the sides were  $5\frac{1}{4}$  feet on each side.  
49 The length of the porch was 35 feet and the width  $19\frac{1}{4}$  feet; steps led up to it, and there were pillars beside the jambs on either side.

#### **The Posts of the Temple**

- 41:1 Then he brought me to the outer sanctuary, and measured the jambs; the jambs were  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide on each side.  
2 The width of the entrance was  $17\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and the sides of the entrance were  $8\frac{3}{4}$  feet on each side. He measured the length of the outer sanctuary as 70 feet, and its width as 35 feet.  
3 Then he went into the inner sanctuary and measured the jambs of the entrance as  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet, the entrance as  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and the width of the entrance as  $12\frac{1}{4}$  feet  
4 Then he measured its length as 35 feet, and its width as 35 feet, before the outer sanctuary. He said to me, "This is the most holy place."

#### **The Wall and Side Chambers**

- 5 Then he measured the wall of the temple as  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and the width of the side chambers as 7 feet, all around the temple.  
6 The side chambers were in three stories, one above the other, thirty in each story. There were offsets in the wall all around to serve as supports for the side chambers, so that the supports were not in the wall of the temple.  
7 The side chambers surrounding the temple were wider at each successive story; for the structure surrounding the temple went up story by story all around the temple. For this reason the width of the temple increased as it went up, and one went up from the lowest story to the highest by the way of the middle story.  
8 I saw that the temple had a raised platform all around; the foundations of the side chambers were a full measuring stick of  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet high.  
9 The width of the outer wall of the side chambers was  $8\frac{3}{4}$  feet, and the open area between the side chambers of the temple  
10 and the chambers of the court was 35 feet in width all around the temple on every side.  
11 There were entrances from the side chambers toward the open area, one entrance toward the north, and another entrance toward the south; the width of the open area was  $8\frac{3}{4}$  feet all around.

#### **The Building Facing the Temple**

- 12 The building that was facing the temple courtyard at the west side was  $122\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide; the wall of the building was  $8\frac{3}{4}$  feet all around, and its length  $157\frac{1}{2}$  feet.  
13 Then he measured the temple as 175 feet long, the courtyard of the temple and the building and its walls as 175 feet long,  
14 and also the width of the front of the temple and the courtyard on the east as 175 feet.

**The Galleries About the Temple**

15 Then he measured the length of the building facing the courtyard at the rear of the temple, with its galleries on either side as 175 feet. The interior of the outer sanctuary and the porch of the court,

16 as well as the thresholds, narrow windows and galleries all around on three sides facing the threshold were paneled with wood all around, from the ground up to the windows (now the windows were covered),

17 to the space above the entrance, to the inner room, and on the outside, and on all the walls in the inner room and outside, by measurement.

18 It was made with cherubim and decorative palm trees, with a palm tree between each cherub. Each cherub had two faces:

19 a human face toward the palm tree on one side and a lion's face toward the palm tree on the other side. They were carved on the whole temple all around;

20 from the ground to the area above the entrance, cherubim and decorative palm trees were carved on the wall of the outer sanctuary.

**The Altar of Incense**

21 The doorposts of the outer sanctuary were square. In front of the sanctuary one doorpost looked just like the other.

22 The altar was of wood, 5¼ feet high, with its length 3½ feet; its corners, its length, and its walls were of wood. He said to me, "This is the table that is before the LORD."

23 The outer sanctuary and the inner sanctuary each had a double door.

24 Each of the doors had two leaves, two swinging leaves; two leaves for one door and two leaves for the other.

25 On the doors of the outer sanctuary were carved cherubim and palm trees, like those carved on the walls, and there was a canopy of wood on the front of the outside porch.

26 There were narrow windows and decorative palm trees on either side of the side walls of the porch; this is what the side chambers of the temple and the canopies were like.

**The Inner Court of the Chamber**

42:1 Then he led me out to the outer court, toward the north, and brought me to the chamber which was opposite the courtyard and opposite the building on the north.

2 Its length was 175 feet on the north side, and its width 87½ feet.

3 Opposite the 35 feet that belonged to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer court, gallery faced gallery in the three stories.

4 In front of the chambers was a walkway on the inner side, 17½ feet wide at a distance of 1¾ feet, and their entrances were on the north.

5 Now the upper chambers were narrower, because the galleries took more space from them than from the lower and middle chambers of the building.

6 For they were in three stories and had no pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore the upper chambers were set back from the ground more than the lower and upper ones.

7 As for the outer wall by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court facing the chambers, it was 87½ feet long.

8 For the chambers on the outer court were 87½ feet long, while those facing the temple were 175 feet long.

9 Below these chambers was a passage on the east side as one enters from the outer court.

10 At the beginning of the wall of the court toward the south, facing the courtyard and the building, were chambers

11 with a passage in front of them. They looked like the chambers on the north. Of the same length and width, and all their exits according to their arrangements and entrances

12 were the chambers which were toward the south. There was an opening at the head of the passage, the passage in front of the corresponding wall toward the east when one enters.

**The Priests' Use of the Chambers**

13 Then he said to me, "The north chambers and the south chambers which face the courtyard are holy chambers where the priests who approach the LORD will eat the most holy offerings. There they will place the most holy offerings—the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering, because the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter, then they will not go out from the sanctuary to the outer court without taking off their garments in which they minister, for these are holy; they will put on other garments, then they will go near the places where the people are."

**Measurements of Outer Wall and Entire Complex**

15 Now when he had finished measuring the interior of the temple, he led me out by the gate which faces east and measured all around.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring stick as 875 feet by the measuring stick.

17 He measured the north side as 875 feet by the measuring stick.

18 He measured the south side as 875 feet by the measuring stick.

19 He turned to the west side and measured 875 feet by the measuring stick.

20 He measured it on all four sides. It had a wall around it, 875 feet long and 875 feet wide, to separate the holy and common places.

## Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennium Temple—Yahweh Returns to the Temple (November 2, 574 BC)

Ezekiel 43:1–11

### God's Glory Fills the Temple

1 Then he brought me to the gate that faced toward the east.

2 I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east; the sound was like that of rushing water; and the earth radiated his glory.

3 It was like the vision I saw when he came to destroy the city, and the vision I saw by the Kebar River. I threw myself face down.

4 The glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate that faces east.

5 Then a wind lifted me up and brought me to the inner court; I watched the glory of the LORD filling the temple.

### Exhortation to Purity

6 I heard someone speaking to me from the temple, while the man was standing beside me.

7 He said to me: "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people of Israel forever. The house of Israel will no longer profane my holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their spiritual prostitution or by the pillars of their kings set up when they die.

8 When they placed their threshold by my threshold and their doorpost by my doorpost, with only the wall between me and them, they profaned my holy name by the abominable deeds they committed. So I consumed them in my anger.

9 Now they must put away their spiritual prostitution and the pillars of their kings far from me, and then I will live among them forever.

### Purpose of God's Revelation of the Millennial Temple

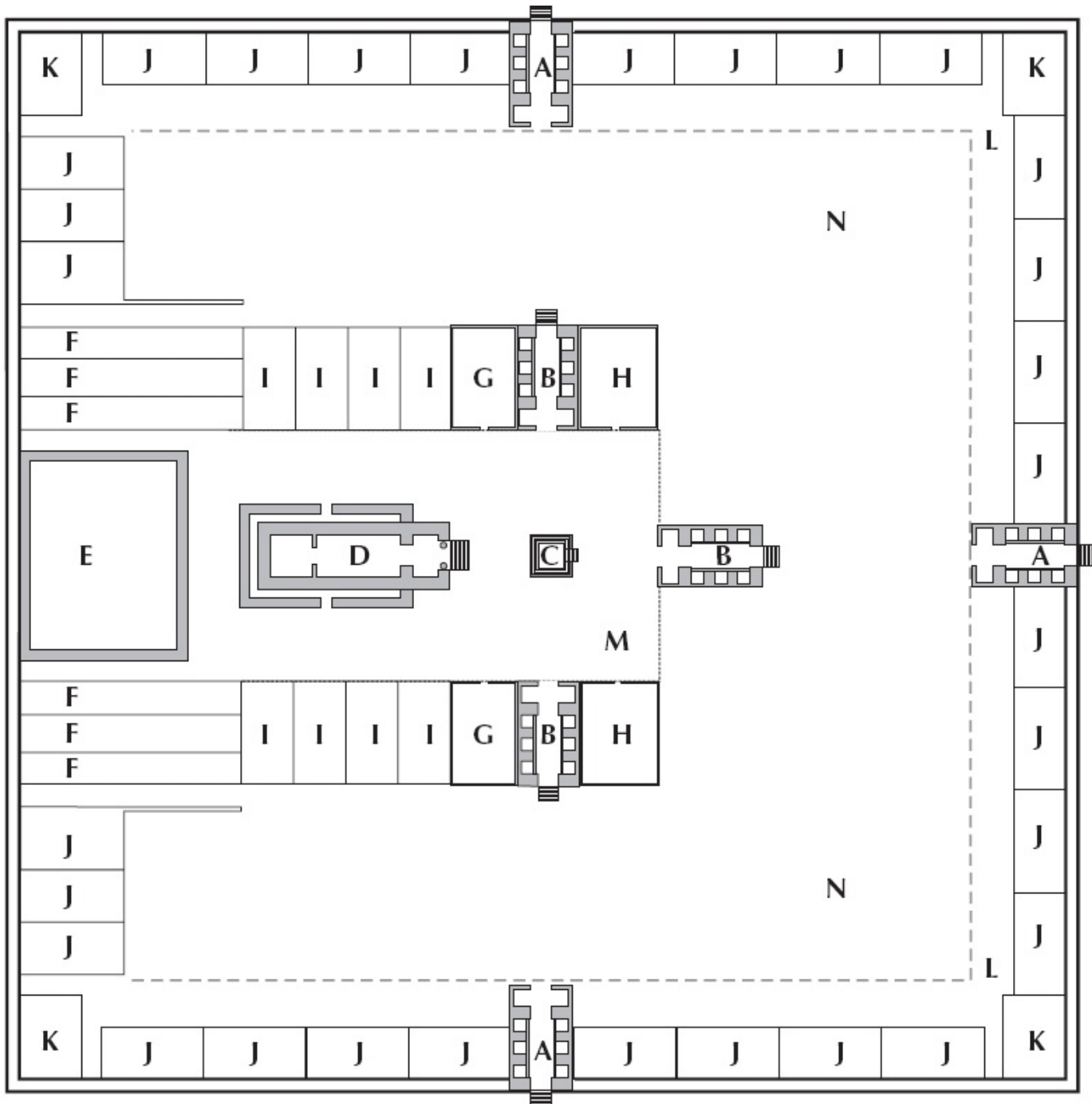
10 "As for you, son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, so that they will be ashamed of their sins and measure the pattern.

11 When they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple, its pattern, its exits and entrances, and its whole design—all its statutes, its entire design, and all its laws; write it all down in their sight, so that they may observe its entire design and all its statutes and do them.

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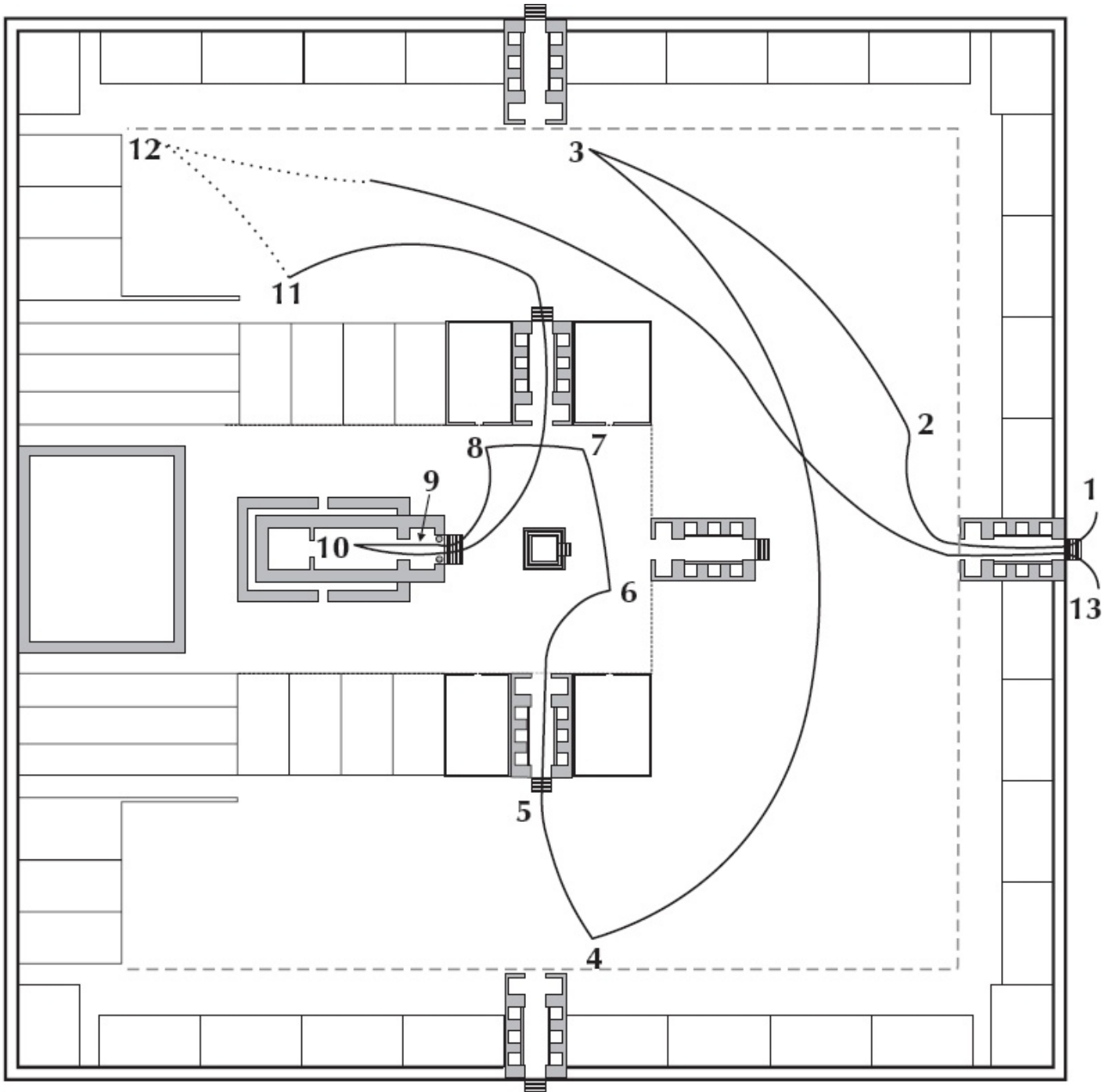
### Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennial Temple

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| <b>B</b> Inner gates (40:28-37)        | <b>I</b> Outer chambers (41:9b-10)    |
| <b>C</b> Altar (43:13-17)              | <b>J</b> Worshiper's chambers (40:17) |
| <b>D</b> Temple (40:48–41:11, 15-26)   | <b>K</b> Kitchens (46:19-24)          |
| <b>E</b> Binyān (41:12-14)             | <b>L</b> Lower pavement (40:18)       |
| <b>F</b> Priestly sacristies (42:1-14) | <b>M</b> Inner court (40:44)          |
| <b>G</b> Priestly chambers (40:44-46)  | <b>N</b> Outer court (40:17-19)       |



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