

September 6 Answers

- 1) In the twenty-fifth year of the exile of Jehoiachin, God showed Ezekiel the Millennial **temple**. An angel took him on a guided **tour** of the complex, carefully measuring each section so he could remember and “**declare** it to the house of Israel” (Ezek 40:4). Why? (see Ezekiel 43:7–10). God wanted this vision to **convict** the people’s hearts and make them **ashamed** of their wickedness. This vision also teaches us that God cannot dwell in a place that is **defiled** by idolatry and sin. In the same way that persistent, unrepentant wickedness caused God to leave the temple (1 Kgs 9:3), such rebellion will cause God to leave the **heart** of a person who will not remain loyal and obedient (1 Kgs 9:6–9). This revelation of the future should **stir** our hearts with desire. It should motivate us to **reject** temptation and **cling** to God in love, for who wouldn’t want to be a part of what God has in store!