

# Solomon and the Great Temple Celebration

1Kings 8



**Worship and Praise,  
Past Present and Future**

Class 5

## The Ark on its Journey to Zion

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“...that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.”

1Kings 8v1



## I Kings 8:1-Zion

I Kings 8:1-  
Zion is further  
down the hill;  
the Temple  
area was  
further to the  
north and on a  
higher  
elevation; they  
bring the Ark  
up out of the  
city of David.

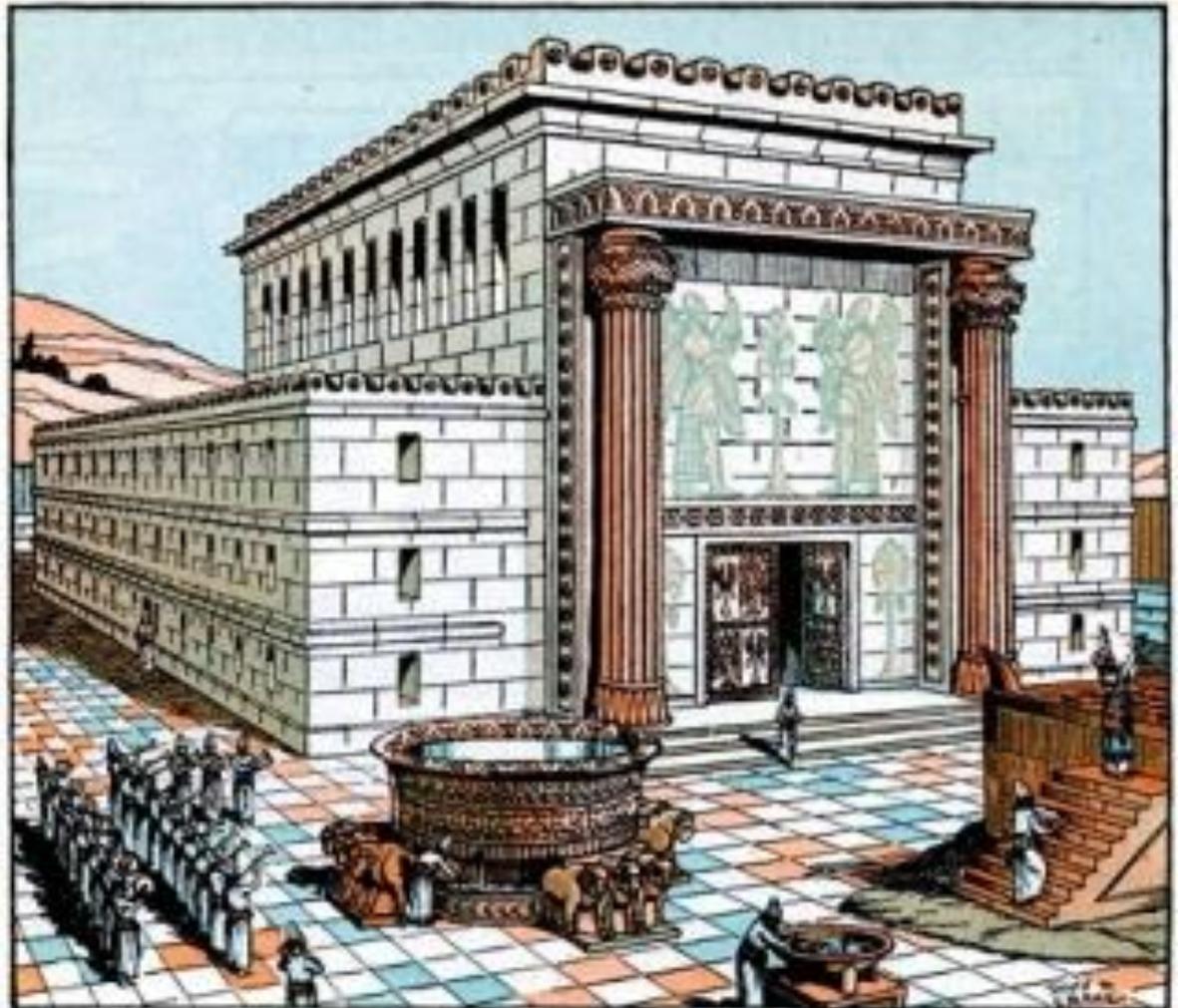


## Duration of the Temple Construction

vs. 2-The fact that we are given in the account the very month here is an indication of the magnitude of this particular event.

1Kings 6v1;  
2Chron. 3,4

Completion in:  
1Kings 6v38



## Duration of the Construction



Specific detail of timing and month have been mentioned, because this was a significant epoch in the history of Yahweh's people, this was the building and dedication of the Temple; the center of true and specific worship.

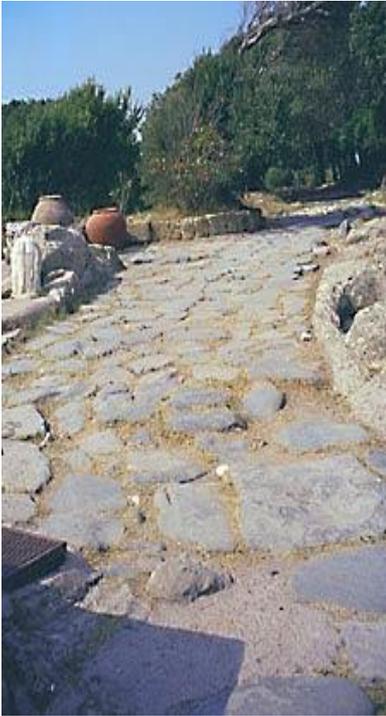
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- ...the month Zif, which *is* the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD
- ...in the month Bul, which *is* the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof
- ...*So was he seven years in building it.*

## The Great Procession

In Kings 8:3-4



- The Ark of the covenant was coming up from the city of David from the south
- ...the Tabernacle of the congregation came from Gibeon which was in the North.

## The Two Processions come together

“..a depiction of  
this Glorious  
assembly and  
view of the  
inner and outer  
court of this  
great Temple.”



## 1Kings 8v5

' And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude'



## Solomon before the People

# The Brazen Scaffold

2Chron 6:13  
“...he had in fact built a special platform that he intended to use as his own place that he would stand during the course of the celebrations that day.



witness the spectacle  
of this glorious day.

“...people then  
could only be in one  
place; the outer  
courts. They filled  
all the outer courts  
that surrounded the  
Holy place so that  
they might witness  
the spectacle of this  
glorious day.



# The Ark was Brought in

1 Kings 8v 6-8

The whole nation, including King Solomon, saw the Ark disappear in through the door, under the porch, into the Holy Place and finally into the most Holy Place.



Holy of Holies  
Beit HaMikdash

Two giant guardians  
waited to receive the Ark

“...inside the Holy Place were two enormous Cherubim that had been built. They were so large that their wings outstretched touched both walls on the sides of the Holy Place...”

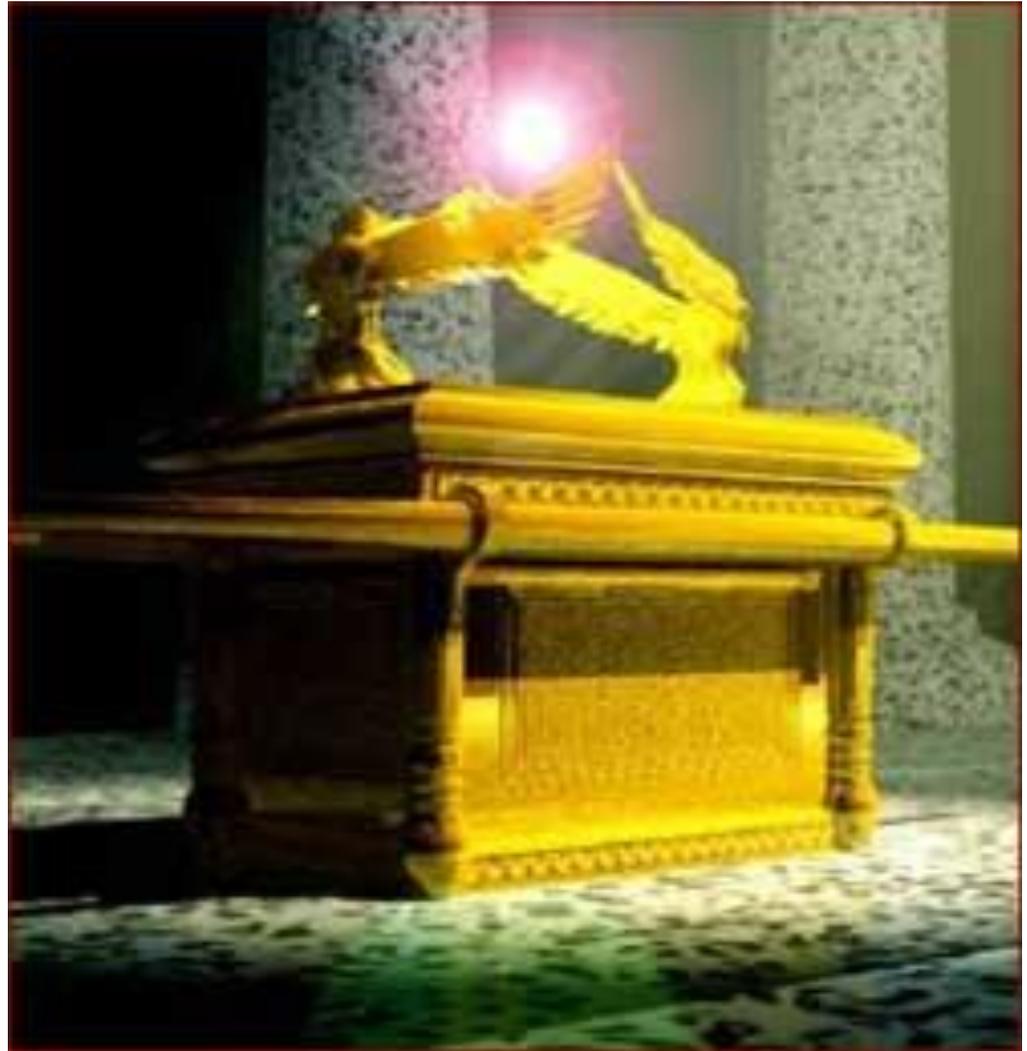
1Chron.6v23-28\*



“...and they drew out  
the staves,...”

“...it marked a new era in  
the history of the nation.  
The time of absolute  
rest had now been  
given. There was no  
longer a tabernacle that  
could be taken down  
and moved. This was to  
now represent a  
permanent dwelling  
place for Yahweh among  
His people.”

1Chron. 23v25,26



2 Chron 5v11

כי טוב כי לעולם

חסדו

Ki tob ki

-leolam

-chasdo.

“For he is good;  
for his mercy is  
endless.”

*The very words of the  
Psalm that David gave  
to Asaph.*

*1Chron 16v7,34*



## The Prayer of Solomon

“.....That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.”

- There are three main sections to the prayer:
  - 1.) The introductory section which starts in I Kings 8: 23 and goes through to vs. 30.
  - 2.) A petition for Divine Favor.
  - 3.) A Plea that Yahweh might Always remember His people.

## My Servant the Branch- His crown to Flourish

"Horn of David"=  
Solomon to bud,  
sprout, branch  
(Zech 6:12-13) Branch to  
Build the Temple

'My Servant the  
Branch'-Crown to  
Flourish

- There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.
- 'Crown in Ps 132: 18 is the word '*nezer*' used to describe the priestly crown that went on the top of the High Priest's mitre- Ex 29:6; 30:30; Lev 8:9; 21:12

It's used of the High Priest's crown.



## Feast of Tabernacles

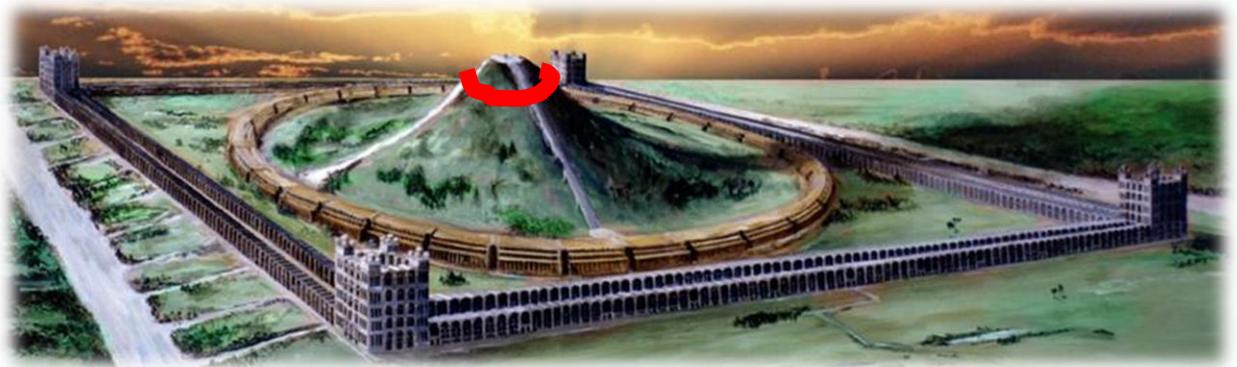
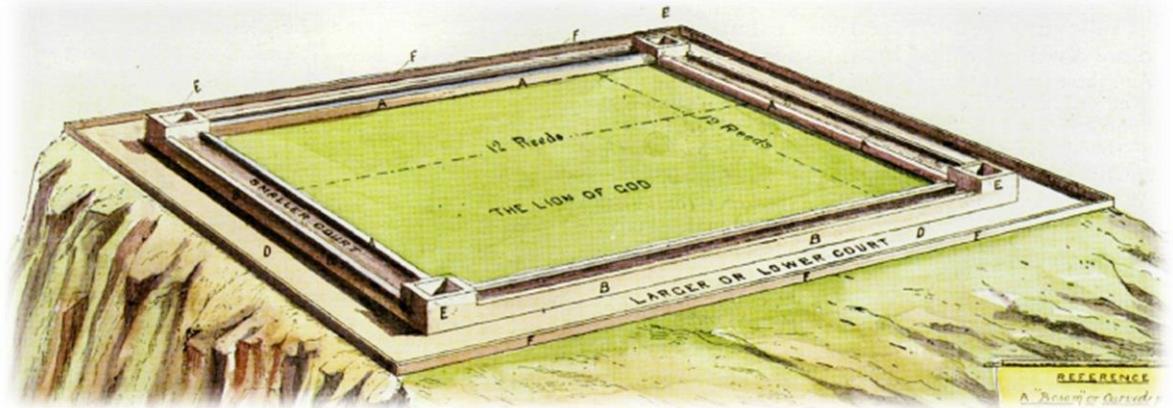
“And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.”

Zech 14v16  
(Zech 8v22)



## The Vision of Ezekiel's Temple

“In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.”  
Ezekiel 45:25





## "The Prince"

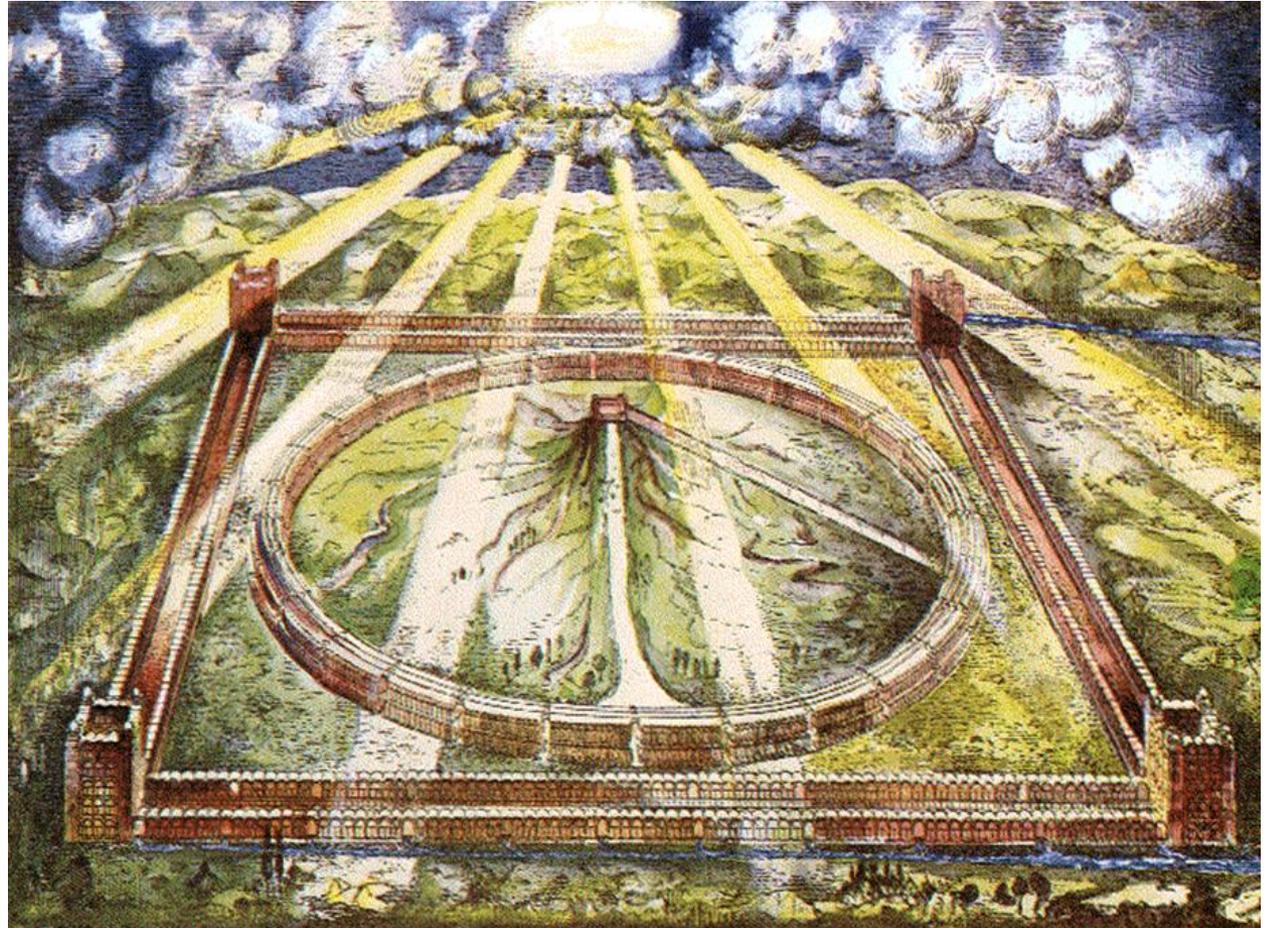
"...it will be the Princes' part to prepare the very same offerings during the same period of the feast in the seven days. So, the Prince of the Nation will also be its Priest, according to Ezekiel."

Ezk 45v 17-25



## Zechariah 6v12,13

“This teaching in the book of Zechariah is surely based on the life experience of Solomon. We are told in I Kings 6:2, 'the house which King Solomon built for the Lord....' Zechariah says, '.....he shall build the Temple of Yahweh.' .....The man who builds the Temple will also be the Priest, says Zechariah. Exactly Solomon's experience”.





Bro. Thomas is quoted in *The Christadelphian*, 1890, page 402 as stating:

"The third temple which Jesus will erect on Moriah will be more magnificent than any building which has yet adorned 'the city of the Great King.' It will be renowned throughout all the earth, and will be frequented as the House of Prayer for all nations who shall flow into it."

# Worship and Praise ~ Past, Present and Future

**“The Covenant of peace  
and the everlasting  
priesthood...”**

Numbers 25v1-13

# Zeal: The Principle expressed as zeal and the power of example:

- 1) zeal is a consuming Arder (passion, intensity) to exalt God.
- 2) it involves both loving righteousness and hating wickedness
- 3) the zeal of one persons' passionate endeavor in God's service can greatly influence others, such as the power of example.
- Zeal -7068=qinah (kin-aw)=jealousy;related to the word in greek which means ...fervent, heat, boil, glow
- ***...To light the flame in the generation to come is 'the greatest work of zeal, because in this is the assurance that the Truth will be preserved.'***

# These form an overview of our study:

- 1) Covenant of Peace = Fellowship with Yahweh
- 2) Everlasting Priesthood = Melchizedek
- 3) Zealous for his God = David
- 4) his seed after him = Abraham and David

# The Priesthood that was given to Phinehas ; a special promise

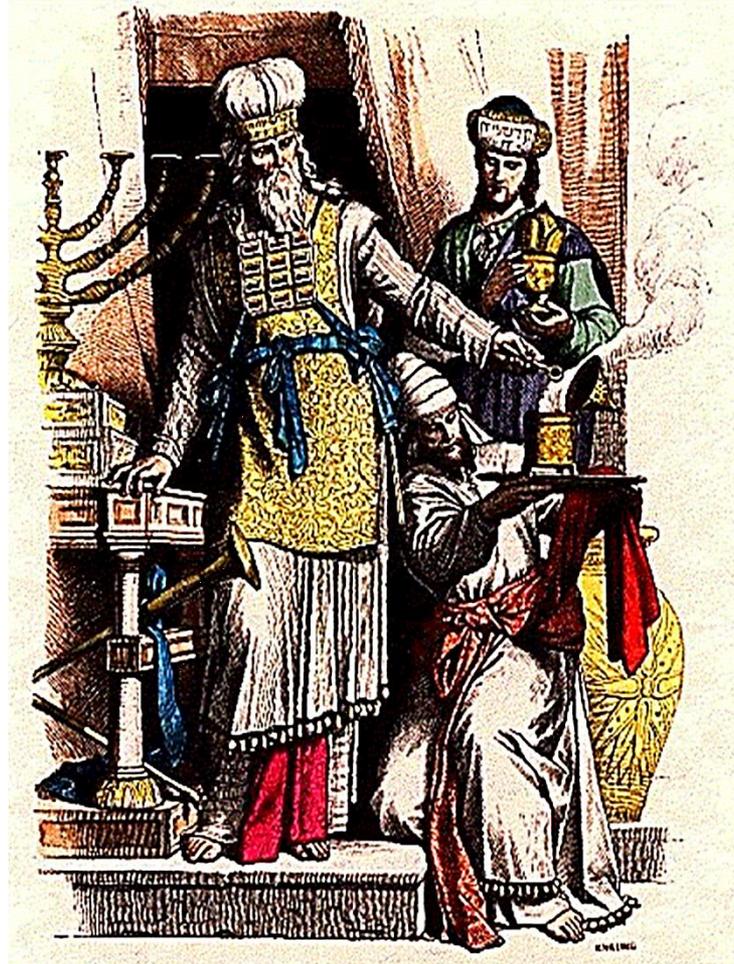
- First= ...Does this promise relate to the natural offspring of Phinehas only or is there a further application to a spiritual seed as well? Is there a dual application?
- Next= ... does this covenant promise simply a mortal priesthood after the order of Aaron, or is this the promise of an eternal priesthood after the order of Melchizedek? Or Both?

- Next= ... exactly how would the action of Phinehas be counted unto him for righteousness and on what basis would this be to all generations forevermore?
- Finally= ... what similarities are there between the covenant of promise that is made to Phinehas in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Numbers and the great covenants of promise that we know were made to Abraham and David?

Ex 40:12-15

# An Everlasting Priesthood

"...that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations....."



# Genesis 17 v 7,8 - Abraham

- "... And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. ....And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God...."

# Everlasting Covenant- David

- "... Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David....."
- the promise of ruler ship (II Sam 23:5). His seed would sit on the throne forever (II Sam 7)

The family of Eleazer  
son of Aaron  
(Ex 6:23)

## I Kings 2:27 & 35.

“... Eleazer, the father of Phinehas, who six generations later begat Zadok who was placed as High Priest before Yahweh and Abiathar cast out in the days of Solomon...”

- So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh....
- And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

# The sons of Eli- Hophni & Phinehas

- “17... Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD....”
- 34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.
- 35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *that* which *is* in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.”

# Three Stages of Numbers 25 in Psalm 106

	Psalm 106	Numbers 25
Apostasy---	■ Vs 28,29-----	Vs 1—6
Faithful Action—	■ Vs 30 ---	Vs 7-9
A promise was made ---	■ Vs 31---	Vs 10-13

V 31 “..And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.”

## Immortal Priesthood



- It was counted unto him for righteousness= Zadok (Tsadaq) # 6663 Zadok= to be right in a moral or forensic sense, cleansed, justified, to be righteous.
  - Hebrews 7v16,17
  - "...Based on divine approval and based on the intrinsic righteousness and the holiness of the person, not fleshly descent." Psalm 45v7

## Psalm 110v1-3

“...Every great promise or everlasting covenant is confirmed by an oath”

- A group of people who are really the supporters of the priest
- “The womb of the morning” -- resurrection to Immortality  
.... which is the dew of youth.  
The womb – resurrection  
Immortality – the dew of youth

## Psalm 110 v 4

“...Every great promise or everlasting covenant is confirmed by an oath”

- “...sworn and will not repent...”
- There is only one immortal, everlasting priesthood—
- There can be no other, than the Melchizedek order—

# Psalm 110 v 5,6



We see that the Priest of Ps 110 is a warrior Priest!.....

One who goes forth and fights the battles of Yahweh.

See the words, strike (vs. 5); Judge (vs. 6); wound (vs. 6).

He is a warrior priest, and who is the warrior priest of the Old Testament that we have been talking about today?  
.....Phinehas Numbers 31v6-8, 49

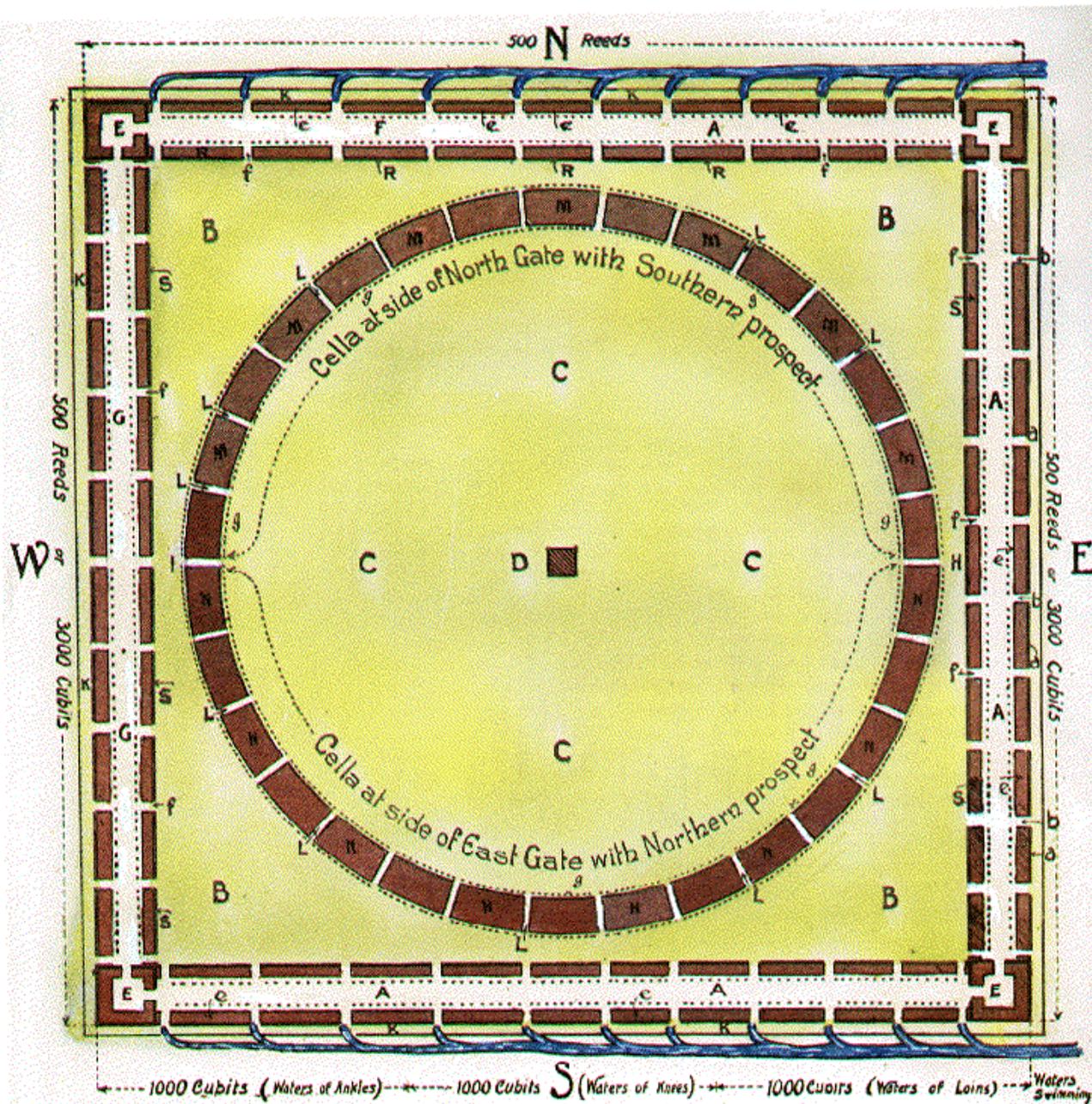
# Ezekiel 40:44-46

- Eze 40:44 And without the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south: one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.
- Eze 40:45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.
- Eze 40:46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.

The Most Holy, therefore, is shown as an open area inside the Temple, not square in form but like a mountain with buildings "round about."

The MOST  
HOLY or  
Temple area





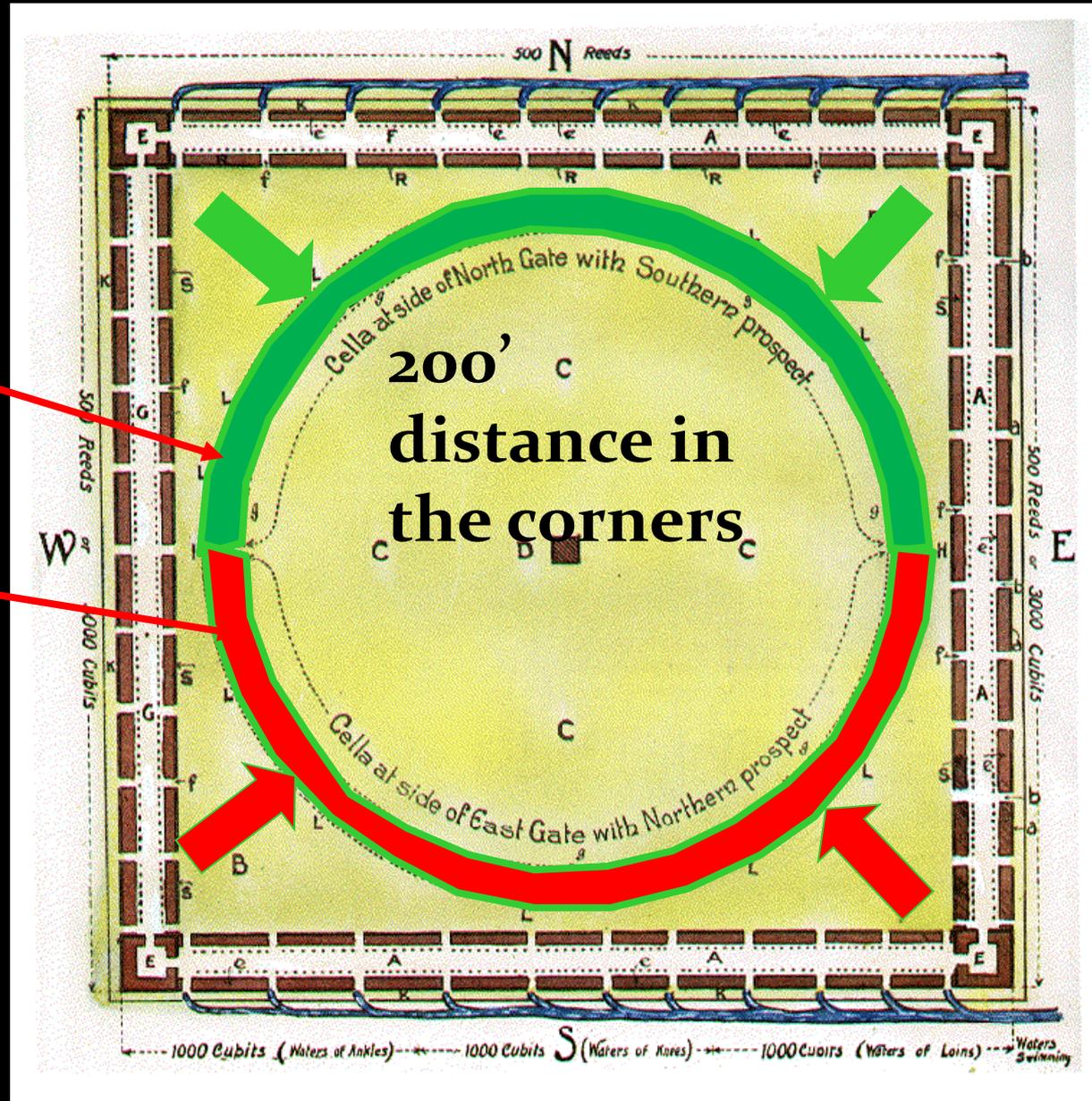
From these verses we learn that two sets and two orders of priests serve in these buildings—one section of the circular range, having its prospect southward, is said to be for "the use of the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house" (Chapter 40:45), and the other section for "the use of the priests the keepers of the charge of the altar" (Chap. 40:45-46), i.e., one set of mortal and immortal priests are provided for each section.

# CHAMBERS OF LEVITE SINGERS

# 40:44- 47 – Two Hemispheres

IMMORTALS  
WHOLE CIRCLE  
CONTAINS THE  
NORTHERN HALF,  
SONS OF ZADOK  
WHO  
KEEP ALTAR.

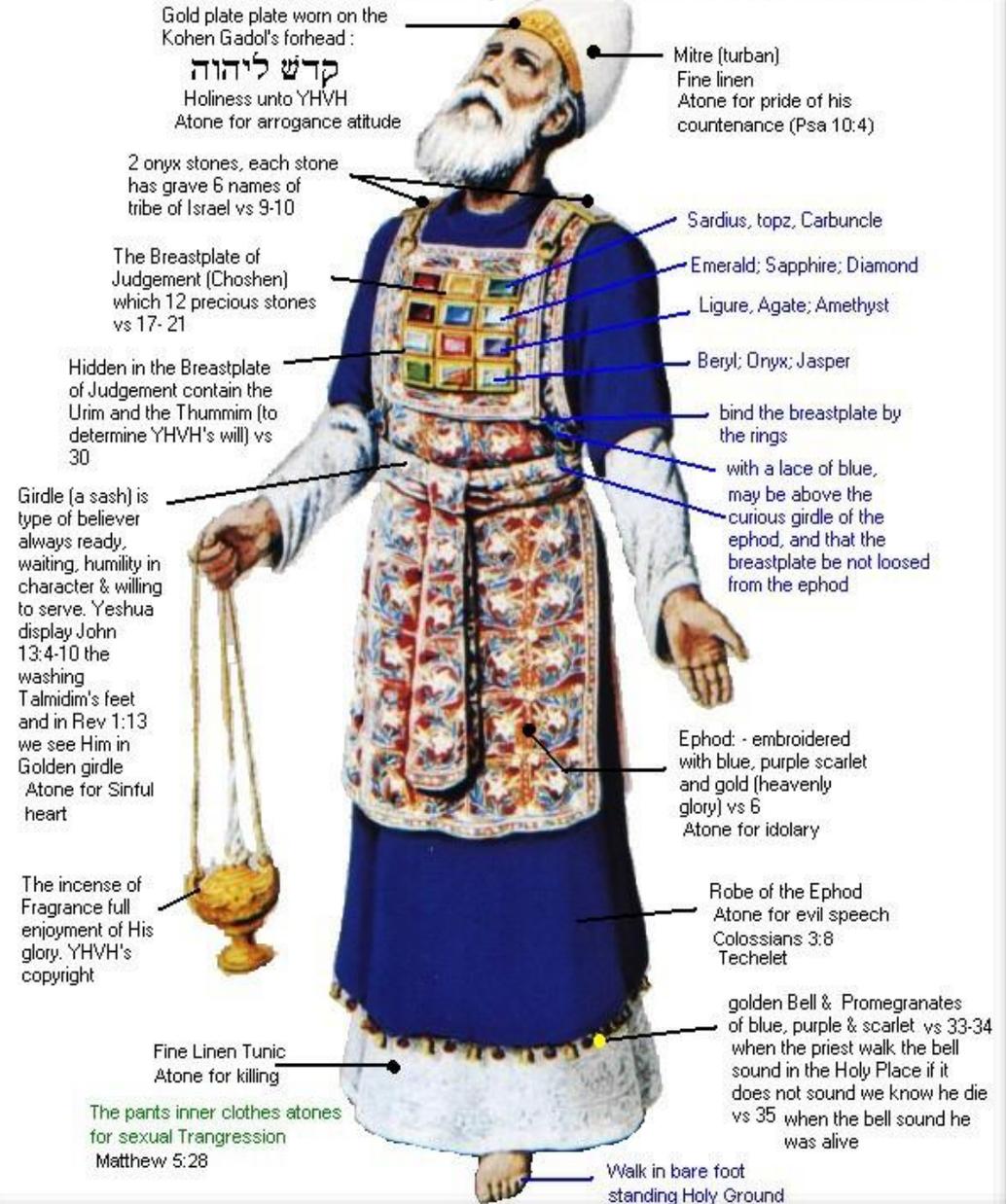
MORTALS  
SOUTHERN HALF,  
LEVITES KEEP  
HOUSE, i.e.  
IMMORTAL &  
MORTAL PRIESTS.  
Ezk. 40:44



# Ezekiel 44 v 10-16 \*

- There was, and will be, a distinction between the unfaithful and the faithful priestly orders....
- Adonijah made his move to claim the throne, Abiathar allied himself to him, while Zadok remained faithful to Yahweh's choice (1 Kings 1:7-8)

## The Golden Garments (8th) of the Kohen Gadol Shemot 28:4-42



# "Among the sons of Levi"

— **Two classes of priests operate in the circular temple**  
*One is mortal, and the other immortal, each with their respective duties.*

The mortal Levites' duty is to teach the people divine principles (ch. 44:23; Mal. 2:4-8), when the Law goes forth from Zion, and to instruct those visiting the great temple as to the various features of its beauty (Isa. 2:3). The immortal class, the "sons of Zadok" officiate in preparing the people for worship, and drawing them to appreciate the majesty of the King.

~Bro. Sulley

# Priesthood and Jerusalem Coincide

- First mention of Jerusalem in Scripture – Gen. 14:18 – as the city of “Salem”
- The predominant idea of the city is expounded in Heb. 7:1-2 about Melchizedek
- King of Salem, that is “King of Peace”
- Peace is the dominating but elusive characteristic of that troubled city
- Christ wept as he spoke of her blindness. Luke 19:42

# “Peace Within Thy Walls & Prosperity Within Thy Palaces”

- The Psalmist tells us to pray for “the peace of Jerusalem” (Psa. 122:6)
- Isaiah speaks of her peace flowing like a river Isa 48:18 “O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea”
- **Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.**

***Most Glorious things are spoken, Jerusalem of thee,  
To all God's Saints the token of Love and liberty,  
Who shall thy hill ascending, from pain and sorrow free,  
From sin and deaths contending, the living Glory be***

***Who shall receive the pebble, the raiment-pure and white...***

***They are changed to spirit light,  
He who has hands of cleanness, who's heart abides in truth,  
Who's soul abhors to leanness –the vanities of youth***

***He shall receive the blessing of Yahweh's saving grace,  
And righteousness possessing-shall see him face to face  
The oath cannot be broken, and we its joys shall see!***