

## Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennium Temple—Water Flowing from the Temple (November 2, 574 BC)

Ezekiel 47:1–12

### Waters from the House of God

1 And he brought me back to the doorway of the temple and, look! There was water coming out from under the threshold of the temple eastward, because the face of the temple *was* eastwards; and the water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, from south of the altar.

2 And he brought me out *by the way of the north gate* and he led me around *by the way* leading to the outside of the outer gate *by way of the gate* facing east, and look, there was water trickling from the south side.

### The Man with the Measuring Line

3 As the man went eastward a measuring line *was* in his hand, and he measured a thousand cubits. And he led me through *on* into the water; *it was* ankle deep.

4 And he measured a thousand *cubits*, and he brought me over into the waters *and it was* knee deep. And he measured a thousand *cubits*, and he brought me over *into* the waters *and it was* waist deep.

5 And he measured a thousand *cubits*, *and it became* a stream that I was not able to cross, because the water rose, waters a person could swim in, *and became* a stream that could not be crossed.

### The Healing of the Waters

6 And he asked me, "Son of man, did you see *this*?" And he made me go, and he brought me back *along* the bank of the stream.

7 When I returned, then look! On the bank of the river *were* many trees on both sides.

8 And he said to me, "These waters *are* going out to the eastern region, and they go down to the Jordan Valley, and they come *to* the sea *and flow* into the sea *where* they issue out, and the waters *in the sea* will be healed.

9 And then every living creature *with* which it teems, to every place the waters come it will live; *and* very many fish will live because these waters came there, and *so* the *water* will be healed and everything *will be* alive everywhere that the stream will come.

10 And then fishers from En Gedi and *on* up to En Eglaim will stand beside it, a sea-girt drying yard for nets; their fish for the dragnets will be of every kind, like the fish of the great sea, *and* very many.

11 But its marshes and its swamps will not be cured, for they were given for salt.

12 And along the stream will go up on its banks from both sides every tree producing food; its leaf will not wither and it will not cease *producing* its fruit. Every month it will bear early fruit, for its waters *are* going out from the sanctuary, and its fruit will be as food, and its leaf for healing."

## Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennium Temple—New Boundaries of Israel (November 2, 574 BC)

Ezekiel 47:13–23

### Method of Dividing the Land

13 Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "This *is* the boundary *by* which you shall distribute the land for the twelve tribes of Israel: Two shares *shall be* for Joseph.

14 And you must take possession of it, each *one a share* like his brother, *of this land* which I swore to give it to your fathers, and *so* this land shall fall to you as an inheritance.

### Borders of Israel

15 And this *is* the boundary of the land: On the north side, from the great sea *by* the way of Hethlon until you come to Zedad,

16 Hamath *to* Berothath *to* Sibraim, which *is* between the boundary of Damascus and the boundary of Hamath, *on* *to* Hazer Hatticon, which *is* on the boundary of Hauran.

17 And *so* *the* boundary will be from the sea to Hazar Enan *at* the boundary of Damascus northwards and the boundary of Hamath *to the north*, and this *is the boundary on the side of the north*.

18 And the eastern boundary *will be* between Hauran and Damascus, and from between Gilead and the land of Israel *along* the Jordan *River* from *the* boundary on the eastern sea to Tamar. And this is the border on the east.

19 And on the south side the border *will run* from Tamar up to the waters *of* Meribot Kadesh *and along* the wadi to the Great Sea. And this *is* the boundary to the south.

20 And on the west side the Great Sea *shall be* the boundary up to opposite Lebo-Hamath. This is the western boundary.

### Instructions for Dividing the Land Among the Tribes

21 You shall divide this land for yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

22 And then you shall allocate it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the aliens dwelling as aliens in the midst of you who have children in the midst of you, and *so* they shall be to you *just* like full citizens among the Israelites. With you they shall be allotted with an inheritance in the midst of the tribes of Israel.

23 And then in the tribe *in* which an alien who is with you dwells, there you shall give his inheritance," declares the Lord Yahweh.

## Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennium Temple—New Tribal Allotments (November 2, 574 BC)

## Ezekiel 48

**Inheritance of the Tribes of Israel**

1 And these *are* the names of the tribes: At the end of the north, along the way to Hethlon from Lebo-hamath to Hazar Enan on the boundary of Damascus beside Hamath northward, *there* will be one *portion* for Dan from the eastern border to the west.

2 And next to the territory of Dan, from the eastern border up to the western border, one *portion* for Asher.

3 And next to the territory of Asher, from the eastern border and up to the western border, one *portion* for Naphtali.

4 And next to the territory of Naphtali, from the eastern border up to the western border, one *portion* for Manasseh.

5 And next to the territory of Manasseh, from the eastern border up to the western border, one *portion* for Ephraim.

6 And next to the territory of Ephraim, from the eastern border and up to the western border, one *portion* for Reuben.

7 And next to the territory of Reuben, from the eastern border up to the western border, one *portion* for Judah.

23 And *for* the remainder of the tribes: From *the side on the east* up to *the side on the west*, Benjamin one *portion*;

24 and next to the territory of Benjamin, from *the side on the east* up to *the side of the sea*, Simeon one *portion*;

25 and next to the territory of Simeon, from *the side of the east* up to *the side of the sea*, Issachar one *portion*;

26 and next to the territory of Issachar, from *the side of the east* up to *the side of the sea*, Zebulun one *portion*;

27 and next to the territory of Zebulun, from *the side of the east* up to *the side of the sea*, Gad one *portion*;

28 and next to the territory of Gad, to *the side of the south*, southward; and *the* territory will be from Tamar to the waters of Meribath Kadesh, *toward* the wadi, *on* to the Great Sea.

29 This *is* the land that you shall allot as *an* inheritance to the tribes of Israel, and these *are* their portions," declares the Lord Yahweh.

**The Sacred Reserve—Sanctuary Allotment**

8 And next to the territory of Judah, from the eastern border up to the western border, shall be *located* the contribution that you set apart, twenty-five thousand *cubits* in width, and its length *just* like one of the portions from the eastern border up to the western border, and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The contribution that you shall set apart for Yahweh, its length *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits*, and its width ten thousand *cubits*.

10 And to these shall be the holy district: to the priests northwards twenty-five thousand *cubits*, and westwards *its* width ten thousand *cubits*, and eastwards *its* width ten thousand *cubits*, and southwards its length twenty-five thousand *cubits*, and the sanctuary of Yahweh shall be in the midst of it.

11 To the priests, the *ones* being consecrated from the descendants of Zadok, who took care of my service *and* who did not go astray when the Israelites went astray, just as the Levites went astray.

12 And it will be for them a special gift from the contribution of the land as a most holy object next to the territory of the Levites.

13 And the Levites alongside the territory of the priests *shall have* twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length and in width ten thousand *cubits*, its full length, twenty-five thousand *cubits* and its *full width*, ten thousand *cubits*.

14 And they shall not sell *any part* from it, and shall not exchange, and shall not transfer the best of the land, for *it is* holy to Yahweh.

**The Sacred Reserve—Public Allotment**

15 And the remaining part of five thousand *cubits* in the width by twenty-five thousand *cubits*, *is* unholy; it is for the city as dwelling and as pastureland; and the city will be *located* in the middle of it.

16 And these *shall be* its measurements: *on* its side to *the north*, four thousand five hundred *cubits*; and *on* its side to *the south*, four thousand five hundred *cubits*; and *on* the eastern side, four thousand five hundred *cubits*; and *on* the western side, four thousand five hundred *cubits*.

17 And a pastureland shall be for the city northwards, two hundred and fifty *cubits*, southwards two hundred and fifty *cubits*, and eastwards two hundred and fifty *cubits*, and westwards two hundred and fifty *cubits*.

18 And the rest in *its* length alongside the holy district, ten thousand *cubits* eastwards and ten thousand westwards; and it shall be alongside the holy district and its yield shall be as food for the workers of the city.

19 And the workers of the city from all the tribes of Israel shall cultivate it.

20 All of the contribution, twenty-five thousand by twenty five thousand *cubits* square, you shall set apart *as* the holy district *along* with the property of the city.

**The Sacred Reserve—Prince Allotment**

21 And the rest *shall be* to the prince, on both sides of the holy district and of the property of the city extending from twenty-five thousand *cubits* of the contribution up to *the boundary of the east*, and westwards extending twenty-five thousand *cubits* to the boundary of *the sea* alongside *the tribal* portions. They shall be for the prince, and it shall be the holy district, and the sanctuary of the temple will be in its middle.

22 And *also* the property of the Levites and the property of the city will be in the midst of *the property* which *is* for the prince; between the territory of Judah and *between* the territory of Benjamin *the land* will be for the prince.

**The Gates of the New City**

30 And these *shall be* the exits of the city: From the north side, four thousand and five hundred *cubits by* measurement.

31 And the gates of the city *shall be* according to the names of 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 *on the* east side, four thousand five hundred *cubits, and* three gates, and *so* the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

33 And *on the* south side, four thousand five hundred *cubits by* measurement, and *so* three gates, the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

34 *And* on the west side, four thousand five hundred *cubits, and* their gates three, the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

35 All around *the city is* eighteen thousand *cubits, and* the name of the city from *that day is* “Yahweh Is There”!

**Ezekiel's Prophecy to the Exiles—Oracle against Egypt (April 26, 571 BC)**

Ezekiel 29:17-30:19

**Nebuchadnezzar's Conquest of Egypt after Conquest of Tyre (Ezekiel's Last Prophecy)**

29:17 And then in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

18 “Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, he made his army labor hard against Tyre. Every head was rubbed bare, and every shoulder *was* rubbed raw, but a wage was not *paid* for him and for his army from Tyre for the labor that he did against it.”

19 Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Look! I *am* giving to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon the land of Egypt, and he will carry its wealth *away*, and he will plunder its plunder, and he will loot its loot, and it will be *a* wage for his army.

20 As his wages that he worked for, I will give to him the land of Egypt, because they worked for me,” declares the Lord Yahweh.

21 “On that day I will cause power to grow *up* for the house of Israel, and for you I will give an opening of *your* mouth in the midst of them, and they will know that I *am* Yahweh.”

**Judgment on Egypt and the Nations**

30:1 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, prophesy, and you must say, ‘thus says the Lord Yahweh:

“Wail, alas! For the day!

3 For a day *is* near;  
indeed, a day *is* near for Yahweh.  
A day of cloud,  
a time of *the* nations it will be.

4 And a sword will come in Egypt,  
and anguish will be in Cush,  
at the falling of *the* slain in Egypt.  
And they will take its wealth,  
and its foundation will be demolished.

5 Cush and Put and Lud and all of Arabia and Kub and the people of the land of the treaty with them—by the sword they will fall.”

**Desolation of the Land of Egypt**

6 Thus says Yahweh:

“And the supporters of Egypt will fall,  
and the majesty of its strength will go down  
from Migdol *to* Syene;  
by the sword they will fall in it,”  
declares the Lord Yahweh.

7 “And they will be desolate in the midst of desolate countries,  
and its cities will be in the midst of ruined cities.

8 And they will know that I *am* Yahweh  
when I put my fire in Egypt,  
and all of its helpers are broken.

9 On that day messengers will go down from before me in the ships to terrify unsuspecting Cush, and anguish will be in them on the day of Egypt; for look, *it is coming!*”

#### God’s Instrument of Punishment

10 Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

“And I will put an end to the crowds of Egypt  
by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, *the most* ruthless of nations,  
*will* be brought to destroy the land.

And they will draw their swords against Egypt,  
and they will fill the land *with the slain*,

12 and I will make the Nile streams dry land,  
and I will sell the land into *the* hand of bad *people*,  
and I will lay waste *the* land and its fullness  
by *the* hand of strangers.

I, Yahweh, I have spoken.”

#### Visitation on Egypt’s Idolatrous Cities

13 Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

“And I will destroy *the* idols,  
and I will put an end to *the* worthless idols from Memphis.  
And there will no longer be a prince from the land of Egypt,  
and I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will lay waste Pathros,  
and I will set fire in Zoan,  
and I will execute judgments in No.

15 I will pour out my rage over Sin,  
the stronghold of Egypt,  
and I will cut off the crowd of No.

16 And I will set fire in Egypt,  
certainly Sin will writhe,  
and No will be breached,  
and Memphis *will* face enemies daily.

17 The young men of On and Pi Beseth will fall by the sword,  
and they will go into captivity.

18 And at Tahpanhes the day will become dark  
when I break the yoke of Egypt,  
and in it the majesty of its strength  
will come to an end.

A cloud will cover it,  
and its daughters will go into captivity.

19 And I will execute judgments in Egypt,  
and they will know that I *am* Yahweh.”

Ezekiel's Vision of the Sacred Reserve

