

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 185--Ezekiel 40:1-48:35

Introduction: Ezekiel's prophecies of Israel's future glory have heretofore focused upon various aspects of the kingdom under the Messiah. They are presented in the idealized pictures of the Messiah and the blessings He would bring to God's people. Ezekiel's picture is now completed with a description of the new temple, its new worship, and the new land of the Messianic age. Again, by means of symbolic pictures, Ezekiel seeks to elevate the hearts of the captive Israelites by presenting to them the wonderful spiritual things awaiting them through Jesus' coming.

Lesson aim: To appreciate the perfection of our present relationship with Lord as symbolized by Ezekiel.

A prophetic picture of the new temple to come--Ezekiel 40:1-43:13-27

1. In this prophetic vision, where is Ezekiel transported? (v. 1-2). What did Ezekiel see? Who did he see? (v. 3) What charge did this man give Ezekiel? (v. 4)
2. What is described in each of these sections?:
40:5-27? 40:28-47? 40:48-41:26? 42:1-20?
3. What did Ezekiel see returning to the temple? (43:1-5) What had Ezekiel seen earlier in the book? (10:18-19; 11:22-23)
4. What promise did the Lord make concerning his return to the temple? (43:7-9) Why was Ezekiel to reveal the details concerning the temple? (43:10-12)
5. Laws are given concerning what important temple furnishing in 43:13-27?

A prophetic picture of the new worship to come--Ezekiel 44:1-46:24

1. What message was Ezekiel to reveal to the people? (44:6-9)
2. Who would God not allow to offer sacrifice in His temple? (40:10-14) Why?
3. Who would be allowed to officiate at the altars (44:15-16) Note the laws given concerning their conduct.
4. How were the priests to be compensated for their work? (45:1-8)
5. What warning is issued to the princes of Israel? (45:9-12) What is described in 45:13-17?
6. The details in 45:18-46:24 have to do primarily with what matter?

**A prophetic picture of the new land to come-
-Ezekiel 47:1-48:35**

1. What did Ezekiel see emerging from the temple's threshold? (47:1-12) What affect would this river have?
2. What is the subject matter of 47:13-48:35?
3. What name would be given to the city Ezekiel has described? (48:35)