

Our God is YHWH

A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy

The LORD is There

Lesson 18

Ezekiel 47-48

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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Ezekiel

Our God/Lord is YAHWEH/LORD/GOD													593-571 BC = 22 years of ministry																																						
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<u>judgment for Jerusalem</u>													<u>judgment for the nations</u>																																						
<u>restoration of Israel</u>													<u>restoration of the LORD'S presence</u>																																						
1 Ezek. called																																																			
2-3 Ezek. sent	4-7	① the coming judgment of Jerusalem											24	① the boiling pot · the sign of Ezekiel											34	① Israel's Shepherd											40-42	① the temple													
	8-11	② God's glory departs from Jerusalem											25	② Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia											35	② Mount Seir											43-46	② the service													
	12-14	③ imminent judgment without hope											26-28	③ Tyre & Sidon											36	③ a new covenant											47-48	③ the land													
	15-19	④ the unfaithfulness of Israel											29-32	④ Egypt											37	④ the dry bones											YHWH SHAMMAH "the LORD is there"														
	20-23	⑤ the unanswerable closing argument											33	⑤ the watchman · the fall of Jerusalem											38-39	⑤ Gog																									
glory revealed													glory departed													glory restored																									
593 BC													Jerusalem siege begins													Jerusalem destroyed													571 BC												
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The Lord is There (47-48)

- ▶ The Biblical context for Ezekiel
- ▶ The river of life (47:1-12)
- ▶ The division of the land (47:13-48:29)
- ▶ The City (48:30-35)
- ▶ The name of the city (48:35b)

The Biblical Context for Ezekiel

- ▶ The fall and *protevangelium* (Genesis 3:15)
- ▶ The everlasting promise to Noah, earth and animal life (Genesis 9:8-17)
- ▶ The promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-16; 15:1-21; 17:1-8)
- ▶ The intent for Israel to be a holy nation and a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19:4-6)
- ▶ The promise to David (2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17)
- ▶ The promise to Israel through Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31-40; Romans 11:26)
- ▶ The promise to the exiles through Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36-37)
- ▶ The key to all this is in the incarnation – Christ's death and resurrection

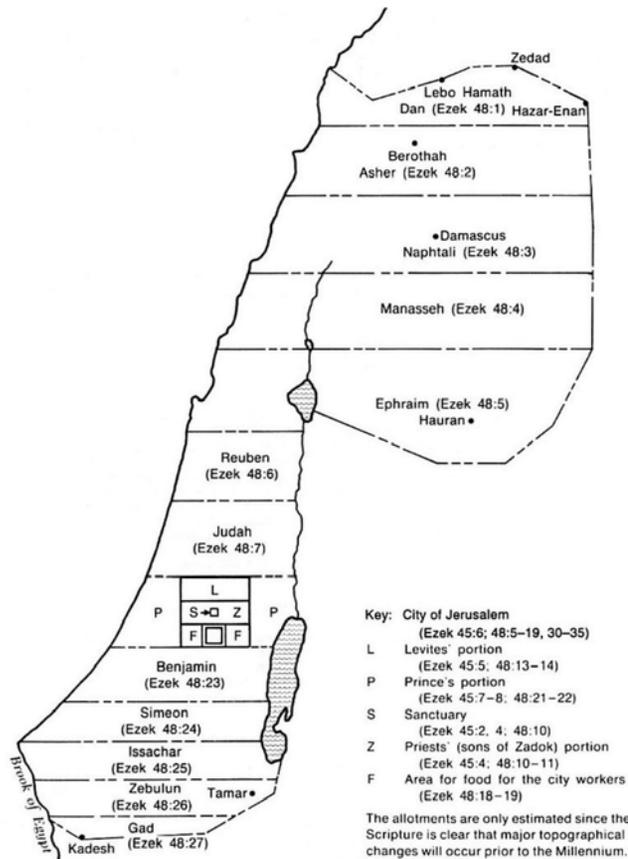
The Last Temple (40-46)

- ▶ Israel's distinctives: the Law and the Temple – holiness and a priesthood
- ▶ The command to rebuild the 2nd Temple (Haggai 1:8)
- ▶ The temple built before the return of Christ (Dan 9:26-27; 2 Thess 2:3-4)
- ▶ The Old Covenant replaced by the New Covenant and all Israel saved (Rom 11:26-27)
- ▶ The Throne of Christ replaces the Temple (Revelation 21:22)

The River of Life (47:1-12)

- ▶ Water flowing from under the threshold of the house (47:1-6)
 - South of the altar and under the south wall
 - Eastward with increasing depth
 - “Son of man, have you seen?” – important observations
- ▶ The effect of the river (47:7-12)
 - Trees along both sides of the river
 - Water flows into the Arabah (Jordan Valley) and on to the Dead Sea
 - Dead Sea becomes a living sea – “every living river creature” – fishing
 - Swamps and marshlands will remain salty
 - Trees for food – leaves for healing – monthly harvest
- ▶ The river of life
 - The source of restoration of the land in the Millennium
 - The water flows from the sanctuary – holy throne room
 - The river remains in the new heaven and earth (Revelation 22:1-5)

Land Allotment in the Millennium
(Ezek 45:1-8; 47:13-48:35)

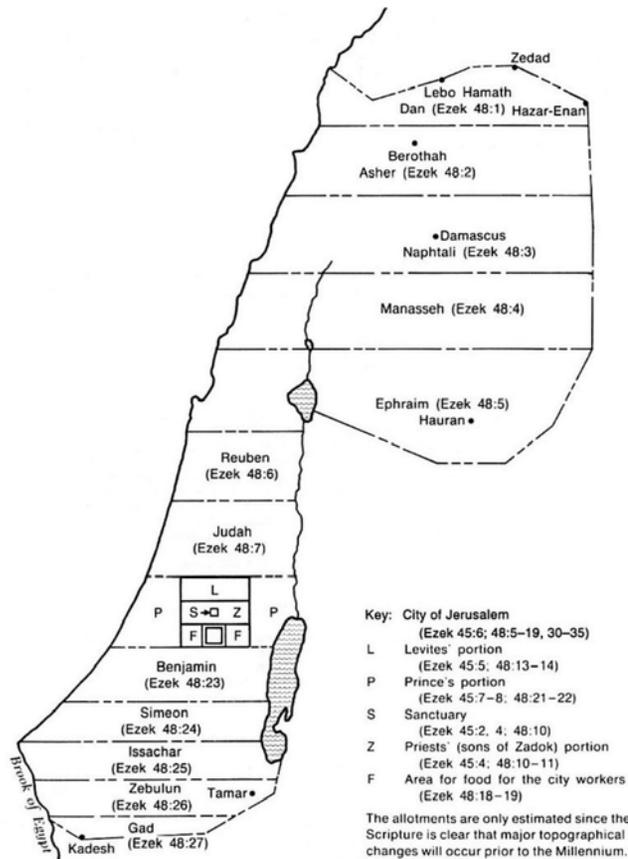


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The Boundaries of the Land (47:13-20)

- The plan (47:13-14) – 13 equal portions
- Northern border (47:15-17)
- Eastern border (47:18)
- Southern border (47:19)
- Western border (47:20)

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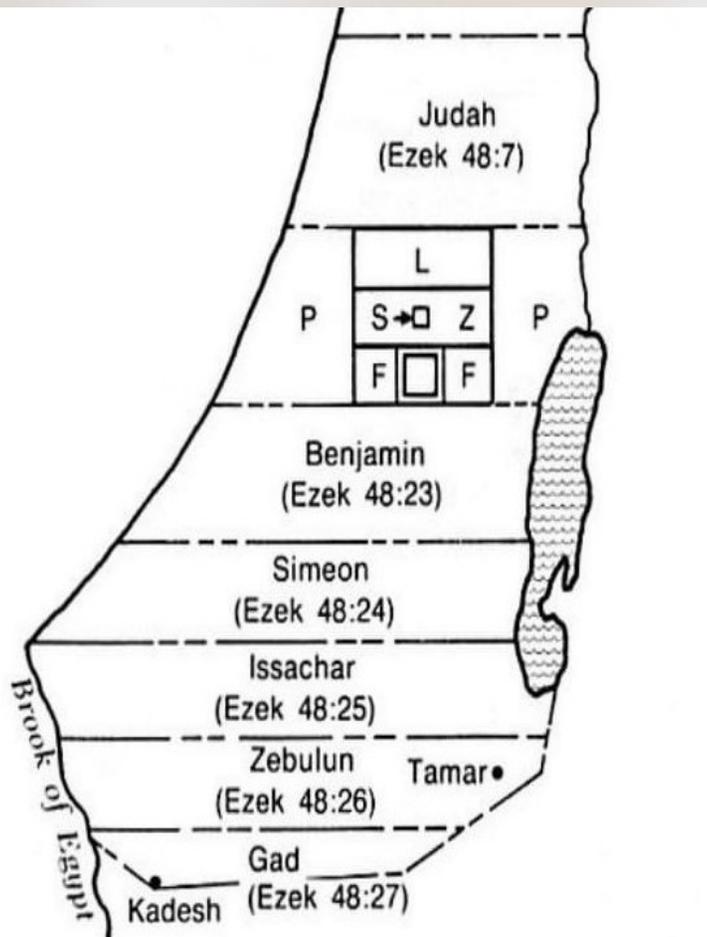


Key: City of Jerusalem
(Ezek 45:6; 48:5-19, 30-35)
L Levites' portion
(Ezek 45:5; 48:13-14)
P Prince's portion
(Ezek 45:7-8; 48:21-22)
S Sanctuary
(Ezek 45:2, 4; 48:10)
Z Priests' (sons of Zadok) portion
(Ezek 45:4; 48:10-11)
F Area for food for the city workers
(Ezek 48:18-19)

The allotments are only estimated since the Scripture is clear that major topographical changes will occur prior to the Millennium.

The Division of the Land (47:21-48:29)

- The plan (47:21-23) – by lot for natives and aliens
- Northern 7 tribes (48:1-7)
- YHWH'S portion (48:8-22)
- Southern 5 tribes (48:23-29)



YHWH'S Portion of the Land (48:8-22)

- Dimensions – 25,000 cu x 20,000 cu (45:1-6)
- Sanctuary location (48:8, 10) – centered
- Priests and Levites (48:10-14)
- City and Workers (48:15-20)
- Prince (48:21-22)

The City (48:30-35)

- ▶ Each side - 4,500 cu with 3 gates each
 - north – Reuben, Judah, Levi
 - east – Joseph, Benjamin, Dan
 - south – Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun
 - west – Gad, Asher, Naphtali
- ▶ The name of the city: YHWH SHAMMAH – The LORD is There

The LORD (Savior) is There

- ▶ The dwelling of God on the earth
- ▶ An incomprehensible God (Ezekiel 1)
- ▶ An impossible dream (Ezekiel 2-33)
- ▶ The God of Israel is the Sovereign YHWH/Savior (Ezekiel 34-48)
- ▶ The hope of Israel and all the families of the earth is the Everlasting Covenant of Peace