

**THE
DEEPER
LIFE**

EZEKIEL 47:1-10

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1 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

Ezekiel 47:1-10 - continued

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

Ezekiel 47:1-10 - continued

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

Ezekiel 47:1-10 - continued

9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.



Introduction

- A. Prophetic picture looking east from the Millennial Temple**
- B. The river gets deeper the further from the temple**
- C. Ezekiel is asked if he sees all this (v 6)**
- D. The river's influence (vv 8-10)**
- E. Pictures how God should influence our spiritual lives**

I. Exploring Its Path (vv 1, 8)

A. The Sanctuary (47:1)

1. The source of the river

Psalm 77:13

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

2. The place of devotion to God

Psalm 134:2

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

I. Exploring Its Path (vv 1, 8)

B. The Altar (47:1)

1. You must go with the current

2. The place of death to self

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

I. Exploring Its Path (vv 1, 8)

C. The Wilderness (47:8)

1. You see where the river goes when downstream

2. The place of duty to others

Matthew 14:15

And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

II. Examining Its Potential (v 4)

A. “up to the knees”

Ephesians 3:14

**For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,**

II. Examining Its Potential (v 4)

B. Traveling the river takes prayer

1. All along the journey

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing

2. Especially as the river gets deeper

2 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

III. Experiencing Its Power (v 4)

“... Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.”

A. You must be prepared

Ephesians 6:14

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

B. You must keep your footing

1 Peter 1:13

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

IV. Exhibiting Its Productivity (vv 7, 9)

“... behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.”

A. The river brings victory over dearth

Isaiah 51:3

For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

2 Peter 1:8

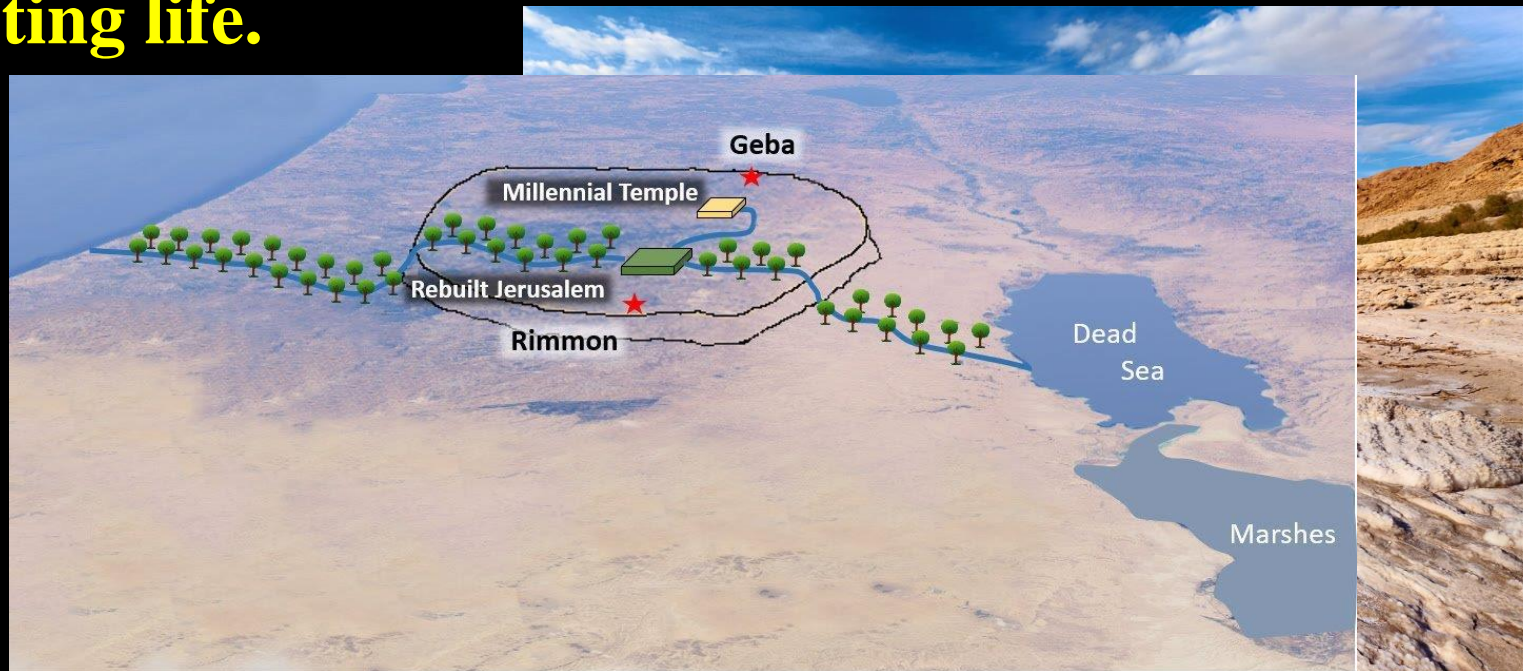
For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

IV. Exhibiting Its Productivity (vv 7, 9)

B. The river brings victory over death (v 9)

John 4:14

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.



Get Into The River!!!