

Ezekiel 43:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Ezekiel reports: 'So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.' The Spirit transports Ezekiel into the inner court—the sacred space where priests ministered. He witnesses the glory filling the house, echoing Solomon's temple dedication when 'the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD' (1 Kings 8:11). This validates the visionary temple as authentic—God's presence, not architectural magnificence, makes a space holy. The filling of the house demonstrates complete divine occupation—no corner remains void of glory. This represents comprehensive restoration of God's presence among His people, surpassing even Solomon's era. The Spirit's role in transporting Ezekiel emphasizes that spiritual realities require Spirit-enablement to perceive—natural sight cannot apprehend divine glory.

Historical Context

The glory filling the house contrasts with its absence from the second temple built by returned exiles (completed 516 BC). While Ezekiel's vision assured that glory would return, the second temple lacked the visible Shekinah cloud, leading to disappointment (Haggai 2:3, Ezra 3:12). This apparent non-fulfillment troubled interpreters until recognizing that the ultimate fulfillment exceeds literal physical architecture. Jesus Christ embodied God's glory dwelling among us (John 1:14), and the church corporately becomes God's temple filled with His Spirit (Ephesians 2:21-22, 1 Corinthians 3:16). The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22) represents

final, eternal fulfillment—God dwelling with humanity in unmediated presence forever.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's glory filling the house demonstrate that His presence, not external forms, makes worship authentic?
2. In what ways are you a temple being filled with God's Spirit and glory?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 8:3 (Spirit): And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

Ezekiel 11:24 (Spirit): Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

Acts 8:39 (Spirit): And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Ezekiel 37:1 (Spirit): The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

Ezekiel 44:4 (Glory): Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.

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