

Ezekiel 47-48– 29 May 2025

“Providing His Presence For His People”

Introduction

*Outline of the 5th section

*Eze 40-43 describes the Temple itself (House)

*Eze 44-46 describes rituals & practices (Habits)

*Eze 47-48 describes the new holy land (Homestead)

*Chapter 40-43 – described the Millennial Temple

*Different than the temple described in Revelation that is used during the Tribulation

*Chapter 44-46 – described the Rituals of the priests & the prince in the Temple

*Now Chap 47-48 expanded beyond the Temple to the Holy Land around it in the Millennial Kingdom

*We come to a dramatic end as we see that the plan has always been for God to provide for His people w/ His presence

Today, we'll see 3 millennial places & their prominence in the Kingdom of God

#1 – God’s provision in the river (Chap 47:1-12)

Read Chap 47:1-2

1. This river that begins right at the temple is both real and symbolic
 - a. A real river for real sustenance
 - i. Read Gen 2:10 – God has used a river since the start of time to picture of His provision
 - ii. Read Joe 3:18 – Prophecy of Millennium
 - iii. Read Zec 14:8 – Calls them living waters
 - iv. Read Rev 22:1-2 – In New Jerusalem the River of Life comes from God’s throne
 - b. Symbolic of God’s direct provision
 - i. Read Jer 2:13 – Today we live w/ a choice
 - ii. John 4:10-14 – God’s offering it to all

Read Vs 3-5

1. The river gets progressively deeper so that at 6,000 ft from the Temple it’s swimmable
2. The imagery is given from the perspective of leaving the Temple

- a. As the worshipper heads home, it's a call to go deeper with the Lord
- 3. As stagnate water pictures God's Word, flowing water pictures the Holy Spirit
 - a. Read John 7:37-39
 - b. This is the empowering, refreshing, life-giving supply of God Almighty

Read Vs 6-12

- 1. This river produces life everywhere it flows
 - a. Trees on both sides for fruitful food
 - b. Fishing for much eating
- 2. Even the Dead Sea is healed
 - a. The sea is healed but the salt seems to be pushed to the marshy side areas

#2 – God’s people in the land (Chap 47:13-48:29)

Read Chap 47:13-14

1. Joseph receives 2 portions as the son of blessing and double portion
2. Rom 11:29 tells us the gifts & calling of God are irrevocable – God keeps His commitments

Read Vs 15-20

1. This is north, east, south & west boundaries
 - a. Bigger than the ones given in Num 34
 - b. Specifically in the north & south

Read Vs 21-23

1. Though the tribal land will be given specific boundaries, within each tribe it’s assigned by lot
2. In the Kingdom, Gentiles can intermarry into the family of Israel and inherit land

Read Chap 48:1-8

1. Lays out the northern tribes from N to S
 - a. Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben, Judah

2. When the 12 tribes had 12,000 each sealed thru the 7-year Trib Dan was omitted for their idolatry
 - a. Here we see them again as a sign of grace

Read Vs 9-12

1. Detailing the Temple & priests' area
2. We saw this in Eze 45:1-6

Read Vs 13-14

1. Detailing the Levites area
2. Within the 8x8 mile square, north of the priests

Read Vs 15-20

1. Detailing the city & city gardens
2. Everyone from all tribes' cares for the area

Read Vs 21-22

1. Detailing the area for the prince

Read Vs 23-29

1. Lays out the southern tribes from N to S
 - a. Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, Gad

#3 – God’s presence in the city (Chap 48:30-35)

Read Chap 48:30-34

1. Depicts the city’s 12 gates
 - a. Reuben, Judah, Levi on the North
 - b. Joseph, Benjamin, Dan on the East
 - c. Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun on the South
 - d. Gad, Asher, Naphtali on the West
2. New Jerusalem (in eternity) also has 12 gates named after the tribes
3. These 12 gates show both unity & security
 - a. Unity b/c all 12 tribes are represented at the Holy city
 - b. Security b/c that’s a lot of gates – there have no threat coming from outside

Read Vs 35

1. So this makes the city about 1.2 miles long on each side of a square (1.6 square miles)
 - a. To compare, the Temple is about .9 miles long on each side of a square (.97 square miles)

2. All the way thru Ezekiel 40-48 this city has never been named Jerusalem or named at all
 - a. Now we get its name – Yahweh-shammah or The Lord is there
 - b. This is what the human race needs more than anything else; to be able to survive & even thrive in the presence of God
 - i. Read Matt 28:19-20
 - ii. God made a way thru Jesus to be w/ us always & forevermore
 - c. The most notable feature of the city is that the Lord is present
3. No more fear of the glory departing our lives
 - a. Nothing left but complete fulfilment of its previous name Jerusalem, the city of peace

Conclusion

So, are you experiencing the provision of God's presence?

1. **God will provide a river to sustain us in the Millennial Kingdom**
 - a. And yet God HAS provided a river for us
 - b. The river of His Holy Spirit
 - c. Providing all things we need
2. **God will bring His people into the land**
 - a. And yet God HAS brought us into the place of His plan and choosing
 - b. The land of His work here on earth
 - c. With opportunities to serve & glorify Him
3. **God will bring His presence into the city**
 - a. And yet God HAS brought His presence into our hearts & minds even now
 - b. As born-again believers, we have God's life-giving & life-sustaining presence brings us assurance of eternity every day!

Let's end with reading Psalm 46:4-7