

Class #48 - Waters & Land (Ezekiel 47-48)

Objectives:

- Describe the river in Ezekiel 47 and explain its significance in connection to related passages in both Old & New Testaments.
- Give a general overview of the tribal portions in the newly-divided land.
- Recite the last four words of the Book of Ezekiel.

Opening Discussion (47:1-12)

What Bible passages are you reminded of in reading these verses?

Temple River (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

- The water begins as a _____ from the south side of the altar and runs out of the _____ gate of the temple complex. (47:1-2)
- As the river flows east, it gets progressively _____ until it's impassable. (47:3-5)
- The river flows into the _____ Sea, making it fresh and inhabited with very many fish. "Everything will _____ where the river goes." (47:6-10)
- On its banks are flourishing trees, with fruit for food, leaves for _____. (47:12)
- Question: What does this beautiful picture tell us about God's kingdom?

Tribal Portions (Ezekiel 47:13 - 48:35)

- God then lays out the imagined division of the land between the tribes, an _____ portion for each tribe and double portion for Joseph. (47:13-14; see 1 Chr. 5:1-2)
- The outside boundaries of the land are described, similar to the original border but excluding the area _____ of the Jordan. (47:15-20; see Num. 34:1-12)
- The land is Israel's inheritance and is for the _____. (47:21-23; see Deut 24:17)
- The tribal portions are listed north to south, seven above the holy district and five below. (48:1-29; see handout for diagram of the land and holy district).
- Finally, the tribes are each given a gate of the city, and the name of the city encapsulates the point of the entire vision: _____ (48:30-35)