

LIFE GIVING WATER

In Ezekiel's vision in chapter 47, a river flows from the temple in Jerusalem, growing deeper and wider as it moves. This life-giving water heals the Dead Sea, making it fresh and full of fish, and nourishes trees on its banks whose fruit provides food and the leaves bring healing. Ezekiel is also shown the beginnings of the border outlines of the Promised Land.

Scriptures References:

Ezekiel 47

John 4: 3-24

Revelation 22:1-5

Timeline of Events:

- The River from the Temple (Ezekiel 47:1-6)
- Life Everywhere the River Flows (Ezekiel 47:7-12)
- The Boundaries of the Land (Ezekiel 47:13-23)

Practical Applications:

- Ezekiel's vision of the river flowing from the temple shows how the presence of God brings life and healing wherever the Lord goes. The water made the barren Dead Sea fresh and full of life. This teaches us that allowing God's Spirit into the "dead" or barren areas of our lives - be it unforgiveness, hopelessness, or old habits - can bring about profound transformation and healing. Just as the river grew deeper, our spiritual life can deepen over time, producing positive fruit like peace, joy, and love, which in turn brings nourishes ourselves and others.

- The river didn't stay within the temple; it flowed out to heal the land and the sea. Its purpose was to bring life to the world around it. This serves as a model for believers in Christ. We are not meant to keep the blessings and spiritual life we receive from God to ourselves. Instead, we are called to be examples of that life and healing to our families, communities, and the world. This means actively extending grace, help, and hope to others, thereby bringing God's restorative presence into the lives of those around us.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, blessed King, we ask You in the name of Your blessed Son Jesus, the One Who is Faithful and True, help us to be living examples for your glory to those around us. Help us to present our bodies as living sacrifices to You. When we find ourselves faced with challenging circumstances and difficult people, help us to be patient, help us to forgive, to speak with words seasoned with salt and grace. May You O'Lord be glorified in our everyday lives, in our everyday speech. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.