

Gihon – River of Life

Previously on this website I have discussed the significance of the three Temples – Solomon’s, Zerubbabel’s (Herod’s), and Ezekiel’s. Now, additional information has come to my awareness that is exciting indeed, and magnificently beautiful.

Those Temples which were the meeting place between God and man no longer exist. Solomon’s Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians and burned to the ground. Herod’s magnificent Temple was destroyed by the Romans, and not one stone was left upon another, just as Jesus had said it would be. The Romans even plowed up the very ground on which it stood. Nothing was left of what had been built. But through all this, there was yet one thing which neither the Babylonians nor the Romans could destroy or remove. God had placed it there when He created the earth, and it is still there. It is the Gihon Spring.

But one might ask, “What has that to do with the Temple?”

From studying the geology, the history, and the function of the spring, I would answer the question by merely saying, “It has everything to do with the Temple!” In fact, it has to do with the creation of man and his future on planet earth.”

That important, eh?

Yes!

With a subject so comprehensive, where do we begin? Let’s start with today. The Gihon Spring is still pouring forth water. In the era of the Temples it was pure water, but today, through earthquake activity and man’s mis-use of his environment, the water has become slightly contaminated.

Geographically, the Gihon Spring is at 31.77 degrees north latitude and 35.2 degrees east longitude. That’s where it has always been. It hasn’t moved. It is about a third of a mile south of the Dome of the Rock which is on a higher hill.

All my life I have been taught that the Dome of the Rock now sits on the rock that was once the foundation of Solomon’s Temple. But the historian, Josephus, who lived in Jerusalem during the lifetime of Jesus, said that the Gihon Spring was beneath the Temple. But because the Gihon Spring is actually not under the Dome of the Rock, today’s theologians tell us that Josephus didn’t know what he was talking about, because anyone can plainly see that the Gihon Spring is not under the Dome of the Rock. And so the controversy goes on. Did Josephus make a mistake, as they say?

This controversy boils down to one of two options: 1) that Josephus was wrong, or, 2) the Dome of the Rock is not the original site of the Temple.

Josephus was describing what he had actually seen. He lived there! The theologians are trusting to centuries of hand-me-down tradition. In fact, that concept has been handed down for so long that nearly everyone believes it (and so did I until making this study).

If we cannot prove what tradition has told us, then perhaps we can trust what the ancients had to say.

We have an eye-witness description from an ancient writer named Aristeas. The exact date of his writing is unknown, however, the events of his “letter” took place 300 - 270 B.C., during the time of the Second Temple (Zerubbabel’s). Here is what Aristeas said about the Temple.

The Temple faces the east and its back is toward the west. The whole of the floor is paved with stones and slopes down to the appointed places, that water may be conveyed to wash away the blood from the sacrifices, for many thousand beasts are sacrificed there on the feast days. And there is an inexhaustible supply of water, because an abundant natural spring gushes up from within the temple area. There are moreover wonderful indescribable cisterns underground, as they pointed out to me, at a distance of five furlongs all round the site of the temple, and each of them has countless pipes so that the different streams converge together. And all these were fastened with lead at the bottom and at the sidewalls, and over them a great quantity of plaster had been spread, and every part of the work had been most carefully carried out. There are many openings for water at the base of the altar which are invisible to all except to those who are engaged in the ministration, so that all the blood of the sacrifices which is collected in great quantities is washed away in the twinkling of an eye.

Note here that he said, “There is an inexhaustible supply of water, because an abundant natural spring gushes up from within the Temple area.”

There is no such spring within the area of the Dome of the Rock.

And, note also, that this abundant spring of water was used to wash away the blood of the sacrifices that were being offered on the altar.

This description was written by an eye-witness who was there.

Again, we have an eye-witness description from the history of Tacitus (History Book 5, par. 12):

The Temple resembled a citadel, and had its own walls, which were more labourously constructed than the others. Even the colonades with which it was surrounded formed an admirable work. It (the Temple) contained an inexhaustible spring.”

The spring is still there, but it is about a third of a mile south of the Dome of the Rock.

Before Solomon built the Temple, King David had the Ark of the Covenant brought to Jerusalem. David built a special tent to house it, so that sacrifices could be performed. They erected the tent on the terrace just above Gihon Spring. This is why Solomon’s coronation took place at the spring, because that was where the Ark of the Covenant was – and David knew that the place of the Ark of the Covenant was the dwelling of God. Therefore Solomon was taken before God’s dwelling place to be officially crowned king. (I Kings 1:33-35)

“He (David) said to them, ‘Take your lord’s servants with you and set Solomon my son on my own mule and take him down to Gihon. There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, Long live King Solomon! then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah.’”

So Solomon was anointed before God at the Ark of the Covenant above the Gihon Spring, about a third of a mile south of the Dome of the Rock.

In Psalm 72 we have a prophetic picture of the time of the reign of the antitypical Solomon. The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 2033, giving us the year when his reign of peace begins.

“He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more. He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.”

Could that “**River**” be the water of life flowing from beneath the Temple (Gihon Spring) that Ezekiel saw in vision (Ezekiel 47)?

In II Chronicles it is called “**the Gihon in the valley**” and it has a Gematria value of 197. The name Immanuel (God with us) has a Gematria value of 197.

It is from Him that the water of life flows from beneath the Temple – as Ezekiel saw in the vision. It begins as ankle deep water, but then becomes “**waters to swim in.**” It flows down to the Dead Sea and heals its waters. The Dead Sea is a picture of the great reservoir of death into which all mankind have gone. But those waters will be healed, and life will flourish.

Today we have an organization called “Gihon Spring Foundation.” On their website (www.gihonspring.org/gihon_spring.html) can be found the following statement:

Later King Solomon took on and completed his father’s wish to build the Temple in Jerusalem and **did so over the Gihon Spring.**

I’m sure that the member of that organization who wrote the above statement, knows that the Gihon Spring is not beneath the Dome of the Rock.

Another website (www.bible-history.com/jerusalem/firstcenturyjerusalem_pool_of_Siloam.html) has this to say about the Pool of Siloam, into which Hezekiah had diverted the water of the Gihon Spring:

John’s account (Jn 9:7) of the blind man sent by Jesus to wash at the Pool of Siloam seems to indicate that it was near the Temple.

Water, flowing from deep within the bedrock beneath the Temple, was a reality – and still is a reality. It was from the poetic term “**the Gihon in the Valley**” which has a Gematria value of 197. It represents “life” flowing from Immanuel (197), the physical epitome of “**God with us.**”

Aside from the obvious need for water to wash the sacrifices, why was the Temple built over the Gihon Spring? I believe there was a far-reaching reason, encompassing the whole plan of God for man.

The first time we come upon the name “**Gihon**” is in Genesis in its description of the Garden of Eden. Let’s take a look.

“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden...” (Genesis 2:8)

“A river watering the garden flowed from Eden, and from there it divided...”
(Genesis 2:10)

The first thing to notice is the location. It is called ***“east.”*** In our terminology, that does not even describe a location unless we speak of it as relative to some other place. But if we look at the Hebrew word from which “east” is translated, we find that it does not even mean east as we understand the word. Its Hebrew meaning is “first place, or foremost.” That changes things. And to change it even more, the Gematria value of this Hebrew word which has been translated as ***“east”*** is 144. Throughout the scriptures, the number 144 is the identification number for that which is in God’s realm. It is the square of the foundation number – 12. The number 12 is the number that not only represents the very foundation of creation, but it also is the identifying number of Divine Government. And Divine Government always exists in God’s realm. Thus it becomes easy to recognize the fact that the Garden in the east was a place that was first and foremost, and a place where Divine Government ruled.

Remember, in the book of Revelation, when describing the New Jerusalem that John saw coming down and engulfing the whole earth -- it had a wall that measured 144 units. It is symbolic of the entire earth being ruled by Divine Government. Just so, the ***“Garden in the East”*** was where Divine Government ruled, and it bore the number 144.

Note that the river began in and first watered the Garden. Then it flowed out of the Garden and from there it divided into four heads. This would be an addition of three rivers. And because the names of two of these rivers today exist in what was called Mesopotamia, most people think that the Garden of Eden had been placed there. In years past, I had what I thought was a very logical explanation of the location of the Garden -- I had supposedly “proved” that it was now submerged beneath the Persian Gulf. I won’t go into detail as to my reasoning and “proof” because now I believe I was dead wrong.

One important fact must be recognized when attempting to locate the Garden of Eden by the names of the rivers – whatever the terrain of the land was at that time, it is only simple laws of physics that tell us it would be drastically changed by the action of the great Flood of Noah’s day, whose waters were upon the earth for more than a year. The Bible indicates there was also seismic and volcanic action at the time of the Flood. This earth-changing action, in combination with the power of the water could change the location of rivers, which gravity pulls through the valleys in search of the lowest place. Thus obviously we cannot rely on the location of today’s rivers in the attempt to find the location of the Garden of Eden.

So what other clues do we have? May I suggest we have the name Gihon!

We have the identification that the Garden was in the “east” which means the front, or the foremost. The description in Genesis does not say in what part of the world it was, but it sounds like it would be in the center. But where do we find the center of the surface of an orb? I would suggest we find the center by the most important place on its surface, for whatever use the orb exists.

The prophet Isaiah said that Jerusalem was in the “*center of the earth.*” It seems fitting that the Garden – the most important place on earth at that time – would be in the center, the “foremost” place. Placing it in Mesopotamia has no relevant connection with history. We also have really nothing in the scriptures to indicate that the Garden was in Mesopotamia or that Mesopotamia was in the center of the earth. We do have the scriptural statements which suggest that one of the rivers flowed out from the center of the earth.

The only water source that flowed out from Jerusalem (the center of the earth) was the Gihon Spring. And isn't it strange that the only other mention of Gihon in the Bible is in connection with the Garden of Eden. Is it just a coincidence, or is it vital information? (There are other springs in the general area today because the area that encompasses the city has grown considerably, but we are talking about Jerusalem at the time of the building of Solomon's Temple, and the Gihon was the only spring within that city. The Temple was built in the center of the earth, directly over the Gihon Spring.)

The Gihon Spring flowed from beneath the Temple, in the middle of the earth. The hill of Zion, on which the Temple was built, was the meeting place between God and man. (Not to be confused with the hill that is called Zion today, where the Dome of the Rock sits.) Mount Zion in Solomon's day was the hill where he built the Temple. It is only logical that the meeting place between God and man would be in the center of the earth, just like Isaiah said.

It is interesting to note that “*the center of the earth*” בקרב הארץ has a Gematria value of 600 by addition, and 720 by multiplication. The number 6 is the “earth number.” The word “world” in the Greek text of the New Testament has Gematria value of 600. The number 720 is also the Gematria of Gihon by multiplication. These subtly suggest that Gihon is in the center of the earth.

At the time of creation, a river flowed from within the Garden of Eden, and then after it left the Garden it divided into four “*heads.*” Today, the water from the Gihon would flow through the Kidron valley and eventually find its way down to the Dead Sea, if, of course, its waters had not been diverted by Hezekiah, or had not been diverted for other purposes, as it is today. Yet, many have suggested that the Gihon, mentioned in Genesis, is the Nile river. The only way this could both be true is if the terrain had been changed by the great Flood. And it probably was! In the Septuagint, in Jeremiah 2:18, the Nile river is called the Gihon. Why would the scholars who translated the ancient Hebrew texts into Greek, use the Greek word *μηον* when speaking of the Nile? Perhaps they knew something we don't.

Those same translators used the same Greek word in Ecclesiasticus 24:27 when speaking of the Nile. For those who cannot read Greek, the word *μηον* is pronounced “Gihon.”

Josephus said that the Gihon River was the Nile. And, surprisingly, the Muslims teach that the Nile was one of the rivers of Paradise.

If these ancient sources identified the Gihon as being the Nile, then perhaps we should take another look. Today the Nile flows from the equator north to the Mediterranean Sea. The Gihon Spring is directly north of that entrance into the Sea. The Nile flows through a branch of the Great Rift Valley, being evidence that the terrain had at one time changed,

forming the great gash in the earth that runs from Lebanon down into southern Africa. Geologists have suggested that there was a time, prior to the opening of the “Gates of Hercules” by seismic forces, when there was no Mediterranean Sea. So, if we eliminate the water from the Mediterranean, we have the flow from the Gihon matching the northern end of the Nile. This permits the possibility, and even likelihood, that the Gihon as mentioned in Genesis actually had its beginning at the Gihon spring, which was beneath Mt. Zion, the center of the earth.

The Nile, in its present condition, beautifully represents the life and death of Jesus Christ in bringing to all mankind victory over death. Its source, Lake Victoria represents the life-giving blood of Jesus Christ which he shed to pay the price for the sin of Adam. The name, although it was in honor of Queen Victoria, is actually a form of the word “victory” which, in the New Testament bears a Gematria of 88. The Nile, when spelled in Hebrew, has a Gematria of 88. At the other end of the river, just prior to its flow into the delta is the city of Cairo. Its Arabic name, Al Quira, has a Gematria value of 88. Thus its beginning, its flow, and its end all bear the number 88. The prophet Isaiah said “*Unto us a child is born*” which has a Gematria value of 88; then he followed with “*Unto us a son is given*” which also has a Gematria value of 88. The name Jesus, in the New Testament bears the number 888. (See my book *The Great Prophetic Design found in Africa*, which can be obtained from this website for a comprehensive study of the symbolisms involving Lake Victoria and the Nile River.)

Let’s look back for a moment at the Garden of Eden. It was a special place called a Garden, which was within a larger area called Eden. And if, as we have seen, the river that flowed from the Garden was indeed the water gushing forth from the Gihon Spring, then it is telling us that the Gihon Spring was in the center of the earth. A completely logical deduction, with much evidence for its support. Then how much area was enclosed within the Garden, and how much area was enclosed within the land of Eden? And what was the ground plan?

God had told Moses to make the Tabernacle “*after the pattern*” which had been shown him in the Mount. When God had called Moses up into Mt. Sinai He had shown him a pattern by which the Tabernacle would be designed. We are not specifically told what that pattern was, but by seeing the dimensions by which it was built, it becomes evident that it basically consisted of a square and a rectangle, both of which were surrounded by a much larger rectangle. The entrance to each of these was on the east.

When Solomon was being instructed as to the construction of the Temple, he was told to make it after the “*pattern.*” What pattern? The pattern was given to him by God. It was the same pattern by which the Tabernacle was built. And, if the theory is correct, then it would have been the same pattern by which God designed the Garden of Eden. When I first became aware of this, I wondered what was the Gematria of the “*pattern.*” Before looking it up, I was thinking what number is so basic and fundamental that it could represent something so basic and fundamental as the “*pattern.*” Immediately I thought of the most basic number – 864. The number 864 represents God Himself. It is the diameter of the sun (864,000 miles), and the number represents the very foundation of the earth. So I grabbed

my little calculator and ran to get my Hebrew text.

Here is the word for word translation of the Hebrew text. Exodus 25:40 ***“Now see and make them as pattern of them that you being shown on the mountain.”*** (The Hebrew character for ***“as”*** is attached to the word ***“pattern,”*** as if it were all one word – בתבנית) It has a Gematria value of 864. I sat there stunned! Tears began to roll down my face.

This is so fantastic that I feel impelled to show how 864 is used in the Gematria of both the Old and New Testaments. First, and very important, the name Jerusalem (in the center of the earth) in the New Testament has a Gematria value of 864. It is not a random number, nor a random coincidence. It is part of a magnificent plan by a magnificent God! It is also the Gematria value for the Holy of Holies in the Greek text of the New Testament. And again, the Holy of Holies in the Temple was at the center of the earth. Below is a short list of how the number 864 is used in the Gematria of the Bible.

864 = Jerusalem (Greek)

864 = Holy of Holies (Greek)

864 = Cornerstone (Greek)

864 = God (one of its spellings in Greek)

864 = Sun and moon (Hebrew)

874 = “Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me” (Isaiah 43:10)

864 = “On the Throne” (referring to God, Revelation 4:2)

864 = “The word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2) (The whole verse reads: ***“The Law will go forth from Zion (the center of the earth), and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (the center of the earth).”***)

So the Hebrew text has ***“as pattern”*** bearing the number 864. Not only does God Himself bear this number, but the center of the earth shares it also. We are talking about the meeting place between God and man. Jerusalem, the Holy of Holies, the Cornerstone of the Temple, and God Himself all share this same remarkable number, which is the number for ***“as pattern.”*** That pattern must be important to God.

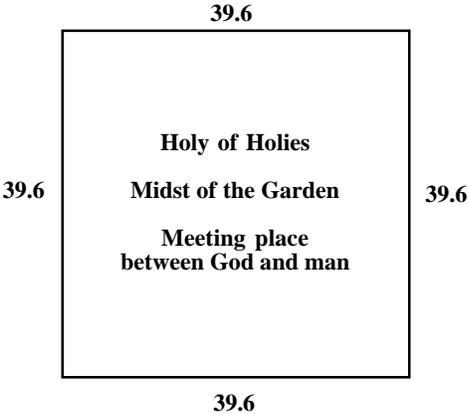
The central area of the pattern is a square. It was a square in the Tabernacle, it was a square in Solomon’s Temple, and I believe it was a square that was called ***“the midst of the Garden”*** when describing the Garden of Eden. In the Temple this square was 20 cubits, by 20 cubits, by 20 cubits. Using the Temple Cubit of 1.98 feet, this would translate to 39.6 feet on each side, and a perimeter of 158.4 feet. Interesting numbers indeed!

The number 1584 is associated with the Mercy Seat, which was between the two cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant, which was in the center of the Holy of Holies. This identification comes from the instructions that God gave to Moses in Exodus 25:22. In the scripture below, the portion underlined in red bears the number 1584.

“There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the Ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commandments.”

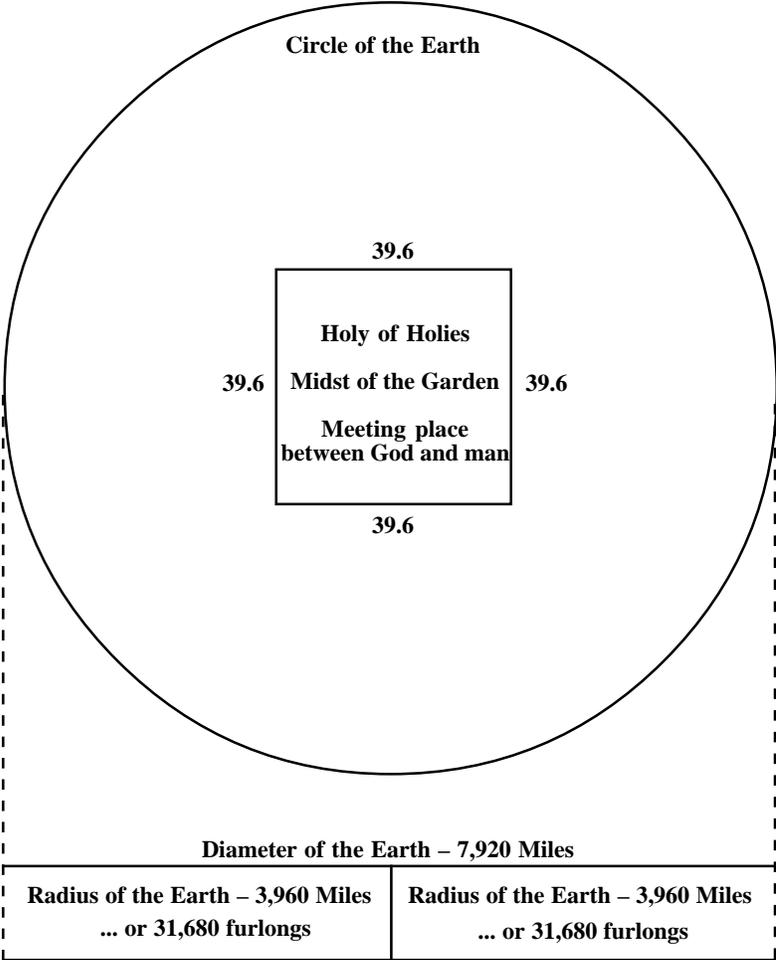
The number 1584 is also associated with Mount Zion, the place where the Temple was built, the center of the earth.

1584 = “Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion.” (Psalm 48:2)



Perimeter of square – 158.4

If this was the center of the earth, then let’s draw the circle of the earth around it. I cannot draw it to scale because of the limits of the size of this page. But “not to scale” will still illustrate the principle involved.



Notice, the radius of the earth is 31,680 furlongs. That is using the Bible furlong of 660 feet. The name Lord Jesus Christ, throughout the New Testament has a Gematria value of 3168. And if we spell that name in Hebrew it will add to 792, relating to the diameter of the earth. Thus the **“center of the earth”** is firmly embedded in the Lord Jesus Christ.

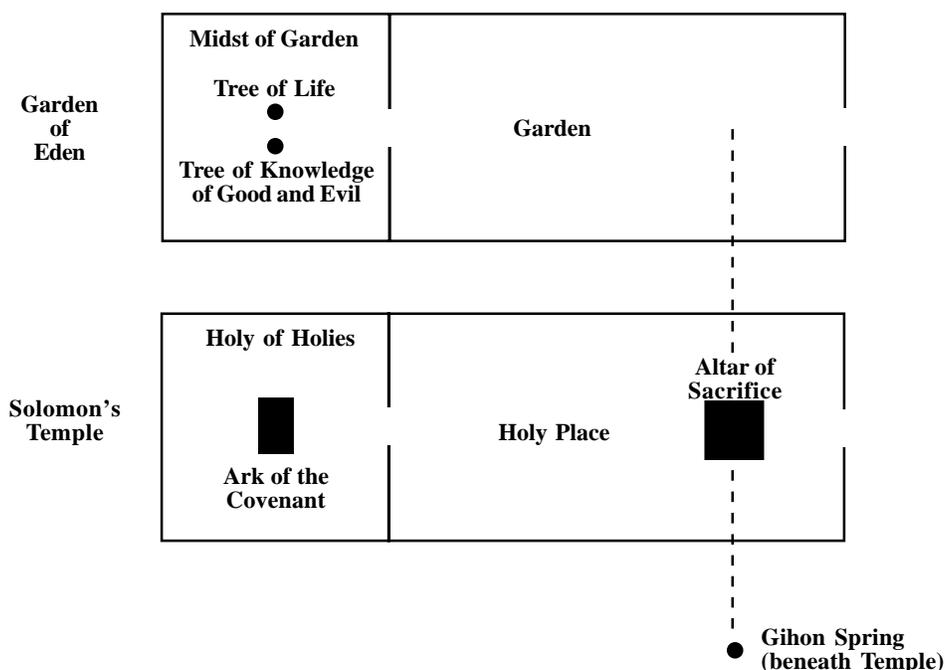
The Holy of Holies in the Temple was 39.6 feet on each side, making the perimeter 158.4 feet, suggesting that the center of the earth, the Holy of Holies, the Midst of the Garden, occupied a surface square whose perimeter was 158.4 feet.

Just beyond the “door” that was on the east side of the Holy of Holies, was another larger room, called the Holy Place. It was 20 cubits wide, aligning with the width of the Holy of Holies, but its length was twice the length of the Holy of Holies, that is, 40 cubits.

These cubits were according to the **“old standard”** which was the Summerian cubit of 1.98 feet (II Chronicles 3:3). This made the combined perimeter of the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place to be 3,168 feet, the number representing the Lord Jesus Christ

. In the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant, placed in the center, from which the Shekinah light shown forth. It represented the presence of God. The tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil were in the Midst of the Garden. Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but they never ate from the tree of life. Instead, they were banished from the Garden and an angel was placed at the “door” to prevent them from returning.

To the east of the Midst of the Garden was the rest of the Garden in which Adam and Eve had dwelled. The “door” to these two areas was on the east, just like the “door” of the Holy of Holies and the “door” of the Tabernacle were facing east. Outside the second door, going east, was the Land of Eden. Probably the Midst of the Garden, and the Garden, were of the same pattern as the Holy of Holies, and the Holy place. That was probably the **“pattern.”** If so, then it would have looked something like this.

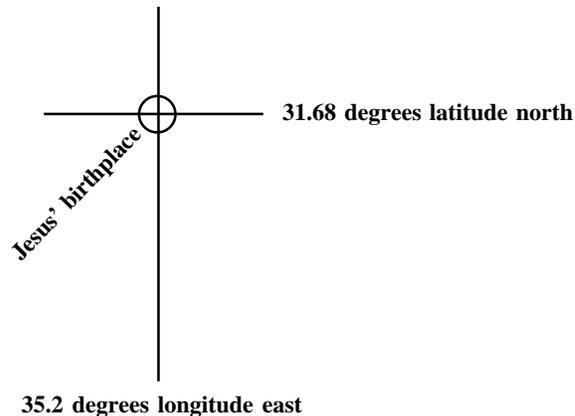


However, the Temple that Ezekiel saw in vision had a cubit of a different measure. It was a new measure, for the specific purpose of measuring this new Temple. Its cubit was the Babylonian cubit plus a handbreadth, (Ezekiel 40:5), which is 1.76 feet – slightly smaller than the Temple cubit.

“And he measured the length of the inner sanctuary; it was twenty cubits, and its width was twenty cubits across the end of the outer sanctuary. He said to me, ‘This is the Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies).’” (Ezekiel 41:4)

Thus the Holy of Holies in Ezekiel’s Temple measures slightly smaller than in Solomon’s Temple. This made the sides of the square room 35.2 feet each, with a perimeter of 140.8 feet (exactly one great cubit smaller than in Solomon’s Temple). The descriptive title **“Saviour”** used in the New Testament has a Gematria value of 1408.

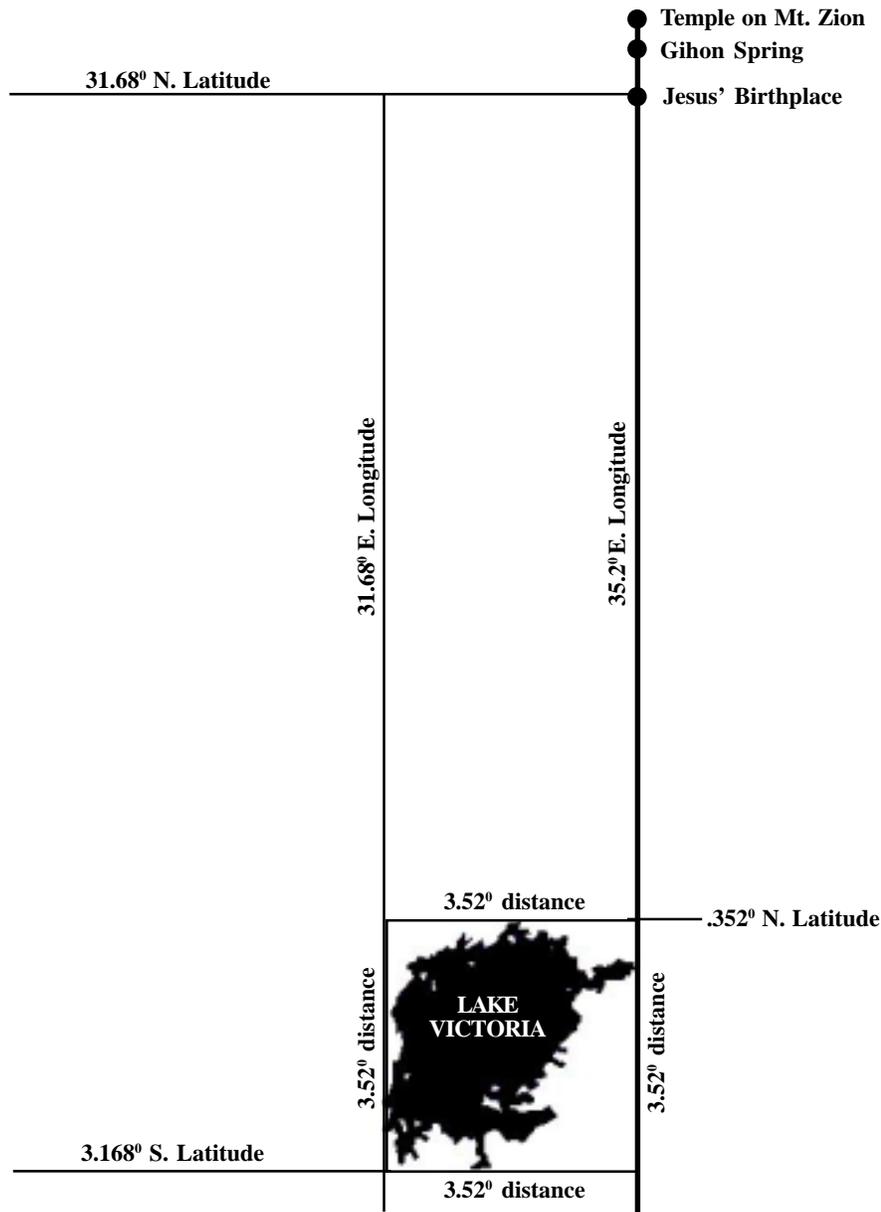
The number 35.2 is fantastic in its relationship to Jesus’ role of **“Saviour.”** **“His Name”** in Hebrew has a Gematria of 352. The name by which he is called throughout the New Testament – Lord Jesus Christ – has a Gematria value of 3168. It is not by random chance that the place of his birth, on the southeast side of Bethlehem, is at 31.68 degrees north latitude, and 35.2 degrees east longitude.



Follow the 35.2 degree east longitude as it goes south and you will just touch the easternmost shore line of Lake Victoria. And if we were to draw a square around Lake Victoria, it would have sides of 3.52 degrees distance, making the perimeter of the square 14.08 degrees distance. (1408 = Saviour)

Remember, the suggestion in the Septuagint, as well as Josephus, that the Gihon River became the Nile. Today, the Nile flows from the equator northward to the Mediterranean Sea. However, it was possible, due to the work of seismic and volcanic forces which carved the great gash known as the Great Rift Valley, for the river to have originally begun at the Gihon Spring and flow southward. The two directions of the flow of the river symbolize flowing from God, and flowing back to God.

But look a little closer at this line of meridian. It goes exactly down through the Temple on the original Mount Zion, through the Gihon Spring, through the birthplace of Jesus, and marks the eastern boundry of Lake Victoria. They are all touched by this meridian of 35.2 degrees.



Note several things on the above diagram. First, it is not to scale. But look at the latitudes and longitudes, they are 3168 and 352 throughout. The square drawn around Lake Victoria has sides of 3.52° distance. These numbers are fantastic! They all speak of ***“His Name” – “Lord Jesus Christ.”*** Only the Creator could have put this together when he formed the earth. He was giving us an image imbedded in the earth, telling the story of:

Original perfection in the Garden of Eden
Divine Government dwelling in the Garden of Eden
Water from the Gihon flowing out to water the earth
Disobedience and Sin
The work of a Redeemer
Waters of life again flowing to all mankind
The place of Divine Government restored to the original place of the Garden

Becoming aware of this beautiful symbolism on the 35.2 degree meridian, which began at the top with the magnificent Temple which Solomon built – it seems that, in the completed picture, a Temple should again crown that very special place – a Temple that would, once again, be the meeting place between God and man.

The “*Midst of the Garden*” was where God met with Adam – on the 35.2 degree meridian. When King David offered sacrifice to God on the threshing floor of Ornan, it was just such a meeting place – on the 35.2 degree meridian. When David’s son, King Solomon built the beautiful Temple on that same rock, it was the official meeting place between God and man – on the 35.2 degree meridian.

Will there be another? Where else on earth would there be a place where God and man come together? Is the location important? Yes! It is all-important that it be on the 35.2 degree meridian.

Jesus said, “*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*” The whole purpose of the Millennium is to teach mankind to follow “*The Way,*” to fill their total awareness with “*The Truth,*” and to give them fullness of “*The Life.*”

“*The Way*” that Jesus spoke of has a Gematria of 352. It is not a random coincidence that “*The Way*” should bear this number. It is the number that defines the way to life. It is not only beautiful, but it is fully logical that the 35.2 degree meridian should be “*the Way*” of life. The Temple of Solomon was built on this meridian; Jesus was born on this meridian; and Lake Victoria (representing victory over death through Jesus Christ) is placed on this meridian. In fact, Lake Victoria is bordered on all four sides with the number 35.2 degree distance.

Surely, building a new and divinely appointed Temple on this meridian, to replace the one that Solomon built, would be the crowning jewel upon the meeting place between God and man. And God gave Ezekiel a view of it in vision, and told him that the center of this beautiful edifice would be a cube-shaped room, whose sides all measured 35.2 feet.

Let me catch my breath! Only God could plan and accomplish such magnificence!

Below are some of the ways that the number 352 is used in the Gematria of the Bible.

352 = *Fruitful* (H)

352 = *Lamb* (both in Hebrew and in Greek)

352 = *Lamp* (both in Hebrew and in Greek)

352 = *Hebrew* (H)

352 = *Fountain* (Spring) (H)

How fitting that the word “*fountain*” which means a Spring, should bear this remarkable number. The Gihon Spring is at 35.2 east longitude. It represents the fountain of life that comes from God through the sacrifice of Jesus, paying the price for the sin of Adam, and releasing all mankind from the death penalty.

No wonder that God changed the cubit with which the new Temple will be built. Because of this change, the Holy of Holies in the Millennium Temple will be 35.2 feet on each side – resting on the longitude of 35.2 degrees east.

God told Ezekiel something that might be a clue as to the location of the Garden of Eden in the beginning, and also its location in the restoration. In chapter 36 God is telling Ezekiel that He will restore the land of Israel to the beauty that it once was; and that He would restore the people of Israel to the land that he had given to them. He describes the beauty of the land of Israel after it is restored, and then He paints a word picture of what it will be like. In verse 35 He makes a comparison with what the restoration is to its original condition. He states these remarkable words:

“They will say, ‘This land that was laid waste has become like the Garden of Eden.’”

The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 197. There’s that number again. It wasn’t just randomly placed there.

Why would God have told Ezekiel that the restored land would be ***“like the Garden of Eden?”*** Could it be that He was showing to Ezekiel that all that had been lost by original sin (Adam’s home in the perfect Garden), would be restored? The Garden of Eden was a small piece of Divine Government. And Divine Government will be restored. The Kingdoms of David and Solomon in Jerusalem were representative of Divine Government. Thus God told Ezekiel that Divine Government will be restored where it had first been – **in Jerusalem – in the Garden of Eden (197).**

“Living water will flow out” (197) from ***“The Gihon in the Valley”*** (197), and King Jesus will officially take the name ***“Immanuel,”*** God with us (197).

197 = The Garden of Eden

197 = The Gihon in the Valley

197 = Living water will flow out

197 = Immanuel (God with us)

In the prophecy that God gave to Zechariah, he describes the Millennial Day. He says,

“On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter. The Lord will be king over the whole earth.”

The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 197. If ***“living water”*** will flow out from Jerusalem, it would have to be from the Gihon Spring, because that is the only source of water that was available in the old city of Jerusalem.

This amazing number - 197 - will resolve to 8.

$$1 + 9 + 7 = 17 \quad 1 + 7 = 8$$

The number 8 throughout the Bible represents beginning and new beginning. And when living water flows out from the center of the earth, it will be just like it was in the begin-

ning (Garden of Eden), but this will be a new beginning, with Immanuel in the position of King. When he came as a baby they did not call him Immanuel, they called him Jesus, whose Gematria is 888.

But take a look at all of the rest of the numbers found in this study. Amazingly nearly all resolve to 9. Mathematicians call nine the “horizon.” It is the final number of the digits, and beyond nine is eternity. The Great Mathematician has brought us full circle. But let’s look at the nines.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 3168 \quad 3 + 1 + 6 + 8 = 18 \quad 1 + 8 = \mathbf{9} \\
 352 \quad 3 + 5 + 2 = \mathbf{9} \\
 144 \quad 1 + 4 + 4 = \mathbf{9} \\
 720 \quad 7 + 2 + 0 = \mathbf{9} \\
 864 \quad 8 + 6 + 4 = 18 \quad 1 + 8 = \mathbf{9} \\
 1584 \quad 1 + 5 + 8 + 4 = 18 \quad 1 + 8 = \mathbf{9} \\
 396 \quad 3 + 9 + 6 = 18 \quad 1 + 8 = \mathbf{9} \\
 7920 \quad 7 + 9 + 2 + 0 = 18 \quad 1 + 8 = \mathbf{9} \\
 198 \quad 1 + 9 + 8 = 18 \quad 1 + 8 = \mathbf{9}
 \end{array}$$

When Immanuel sets up his Divine Government on the Holy Mount (999), which is the original Mount Zion, over the Gihon Spring, it will begin his One World Government. Man is attempting to set up One World Government, but it will be overthrown by the real One World Government which will rule from the Holy Mount, whose Gematria is 999. In Hebrew, the name “One World Government” has a Gematria value of 999 – One (*yachad* – 22) World (*tebel* – 432) Government (*misrah* – 545). (22 + 432 + 545 = 999). In Psalm 48:1 it is called “*In the city of our God, the mountain of His holiness.*” It has a Gematria value of 999.