

I will be your God and you will be My people



- ◇ **THE NEW TEMPLE**
 - ◆ Twenty-five years after captivity
 - ◆ A Holy City, set apart
 - ◆ The man and his message
 - ◆ Walls and steps
- ◇ **THE TEMPLE YARD**
 - ◆ The outer courtyard
 - ◆ The priests chambers
 - ◆ Sacred Ground
- ◇ **THE RETURN OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD**
 - ◆ It's been 19 years
 - ◆ God of Holiness
 - ◆ People of wickedness
 - ◆ The Call to be Holy

JEFFERSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fall/Winter 2016-2017 Adult Bible Study

Ezekiel

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Questions for Discussion:

1. Compare and contrast the behavior of the Jewish people in the temple of Jerusalem and the way people behave in the vision of the New Temple.
2. Nobody can enter the Temple except through the gates—why do you think that is?
3. What do the Palm Trees symbolize? Psalm 92:12-15, Song of Solomon 7:7-8
4. Describe the largest building in the Temple area (41:12-15a). What does the description tell you about the nature of God?
5. What do you think? Many people believe that this new temple will exist in the future and Jesus, the Messiah, will return to rule as king, and He will then establish this temple. Other people do not think that this new temple will actually exist. They believe God is using this vision of the new temple to teach people about the Holiness of God, and what it means to be holy through sacred worship and willing obedience. *Read Mark 13:14, John 3:1-16 and John 4:23-24.*
6. Compare the cherubim in the Temple building to Ezekiel's vision in the beginning chapters—what does that say about God's angels?
7. Jesus describes God's house as having many rooms in John 14:2. Considering Ezekiel's vision, what do you suppose is the meaning of the large number of rooms?
8. At the beginning of Chapter 43, Ezekiel recounts God's Glory at the Chebar river (Chapter 1) and God's Glory leaving the Temple in Jerusalem (Chapter 10). What causes him to remember these two instances, and why does he fall to the ground?

Ascending to the New Temple

The Psalms of Accent Psalms 120—134

Many Psalms have an ancient title. We cannot be sure whether these titles are original, but the meaning in each is clear.

The title of Psalms 120 to 134 are called the Psalms of Accent or 'step songs'.

It is interesting to note the author of these Psalms begins in a foreign country (Psalm 120).

And his Psalms end in the "holy place" in the "temple" (Psalm 134).

Consider these Psalms as a series of upward steps. And with each step, there is a closer relationship with God. That is a good way to describe a traveler's long journey to worship God at the temple especially so, as the temple was on the top of a hill.

