

EZEKIEL 47 vs 1

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Now we come to the last 3 chapters that tragically belong to the wasted words of the Lord God, who always watches for those expressing love freely given. From chapter 45 to the end of Ezekiel, much of what is recorded (but not all) was intended to be local history 2000 years ago... when Messiah came the first time: on the first 4 days that Paul describes as shadows of things to come, fulfilled in Christ the Messiah... the timeline: told by Daniel. But only 10% of the House of Judah return to Jerusalem to rebuild in anticipation of Messiah.



Most “scholars” will tell us Ezekiel speaks of a future Messianic kingdom prophecy. Chapter 46 includes a vision of the temple Ezekiel was given; and here another vision of when Messiah comes again. But the temple was designed for those who should have returned from Babylon – but didn’t.

X A closer read of Ezekiel helps us understand what is going on. Ezekiel spoke for the Lord: So I permitted them statutes that were not good; and ordinances by which they could not live – Ezekiel 20. Prophet Hosea said, I could have written 10,000 commands, but they would have ignored them, too – Hosea 8. Moses said, God gave 10 instructions written in stone, that if they would keep them, they would live and prosper and be blessed on the land; if they wouldn’t, they would be cursed. They chose to be cursed.

This chapter can be remembered as:

Ezekiel’s vision of the river giving life throughout the earth; proceeding from the House of God.

Compare this chapter with Isaiah’ chapters 2 – 4

¹ Then He brought me again to the door of the House; and indeed, water flowed east from under the threshold of the House: for the front of the House faced east, and water flowed from the south side of the House, past the altar on the south.

² Then He took me out by way of the north gate, and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east; and indeed, there was water flowing on the right side.

³ And the man with the measuring line in his hand went to the east, he measured a third of a mile, and he led me through the water; the water was to my ankles.

⁴ Again he measured a third of a mile, and led me through the water; water was to my knees. Again he measured a third of a mile, and led me through it, water was to my waist.

⁵ Then he measured a third of a mile; and it was a river that I could not cross over: for the water had risen, deep enough to swim in; but the river was too high to be forded.

6 And he asked me, Son of man, Do you see this? Then he took me back along the bank of the river.

7 Now when I returned, indeed there by the bank of the river, many trees were growing on both sides.

8 Then he said to me, This water flows to the region in the east, down through the desert, and into the Dead Sea: into the salty water which will turn fresh.

9 And it will happen, that wherever the river flows, every living creature that swarms in every place where the river flows will live: and there will be very many fish, for these waters go there: and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river flows.

10 And it will happen, that fishermen will stand beside it from Engedi to Eneglaim; there will be a place to spread the nets. Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea, very many.

11 Only its swamps and its marshes will not turn fresh; they are for supplying salt.

12 And by the river on its bank, along both sides, will grow all kinds of trees for food / over 100,000 fruit trees exist in the world; if you ate from one tree each day, it would take you almost 274 years to taste the different flavors, its leaf will not wither, its fruit will never fail: every month they will produce new fruit, thanks to the water that flows from the sanctuary: and its fruit will be for food, and its leaves for healing.

And as if the vision given Ezekiel is finished, we read...

13 Thus says the LORD God / in other words, but back to reality 2500 years ago:

This will be the boundary where you will inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph will have the double portion / the generations of his son Ephraim who was ½ Egyptian carried with them all the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. To everybody else:

14 You will inherit the land equally: I having lifted up My hand / The LORD pledged... to give it to your fathers: and this land will become yours as you possess it.

15 The border of the land toward the north is from the Mediterranean Sea, through Hethlon, to the pass of Hamath, as far as Zedad;

16 then to Berotha, and Sibram between Damascus and Hamath; to Hazar-enon, on the border of Hauran.

17 The north border will run from the Mediterranean Sea at Hazar-enon, to Damascus, and the north to Hamath. And this is the north side.

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¹⁸ The **east** border will run starting at Hauran to Damascus, then between Gilead and the land of Israel will be the Jordan, its border stretching east to the Dead Sea. This is the east side.

¹⁹ The **south** border will run starting at Tamar as far as the waters of strife in Kadesh, to the Wadi-el Arish, then to the Mediterranean Sea. This is the south side.

²⁰ The **west** border will be the Mediterranean Sea from the southern border north, opposite the pass of Hamath. This is the west side.

²¹ So you will divide this land to you according to the tribes of Israel.

²² And it will happen, that you must divide it by parcel to have an inheritance among you, and the foreigner who journeys among you, who has children among you: they also are to be counted as natives among the children of Israel; and also are allotted land of their own among the tribes of Israel.

²³ And it will happen, that in whatever tribe the foreigner journeys, there you must assign him his inheritance, says the LORD God.

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