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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 the allotments of the land first promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

¹ **The following are the names of the tribes / some of the great grandchildren of Abraham.**

From the **north** part of the coastline beside the way of Hethlon, to Hamath, as far as Hazar-enan, at the border of Damascus, to the north beside Hamath; running east to west; **Dan** one portion.

² And next to the border of Dan, from the east to west, **Asher** one portion.

³ And next to the border of Asher, from east to west, **Naphtali** one portion.

⁴ And next to the border of Naphtali, from east to west, **Manasseh** one portion.

⁵ And next to the border of Manasseh, from east to west, **Ephraim** one portion.

⁶ And next to the border of Ephraim, from east to west, **Reuben** one portion.

⁷ And next to the border of Reuben, from east to west, **Judah** one portion.

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⁸ And next to **Judah**, from east to west, will be the land which you must set apart, 8.3 miles in width and in length as the portion of one tribe, from east to west: and the House will be in its center.

⁹ The land you must set apart to the LORD will be 8.3 miles in width, and 6.3 miles in length.

¹⁰ And on this sacred land, the priests will have an area for them, 8.3 miles in length, and 3.3 miles in width, from north to south, and in its center will be the House of the LORD.

¹¹ It is for the priests who are consecrated of the sons of Zadok; who were faithful to Me, who did not go astray as the Levites did, when the children of Israel went astray.

¹² And this piece of land will be a most sacred place next to the border of the Levites.

¹³ Whereas the Levites will have an area along the northern border of the priests measuring 8.3 miles in length, and 3.3 miles in width. The entire parcel will be 8.3 miles in length, and 6.3 miles in width.

¹⁴ And no part of the choice land is to be sold, or exchanged, or separated: for it is holy to the LORD.

¹⁵ And the remaining section of the land, 1.6 miles in width, and 8.3 miles in length, will not be sacred, it is for the city, its houses and its suburbs: and the city will be in its center.

¹⁶ And these will be its dimensions; the north side 1.5 miles, the south side 1.5 miles, the east side 1.5 miles, and the west side 1.5 miles.

¹⁷ The city will measure 1.5 miles square. Its suburbs will cover 147 yards, on each side of the square, north, south, east and west.

¹⁸ And the remainder of the land, over 3 miles on the east, and 3 miles on the west stretching along the sacred land; will serve to support the workers in the city.

¹⁹ And it will be cultivated for food by workers in the city, belonging to all the tribes of Israel.

²⁰ The entire land, including the city-parcel, will measure 7.3 miles square; and you will set apart the sacred land, with the property of the city.

²¹ And the remainder of the land will belong to the prince, that is, the land on either side of the sacred land, and the city-parcel, also 8.3 miles in width, and running parallel to the portions of the tribes; and the sacred land at its center.

²² Moreover from the Levites exclusive domain, and the city-parcel, being among what belongs to the prince,

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everything between the portion of Judah and the portion of Benjamin, will belong to the prince.

²³ As for the rest of the tribes, from east to west, **Benjamin** one portion.

²⁴ And next to the border of Benjamin, from east to west, **Simeon** one portion.

²⁵ And next to the border of Simeon, from east to west, **Issachar** a portion.

²⁶ And next to the border of Issachar, from east to west, **Zebulun** a portion.

²⁷ And next to the border of Zebulun, from east to west, **Gad** a portion.

²⁸ And next to the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border from Tamar to the waters of strife in Kadesh, to the Wadi-el-Arish, then toward the Mediterranean sea.

²⁹ This is the land you will divide by portion to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, these are their portions, says the LORD God.

³⁰ And these are the exits of the city on the north side, 1.5 miles.

³¹ And the gates of the city will be named after the tribes of Israel: three gates to the north; the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

³² And at the east side, 1.5 miles three gates; the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one, the gate of Dan, one.

³³ And at the south side, 1.5 miles three gates; the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

³⁴ And at the west side, 1.5 miles three gates; the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

³⁵ Its circumference was about 6 miles: and from that day, the name of the city will be, **The LORD is there.**

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