

Ezekiel 20:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Historical Context

The return from exile and temple rebuilding (520-515 BC) partially fulfilled this. Centralized worship at Jerusalem resumed. However, full fulfillment awaited Christ, who is the true temple (John 2:19-21). The church as God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16, Ephesians 2:21) and New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22) complete the fulfillment.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Christ as the true temple fulfill this promise of acceptable worship?
2. What does acceptable worship in God's holy mountain teach about the church's worship?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁבָא לְמַרְןָם בְּרָן בְּרָן קָדְשִׁיכֶם:

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בְּיַת כָּל יַעֲבֹד נָאָם אָדָן יְהוָה מְלֵא מְלֵא כָּל

saith the Lord GOD serve there shall all the house

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וּשְׁמַע אֶרְצָם שְׁמַע שְׁמַע כָּל הַיְשָׁבָא לְ

of Israel all of them in the land me there will I accept

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רָאשָׁת יְתָה תְּרוּמָתֶיךָ מְלֵא אֶת

them and there will I require your offerings and the firstfruits

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בְּכָל מִשְׁאָוֹתֶיךָ מְלֵא קָדְשִׁיכֶם:

of your oblations For in mine holy

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 56:7 (Holy): Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Isaiah 60:7 (Sacrifice): All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

Malachi 3:4 (Sacrifice): Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

Hebrews 13:15 (Sacrifice): By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Isaiah 66:23 (References Lord): And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Ezekiel 43:27 (Sacrifice): And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 17:23 (References Israel): In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

1 Peter 2:5 (Holy): Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.