



The River of God

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ² Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

³ Going on eastwards with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. ⁵ Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. ⁶ And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on one side and on the other. ⁸ And he said to me, "This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. ⁹ And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

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- Who is Ezekiel?
- Ezekiel 40-48
- Jeremiah 29:11-14a
- Revelation 22:1-2
- Many other scriptures
- John 7:37
- Pentecost



1. Incarnation – God dwelling with us

- Significance of the Source – Temple – God in our midst
- Revelation 22 picture – ‘the throne of God and the Lamb’
- Jesus John 1:14-18 Heaven touching earth!
- Entering at the cross – Total Surrender
- There is no Pentecost without the cross
- Entry point of the River is the Cross
- Surrender - 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. Influence of the River of God

- Flowing Eastwards to the Arabah desert
- Life Giving Water, verse 9
- Sustaining, Transforming the Nations, Fruitfulness always
- Healing and washing away the effects of the Dead Sea
- Bitterness, barrenness, death, hopelessness
- The Cross – washing sin, sadness, sickness, resentment, hopeless, impure thoughts, anger, resentment, failure

3. Invitation - get deeper into the River of God!

- 'He led me...' Ezekiel 47:3
- 'He leads me...' Psalm 23
- 'I am the Good Shepherd...' John 10:11
- The Light of the World – William Holman Hunt
- John 7:37

Conclusion – The River of God

**Come, Meet with God, Get Deeper into the River of God,
Don't Miss this Opportunity!**



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