### Ezekiel

## Chapter 40

1It was in the 25th year of our captivity, in the 1st month and on the 10th [day] of the month (14 years after the city had been captured) that the hand of Jehovah came upon me 2and I was led back into the land of IsraEl in a vision from God.  
  
There he put me on a very high mountain, where there was a city that was being built right in front of me. 3So He took me [into the city], and I saw a man who looked like shining brass carrying a builder’s string in his hand and a measuring reed.  
  
Then he laid them down in front of the city gate, 4and the man said to me:  
  
 ‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Now, look with your eyes and behold…  
 Listen with your ears and pay close attention,  
 Then prepare your heart for the things that you’ll see,  
 Since this is why you were brought here.  
  
 ‘And all the things that you’ll see  
 Have to do with the house of IsraEl.’  
  
5Well, {Look!} there was this outer wall that went all the way around the city. And in the man’s hand was a reed that measured 6 cubits (the length of each was a forearm and a palm). Then he measured the area around the wall, and he found that its width was the same as its height [as measured] by the reed.  
  
6Thereafter, he went to the gate that could be seen in the east and measured it’s [threshold]… Which was about the same depth as the length of the reed.