

## Ezekiel 42-44, 1 John 1 (New King James Version)

### Ezekiel 42

#### The Chambers for the Priests

<sup>1</sup> Then he brought me out into the outer court, by the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber which *was* opposite the separating courtyard, and which *was* opposite the building toward the north. <sup>2</sup> Facing the length, *which was* one hundred cubits (the width was fifty cubits), was the north door. <sup>3</sup> Opposite the inner court of twenty *cubits*, and opposite the pavement of the outer court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories*. <sup>4</sup> In front of the chambers, toward the inside, *was* a walk ten cubits wide, at a distance of one cubit; and their doors faced north. <sup>5</sup> Now the upper chambers *were* shorter, because the galleries took away *space* from them more than from the lower and middle stories of the building. <sup>6</sup> For they *were* in three *stories* and did not have pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore *the upper level* was shortened more than the lower and middle levels from the ground up. <sup>7</sup> And a wall which *was* outside ran parallel to the chambers, at the front of the chambers, toward the outer court; its length *was* fifty cubits. <sup>8</sup> The length of the chambers toward the outer court *was* fifty cubits, whereas that facing the temple *was* one hundred cubits. <sup>9</sup> At the lower chambers *was* the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

<sup>10</sup> Also *there were* chambers in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, opposite the separating courtyard and opposite the building. <sup>11</sup> *There was* a walk in front of them also, and their appearance *was* like the chambers which *were* toward the north; they *were* as long and as wide as the others, and all their exits and entrances *were* according to plan. <sup>12</sup> And corresponding to the doors of the chambers that *were* facing south, as one enters them, *there was* a door in front of the walk, the way directly in front of the wall toward the east.

<sup>13</sup> Then he said to me, “The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are* opposite the separating courtyard, *are* the holy chambers where the priests who approach the LORD shall eat the most holy offerings. There they shall lay the most holy offerings—the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering—for the place *is* holy. <sup>14</sup> When the priests enter them, they shall not go out of the holy *chamber* into the outer court; but there they shall leave their garments in which they minister, for they *are* holy. They shall put on other garments; then they may approach *that* which *is* for the people.”

#### Outer Dimensions of the Temple

<sup>15</sup> Now when he had finished measuring the inner temple, he brought me out through the gateway that faces toward the east, and measured it all around. <sup>16</sup> He measured the east side with the measuring rod, <sup>[a]</sup> five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around. <sup>17</sup> He measured the north side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around. <sup>18</sup> He measured the south side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod. <sup>19</sup> He came around to the west side *and* measured five hundred rods by the measuring rod. <sup>20</sup> He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, five hundred *cubits* long and five hundred wide, to separate the holy areas from the common.

### Ezekiel 43

## The Temple, the LORD's Dwelling Place

<sup>1</sup> Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. <sup>2</sup> And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice *was* like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. <sup>3</sup> *It was* like the appearance of the vision which I saw—like the vision which I saw when I<sup>[b]</sup> came to destroy the city. The visions *were* like the vision which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face. <sup>4</sup> And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. <sup>5</sup> The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard *Him* speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. <sup>7</sup> 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. No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places. <sup>8</sup> When they set their threshold by My threshold, and their doorpost by My doorpost, with a wall between them and Me, they defiled My holy name by the abominations which they committed; therefore I have consumed them in My anger. <sup>9</sup> Now let them put their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

<sup>10</sup> “Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. <sup>11</sup> And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write *it* down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. <sup>12</sup> *This is* the law of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop *is* most holy. Behold, *this is* the law of the temple.

### Dimensions of the Altar

<sup>13</sup> “These are the measurements of the altar in cubits (the cubit *is* one cubit and a handbreadth): the base one cubit high and one cubit wide, with a rim all around its edge of one span. *This is* the height of the altar: <sup>14</sup> from the base on the ground to the lower ledge, two cubits; the width of the ledge, one cubit; from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge, four cubits; and the width of the ledge, *one* cubit. <sup>15</sup> The altar hearth *is* four cubits high, with four horns extending upward from the hearth. <sup>16</sup> The altar hearth *is* twelve *cubits* long, twelve wide, square at its four corners; <sup>17</sup> the ledge, fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen wide on its four sides, with a rim of half a cubit around it; its base, one cubit all around; and its steps face toward the east.”

### Consecrating the Altar

<sup>18</sup> And He said to me, “Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD: ‘These *are* the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. <sup>19</sup> You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,’ says the Lord GOD. <sup>20</sup> ‘You shall take some of its blood and put *it* on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it. <sup>21</sup> Then you shall also take the bull

of the sin offering, and burn it in the appointed place of the temple, outside the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup> On the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed *it* with the bull. <sup>23</sup> When you have finished cleansing *it*, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram from the flock without blemish. <sup>24</sup> When you offer them before the LORD, the priests shall throw salt on them, and they will offer them up *as* a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>25</sup> Every day for seven days you shall prepare a goat *for* a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull and a ram from the flock, both without blemish. <sup>26</sup> Seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it, and so consecrate *it*. <sup>27</sup> When these days are over it shall be, on the eighth day and thereafter, that the priests shall offer your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar; and I will accept you,' says the Lord GOD."

## **Ezekiel 44**

### **The East Gate and the Prince**

<sup>1</sup> Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it *was* shut. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut. <sup>3</sup> *As for* the prince, *because* he *is* the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way."

### **Those Admitted to the Temple**

<sup>4</sup> Also He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; so I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I fell on my face. <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD and all its laws. Mark well who may enter the house and all who go out from the sanctuary.

<sup>6</sup> "Now say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "O house of Israel, let Us have no more of all your abominations. <sup>7</sup> When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to defile it—My house—and when you offered My food, the fat and the blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations. <sup>8</sup> And you have not kept charge of My holy things, but you have set *others* to keep charge of My sanctuary for you." <sup>9</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter My sanctuary, including any foreigner who *is* among the children of Israel.

### **Laws Governing Priests**

<sup>10</sup> "And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. <sup>11</sup> Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, *as* gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. <sup>12</sup> Because they ministered to them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised My hand in an oath against them," says the Lord GOD, "that they shall bear their

iniquity. <sup>13</sup> And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy *Place*; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.

<sup>15</sup> “But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood,” says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> “They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge. <sup>17</sup> And it shall be, whenever they enter the gates of the inner court, that they shall put on linen garments; no wool shall come upon them while they minister within the gates of the inner court or within the house. <sup>18</sup> They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen trousers on their bodies; they shall not clothe themselves with *anything that causes* sweat. <sup>19</sup> When they go out to the outer court, to the outer court to the people, they shall take off their garments in which they have ministered, leave them in the holy chambers, and put on other garments; and in their holy garments they shall not sanctify the people.

<sup>20</sup> “They shall neither shave their heads nor let their hair grow long, but they shall keep their hair well trimmed. <sup>21</sup> No priest shall drink wine when he enters the inner court. <sup>22</sup> They shall not take as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but take virgins of the descendants of the house of Israel, or widows of priests.

<sup>23</sup> “And they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. <sup>24</sup> In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.

<sup>25</sup> “They shall not defile *themselves* by coming near a dead person. Only for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister may they defile themselves. <sup>26</sup> After he is cleansed, they shall count seven days for him. <sup>27</sup> And on the day that he goes to the sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary, he must offer his sin offering in the inner court,” says the Lord GOD.

<sup>28</sup> “It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, *that I am* their inheritance. You shall give them no possession in Israel, for I *am* their possession. <sup>29</sup> They shall eat the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering; every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. <sup>30</sup> The best of all firstfruits of any kind, and every sacrifice of any kind from all your sacrifices, shall be the priest’s; also you shall give to the priest the first of your ground meal, to cause a blessing to rest on your house. <sup>31</sup> The priests shall not eat anything, bird or beast, that died naturally or was torn *by wild beasts*.

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## 1 John 1

### What Was Heard, Seen, and Touched

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your<sup>[a]</sup> joy may be full.

#### **Fellowship with Him and One Another**

<sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.