

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

Psalms 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

כִּי	בְּהָרָא	קֹדְשִׁיכֶם:	בְּהָרָא	מִרְוֵם	יִשְׂרָאֵל
H3588	in the mountain	For in mine holy	in the mountain	of the height	of Israel
	H2022	H6944	H2022	H4791	H3478
נֹאמַר	אֲדֹנָיִי	יְהוָה	שָׁמָּה	יַעֲבֹדְנִי	כָּל־בֵּיתִי
saith	the Lord	GOD	H8033	serve	H3605
H5002	H136	H3069	H5647	there shall all the house	H1004
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	כָּל־הֵם	בְּאֶרֶץ־הֵם	שָׁמָּה	אֶרְצִי־הֵם	וְשָׁמָּה
of Israel	H3605	all of them in the land	H8033	me there will I accept	H8033
H3478		H776		H7521	
וְשָׁמָּה	אֶרְצִי־הֵם	וְשָׁמָּה	אֶרְצִי־הֵם	וְשָׁמָּה	אֶרְצִי־הֵם
them and there will I require	H1875	your offerings	H853	and the firstfruits	H7225
		H8641			
מִשְׁאֹלֹתֶיךָ	בְּכָל־	קֹדְשִׁיכֶם:			
of your oblations	H3605	For in mine holy			
H4864		H6944			

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.