

Ezekiel 47: 1-12

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47 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.

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.

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.



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.

11 But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.



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Introduction The Purpose of the River

- A. Formed from rainwater, melting snow, or underground streams
- B. Rivers provide water for drinking, farming, industry, transportation and recreation.

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II How Do Spiritual Rivers Operate?

A. Flowing From The Throne of God And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb (Revelation 22: 1).

B. Flowing From Your Belly He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7: 38).



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III How Do Rivers Affect Us? (Ezekiel 47)

A. (vs. 3) Water at the Ankles (Walk) 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.

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B. (vs. 4) Water at the Knees (Prayer Life) Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees.



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C. (vs. 4) Water at the Loins (Reproduction) *Again he measured* a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.





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III How Do Rivers Affect Us? (Ezekiel 47)

D. (vs. 5) Water to Swim In (Being Led by the Spirit and Not Yourself)

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.



III How Do Rivers Affect Us? (Ezekiel 47)

E. (vs. 7 & 12) Water for Trees (Leaves for Healing and Fruit for Others)

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.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.



III How Do Rivers Affect Us?

E. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. (John 15: 1-2)

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Ps. 1:3)

III How Do Rivers Affect Us? (Ezekiel 47)

F. (vs. 8) Water for the Desert and Sea (Revival) 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.



III How Do Rivers Affect Us? (Ezekiel 47)

G. (vs. 9) Water for Life (Brings Life to Whatever it Touches and Wherever it Goes) 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.





III How Do Rivers Affect Us?

H. It Makes us Glad

There is a river, the streams whereof **shall make glad** the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High (Psalms 46:4).

I. It will Establish Us.

God is in the midst of her; **she shall not be moved:** God shall help her, and that right early (Psalms 46: 5).

IV How to Partake From The River?



A. Be filled with the Spirit.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (Ephesians 5: 18-20).

IV How to Partake From The River?

B. When the water is troubled.

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the **troubling of the water** stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had (John 5: 3-4).





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