

**If you are reading this, then you have persevered to the end. Two final chapters remain. Over the last couple of weeks we have traversed some difficult passages. We have seen the power of God as He breathed life into the valley of dry bones, as He promised to restore His people to a united kingdom once again with a descendant of David (Jesus Christ) sitting on the throne forever. We have seen the battle between God and Satan fought in the battle of Magog. We have waded through the detailed account of Ezekiel's Temple, the priesthood, and the sacrifices. Now it is time to wrap it up, to finish the race you have begun.**

#### DAY 1

1. This should be a habit by now, but just by way of reminder, begin each lesson in prayer, asking God to open your eyes and reveal His truth to you. You will start off this week by observing Ezekiel 47. As you do, mark the following words.
  - a. *water (river)*
  - b. *trees*
  - c. *boundary or border* - Use your map from last week to help you see the borders
  - d. Anything referring to the twelve tribes of Israel
  - e. *Jospeh* (not repeated, but take note of what is said)
  
2. Record the paragraph themes.
  - a. 47:1-2
  - b. 47:3-12
  - c. 47:13-14
  - d. 47:15-17
  - e. 47:18

- f. 47:19
  - g. 47:20
  - h. 47:21-23
3. Read Zechariah 14:1-11. What do you learn about the water and the trees from what you marked in Ezekiel 47 and read in Zechariah 14?
4. Last week, you were given a map of Ezekiel's Vision. You are going to need that for this exercise. Using four different colored pencils, you are going to draw out the borders of the land of Israel according to Ezekiel's vision. My suggestion is that you read the section with each border and underline the places you can find on the map. You won't be able to find all of them. Do this with all four directions. When complete, you should have an outlined area that was to be Israel's land. I have included another map with the countries of today at the end of this lesson. Using "Ezekiel's Vision" transfer their boundaries onto the present day map.
- a. North side (15-17)
  - b. East side (18)
  - c. South side (19)
  - d. West side (20)
  - e. Looking at the current map where you traced the boundary outline, parts of what countries are included as Israel's territory?





- Galatians 3:11 told us, “that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”
- Galatians 3:24 said that the Law doesn’t save, but, “the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.”

How do we balance these verses with what we have been studying in Ezekiel 40-48? This is an interesting question and one that deserves an answer. Let’s dig in and see what we can learn allowing Scripture to interpret Scripture.

1. You are going to begin by looking at the events that lead up to or occur at the time of Ezekiel 40-48.
  - a. Read Revelation 19:11-16. List the events surrounding the coming of the Lord in the order they occur and record what Jesus is called.
  - b. Read Revelation 19:17-21 and record who is thrown alive into the lake of fire?
  - c. Read Revelation 20:1-3. What happens to Satan, why, and for how long?
  - d. Read Revelation 20:4-6. Who comes to life and reigns with Christ for 1,000 years?
  - e. Where do you think Ezekiel 40-48 fits into the these Revelation events and why?

2. Who will be bringing the offerings and the sacrifices? There are three groups of people who will be living at this time. Will they all be involved in bringing sacrifices and the feasts of Passover or Tabernacles or will only certain groups be involved? Let's begin with the **church**.

a. According to Hebrews 10:5-10, why did Jesus come and what does that mean to those who believe in Him?

b. There are two passages in Ephesians that describe believers. Read them and record what you learn.

1) Ephesians 3:4-7 - What is the "mystery of Christ"?

2) Ephesians 5:25-32 - Paul gives instruction to husbands and how they are to treat their wives. He uses Jesus as an illustration. What does Jesus do for His bride and who is His bride?

c. Read I Thessalonians 4:13-17. What happens to the church (the body of Christ - Jew and Gentiles who believe) at Christ's coming? Also, as you read this passage you will see that there are two groups of believers - those who are asleep (who have died and are in the presence of the Lord - Philippians 1:23) and those who are alive when Jesus comes to gather His church. List what you learn about both groups.

**Those Who Are Asleep**

**Those Who Are Alive**

- d. What happens to the physical bodies of believers when Christ comes? Read I Corinthians 15:50-54 and record what you learn.
  
  - e. Read Revelation 19:7-8, 14 and see what you learn about the bride and how those who come with the Lord are described. Is there any connection with this description and what you have learned so far?
  
  - f. Revelation 17:12-14 describes those who are with the Lamb. How are they described and who do you think they are and why?
  
  - g. What does Zechariah 14:5-9 tell you about the Lord and those who come with Him?
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3. You looked at the church, now let's take a look at **Israel**. You are going to start by reviewing what you have learned in Ezekiel and then move to the book of Isaiah. Note what God says about Israel in these passages.
    - a. Ezekiel 37:26-28

b. Ezekiel 45:16-17, 21-25 - What is happening to the people of the land?

c. Isaiah 65:19-24

1) What does God say about the people who are living in Jerusalem during this time?

2) Are these people in mortal or immortal bodies?

4. Now it's time to look at the last group of people mentioned - the **nations**. What is going to happen to the nations at the coming of the Lord when Christ returns and establishes His kingdom on earth?

a. Matthew 25:31-46 - Again there are different groups mentioned. Who are they? What is the basis of their judgment? What is the result of the judgment and when does it happen?

b. Zechariah 14:16-17 - Do you see a relationship between the nations mentioned here and what you learned in Matthew 25? What did you learn about them in Zechariah? What are they going to do?



c. Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10 - Think about the people that are being talked about in these passages. Will they have bodies of flesh like we have now or will they have resurrected bodies like the church when Christ returns and gathers us together with Him?

1) What do you learn about the nations?

2) If everyone from the nations who enters the kingdom is righteous (Matthew 25:34-37), where do these unrighteous people come from? Think this through. What does this passage in Revelation tell you about the number of them?

5. Could it be that the sacrifices and worship in the millennial temple are for those who don't have immortal, incorruptible bodies as does the bride of Christ? Explain your answer.

6. As we begin wrapping up our study, let's take a look at the new heaven, new earth, and the new Jerusalem. Read the following Scriptures and record your observations of the passage, any insights of how you should live in light of what God has revealed to you, and if God has been speaking to you through His revealed truth.

a. Revelation 20:11-22:21 - Watch what is being said about the city, temple, water, and the trees and their fruit. Record what you learn.

b. Hebrews 13:10-16 - What is our everlasting city? Is it the city you marked in Ezekiel or the city of Revelation and how do you know?

c. Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16

1) What do you learn about Abraham?

2) What city was Abraham looking for? Will Abraham see the city and temple of Ezekiel 40-48 or of Revelation 21:1-22:21? Give a reason for your answer.

7. Read II Peter 3:10-18 and record how your life should reflect the things we have learned in our study.

8. You can see what the commentaries have to say about Ezekiel 47-48.

