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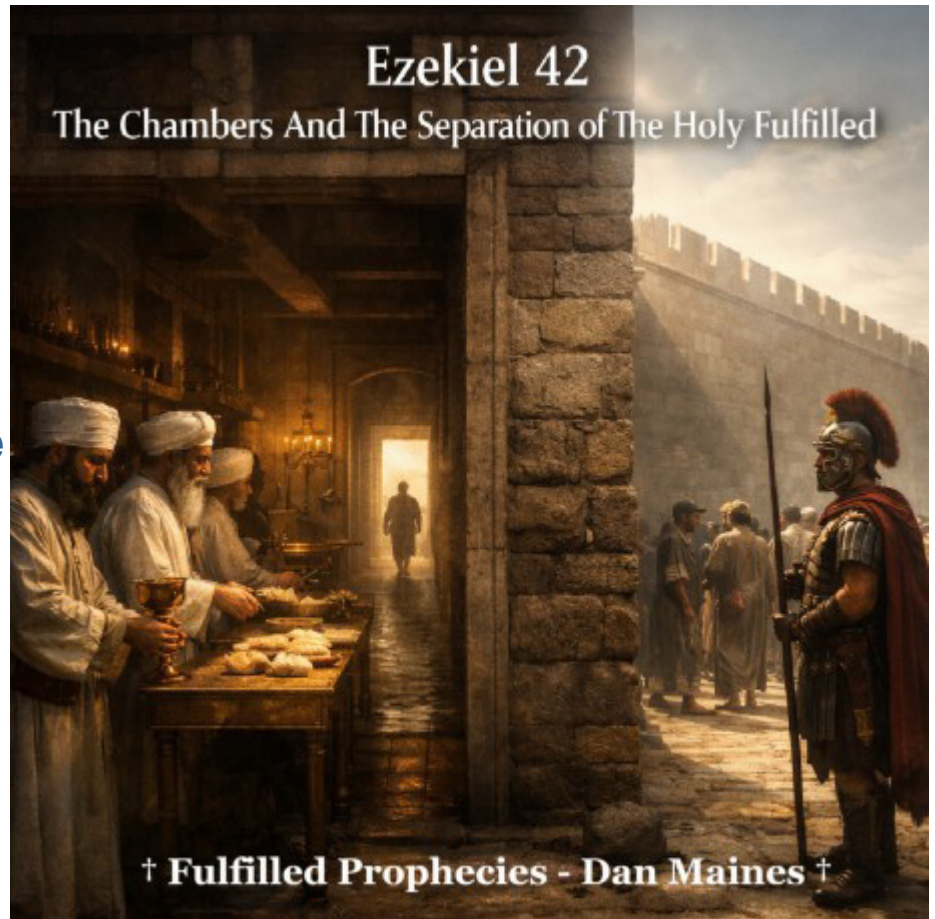
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Ezekiel 42 The Chambers And The Separation Of The Holy Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Ezekiel 42 continues the vision of the temple, now focusing on the priestly chambers and the clear separation between what is holy and what is common

† This shows God's order and holiness, not a future building, but a fulfilled reality in Christ and His people

† The structure and separation point to completion, God has fully established His dwelling and His people

Ezekiel 42:1

Then he brought me out into the outer courtyard the way of the north, and he brought me to the chamber which was opposite the separate area and opposite the building toward the north.

† The chambers represent preparation and service, showing that access to God is ordered and intentional

† This points to the priestly role fulfilled in believers, who now serve God directly

Ezekiel 42:2

Along the length, which was one hundred cubits, was the north entrance; the width was fifty cubits.

† The exact measurements show completeness, God finishes what He establishes

† This reflects the finished work of Christ, nothing is lacking in what God has built

Ezekiel 42:3-4

Opposite the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner courtyard, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer courtyard, was gallery corresponding to gallery in three stories. And before the chambers was an inner walkway ten cubits wide, a way of one cubit; and their entrances were on the north.

† The layered structure shows ordered access, not everyone approaches the same way

† This is fulfilled in Christ, who opened the true and living way while maintaining God's order

Ezekiel 42:5-6

Now the upper chambers were smaller, because the galleries took more space away from them than from the lower and the middle in the building. For they were in three stories and had no pillars like the pillars of the courtyards; therefore the uppermost were smaller than the lowest and the middle from the ground.

† The structure shows dependence, what is above rests on what is already established

† This reflects the foundation in Christ, everything stands on Him alone

Ezekiel 42:7-8

And the outer wall by the side of the chambers toward the outer courtyard in front of the chambers, its length was fifty cubits. For the length of the chambers which were in the outer courtyard was fifty cubits; and behold, in front of the nave it was one hundred cubits.

† The wall shows separation, God defines what is inside and what is outside

† This is fulfilled in the distinction between those in Christ and those outside

Ezekiel 42:9-10

And below these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer courtyard. In the thickness of the wall of the courtyard toward the east, in front of the separate area and in front of the building, there were chambers.

† The entrance shows that access is defined by God, not by man

† Christ is that access, the only way into the presence of God

Ezekiel 42:11-12

And the walkway in front of them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, according to their length so was their width; and all their exits were according to their arrangements and their entrances. And corresponding to the entrances of the chambers which were toward the south was an entrance at the head of the way, the way directly in front of the wall toward the east, as one enters them.

† The consistency shows God's unchanging nature, His order remains steady

† This reflects the stability of what God established in Christ

Ezekiel 42:13

Then he said to me, The north chambers and the south chambers which are opposite the separate area, they are the holy chambers where the priests who are near to the LORD shall eat the most holy things; there they shall put the most holy things, the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering, for the place is holy.

† These chambers are for those near to God, showing intimacy and access

† This is fulfilled in believers, who are now a priesthood with direct access to God

† The eating of holy things points to participation in Christ as the true offering

Ezekiel 42:14

When the priests enter, they shall not go out from the holy place to the outer courtyard, but there they shall leave the garments in

which they minister, for they are holy; then they shall put on other garments and approach that which is for the people.

† The garments show the distinction between holy service and daily life

† This reflects our identity in Christ, set apart yet living among people

† Holiness is carried in how we live, not confined to a place

Ezekiel 42:15-20

Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the gate facing east and measured it all around. He measured on the east side with the measuring rod five hundred rods by the measuring rod. He measured on the north side five hundred rods by the measuring rod. On the south side he measured five hundred rods with the measuring rod. He turned to the west side and measured five hundred rods with the measuring rod. He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, the length five hundred and the width five hundred, to divide between the holy and the common.

† The final measurement shows completion, nothing is left unfinished

† The separation between holy and common is fully established

† This is fulfilled in the New Covenant, where God's people are clearly defined as His dwelling

Historical References

† Josephus describes the strict separations within the temple system, showing how holiness boundaries were enforced in the

first century

† Eusebius records the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, confirming the end of the physical temple system

† Clement of Alexandria identifies believers as the true temple, aligning with the fulfilled meaning of this vision

How It Applies To Us Today

† We are God's temple now, His presence dwells in His people

† Holiness matters, not through rituals, but through identity in Christ

† Access to God is open, but it's still defined by Him through Christ

† We are set apart, even while living in the world

† God's work is complete, we are living in what He already established

Q & A Appendix

Q When was Ezekiel 42 fulfilled

A It was fulfilled in Christ and completed with the end of the temple system in AD 70, as seen in Hebrews 8:13 and Matthew 24:2

Q Are these chambers literal future rooms

A No, they represent the priestly role fulfilled in believers, as seen in 1 Peter 2:5

Q What does the separation between holy and common mean today

A It refers to covenant identity in Christ, not physical space, as

shown in 2 Corinthians 6:16-17

Q Who are the priests in this fulfilled reality

A Believers in Christ, as Revelation 1:6 declares

Q Why all the measurements

A They show completeness and fulfillment, confirming God's work is finished, as seen in Hebrews 10:14

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