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The 144,000 and the Holy of Holies

Have you ever been studying the Word, something catches your eye, and then a cascade of connections just happen? It is so exciting when those moments occur. This teaching is the result of one of those moments.

In Revelation 11:1, John was told to measure the temple.

Revelation 11:1-2

Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.”

The temple is divided into three parts:

- Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant is to be located
- The Holy Place, where the Table of the Showbread, Altar of the Incense, and the Menorah is to be located
- The Outer Courtyard, where the bronze altar is located.

John was instructed to do some measuring of the temple area, but to not include the outer courtyard.

So, in examining what John did, in measuring the temple, we wanted to go back and measure the tabernacle to see if anything could be learned.

When the tabernacle was built, according to the vision of the Heavenly Tabernacle shown to Moses, it was built with very specific dimensions.

How many of us know that in nearly every instance in which numbers are given, those numbers mean something important, and that meaning is often hidden?

How much more true should that be for the dimensions of the temple? John was even told to measure the temple at this time, for reasons we do not fully understand, but that prompted the thought exercise, perhaps it is a worthy effort to do some measuring and see what might be hidden?

The outer dimensions of the Holy of Holies found in the Tabernacle was 10 cubits wide, by 10 cubits long, by 10 cubits high (found in Exodus 26). If we were to measure the outer volume of the Holy of Holies, that would be 1,000 cubits cubed.

Most experts suggest that the walls of the tabernacle were about half a cubit thick.

Thus the inner dimensions of the Holy of Holies found in the Tabernacle was 9 cubits wide, by 9 cubits long, by 10 cubits high. If we were to measure the inner volume of the Holy of Holies, that would be 810 cubits cubed.

The only thing found in the Holy of Holies is the Ark of the Covenant. So, let's measure that.

Exodus 25:10

[“They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height.”](#)

The Ark of the Covenant is 1.5 cubits by 1.5 cubits by 2.5 cubits, which yields a volume of 5.625 cubits cubed.

So, we have three different measurements.

We are told by the TANAKH that the Ark of the covenant is to go into the inner area of the Holy of Holies. The Ark of the Covent volume is 5.625 cubits cubed, and the inner volume of the Holy of Holies is 810 cubits cubed. Turning that instruction into a mathematical equation would be 5.625 going into 810, because the Ark of the Covenant is to go into the Holy of Holies. Placing the Ark of the covenant (5.625) “into” (divide) the Holy of Holies (810) yields exactly 144.

As we mention in our teaching [The 144,000](#), the 144,000 represents all in the faith. In the end, we will all be in the throne room worshipping YHWH. We will dwell where He dwells forever.

The outer volume of the dwelling, the Holy of Holies, is given to us as a 10 x 10 x 10, which is 1,000 cubits cubed.

1,000 times 144 equals 144,000. The 144,000 is then found as part of the Holy of Holies. 144,000 is mathematically built into the Holy of Holies and the instructions surrounding it.

Realizing that little nugget was quite fun. Revelation appeared to be the only place that specifically mentions the number of 144,000, but apparently, that number was hidden and can only be revealed by measuring the tabernacle.

Let's go back to Revelation for just a moment.

Revelation 11:1-2

[Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.”](#)

John mentions that he was to not measure the courtyard, as it is trampled by the Gentiles. Now, there may be a literal trampling of the courtyard by Gentiles for 42 months, but there may be something else worthy of considering.

The courtyard is 100 cubits by 20 cubits, which is 2,000 cubits squared. The Gentiles have certainly been trampling all over the Word of God for nearly 2,000 years. Is that 2,000 years almost up? Our teaching “The Creation Prophecy” might be of interest here...

Also consider Joshua chapter 3...pause the teaching, and read that chapter.

- We have a mention of three days, perhaps a connection to Yeshua’s three days following the cross?
- We then have a distance of 2,000 from that mention of three days, perhaps 2,000 years following the cross?
- We then have Joshua, who has the same name as our Messiah Yeshua, then lead the people into the promised land...something our Messiah is still to do.

Let’s now go back to the 144,000 connection...

As already mentioned, in our teaching titled “[The 144,000](#)”, we speculate that the 144,000 in Revelation represents all of those in the faith. We will allow you to watch that teaching to see how that conclusion is reached.

With that being said, it might now make more sense why Paul said this:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

[Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?](#)

Paul says that as though we are just simply supposed to know this. He does not offer any reasoning.

However, if all of those in the faith are the 144,000, and the 144,000 is mathematically connected to the Holy of Holies in the temple, and the Holy of Holies is where YHWH’s Spirit is to dwell, then all of this again lines up with Paul’s similar statement:

1 Corinthians 3:16

[Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?](#)

He again makes mention of this as though this concept should be well understood. Paul had to arrive to this conclusion from somewhere in the Scriptures, and perhaps this is how he made the connection and expected others to do the same.

YHWH’s Word is amazing. When you read the Word, just don’t read it, study it...meditate on it. The depth of His Word is beyond measure and perhaps infinite. We will spend eternity learning revelations and insights that will keep us in awe forever.

While we will never understand all that is hidden in His Word in this life, it is so exciting to try. He blesses us and speaks to us in curious ways, in ways that only a person in the faith would be motivated to seek out and try to understand.

As our Messiah Yeshua said:

Matthew 7:7

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

There is much more to measure and consider as it relates to YHWH's temple. This was simply just one tiny but amazing insight.

Perhaps this will cause you to examine the temple more closely, and maybe you might find something, and if you do, please share it with us. We would love to hear about it.

We hope that you have been blessed by this teaching, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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