

EZEKIEL 35:1-48:35 | THE RESTORATION

EZEKIEL 40:1-48:35 | RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

EZEKIEL 47:1-48:35 | THE LAND

- [Ezekiel 47:1-12](#) | The Healing of the Land - See session 35
- [Ezekiel 47:13-23](#) | Restoration of the Land
 - These verses prove that the promises to Abraham should be taken in a physical sense, for there is no way to spiritualize these instructions.
 - According to promise ([Gen. 48:5-22](#)), **Joseph shall have two portions**, for Jacob adopted Joseph's sons as his own.
 - The last recorded words of Joseph included His faith that **God will surely visit you, and bring you...into the land which he swore to Abraham...** ([Gen. 50:24](#)).
 - These words of Joseph were partially fulfilled in the Exodus and will be fully fulfilled, physically and literally, in the Millennium.
 - The Lord promises that **this land shall fall unto you for inheritance** (v. 14).
 - If that does not happen, then God is a liar and Christianity should be abandoned.
 - Those who spiritualize **this land** or remove the promise from the Jewish Fathers (**your fathers**, v. 14) should simply walk away from the Bible and find another book.
 - The Lord gives the details of the boundaries (vv. 15-20). This land is to be divided **according to the tribes of Israel** (v. 21). The land is to be divided **by lot** (v. 22), which presumably means that the *individual* portion is **by lot**, for the *tribal* portion seems to be loosely defined in chapter 48.
 - Most remarkably, there is an inheritance among **the strangers that sojourn among you** (v. 22).
 - A place for the Gentiles within the kingdom is a consistent promise in prophetic Scripture.
 - Note: Rashi (the Jewish commentator of the Middle Ages) defines *sojourner* as a proselyte, which would make full sense within the passage.
 - One should be careful, however, not to read passages such as [Ephesians 3:6](#) into these promises. There is no *prophecy* fulfilled in the *mystery*, and thus the promises of Ephesians are not the fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel.
 - The prophecies of Joel speak of an outpouring of the Spirit (fulfilled at Pentecost) followed by **the great and the terrible day of the Lord** ([Joel 2:31](#)), and **then it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered** ([Joel 2:32](#)).
 - The fact that [Joel 2:32](#) is quoted in [Romans 10:13](#) is one key to interpretation of [Romans 10](#), letting us know that the Romans passage

is *not* about our dispensation, but rather the future millennial dispensation.

- While there are similarities of [Romans 10](#) with our dispensation, *things that are similar are not the same.*
- [Ezekiel 48:1-9](#) | The Tribal Allotment
 - The tribal lands are given from North to South.
 - Dan - v. 1 - son of Bilhah
 - Asher - v. 2 - son of Zilpah
 - Naphtali - v. 3 - son of Bilhah
 - Manasseh - v. 4 - grandson of Rachel
 - Ephraim - v. 5 - grandson of Rachel
 - Reuben - v. 6 - son of Leah
 - Judah - v. 7 - son of Leah
 - Unlike the original allotment of land, which was given by population, the future allotment of land is equal for each tribe.
- [Ezekiel 48:9-22](#) | The Oblation
 - The **oblation** is the section of land in the middle of the Promised Land, a section that is 25,000 by 10,000 measurements (presumably reeds, see note on [Ezekiel 45:1](#). This section is also described in [Ezekiel 45:1-6](#).
 - The oblation includes land for the Levites, the Priests (of Zadok), and the Prince, as well as the Temple.
 - Arno Gaebelein gives the following commentary on these verses:

It is impossible to explain fully the measurements given and other details of this chapter. We believe what God has written, and when the time has come He will surely see to it that all is done according to His word. We do not need to trouble ourselves with supposed difficulties or try to solve them. As stated before in this exposition, Israel's land will undergo a wonderful change when the Lord comes; these physical changes are unknown to us in their extent. The division of the land, and the setting apart of the oblation will then take place. The details in all these visions are of little importance to us. The main fact is to see that all these prophecies have remained unfulfilled up to now. Nor will they be fulfilled during the present age.¹
- [Ezekiel 48:23-29](#) | The Southern Tribes
 - Continuing from the north, now south of the oblation, the tribes are distributed as follows:
 - Benjamin - v. 23 - son of Rachel
 - Simeon - v. 24 - son of Leah
 - Issachar - v. 25 - son of Leah
 - Zebulun - v. 26 - son of Leah
 - Gad - v. 27 - son of Zilpah

¹ Arno C. Gaebelein, *The Prophet Ezekiel: An Analytical Exposition* (New York: Publication Office "Our Hope," 1918), 344.

- The overall distribution of the land is as follows, from north to south, with the offspring of wives closest to the oblation:

Offspring of Concubines (three tribes)	Offspring of wives (four tribes)	OBLATION	Offspring of wives (four tribes)	Offspring of concubines (one tribe)
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- [Ezekiel 48:30-35](#) | The City

- Ezekiel is given the **goings out of the city** (that is, the outer measurements) (v. 1). Like the New Jerusalem, there will be 12 gates, each named after the 12 tribes of Israel, as follows:
 - Northern gates - v. 31 - Reuben, Judah, Levi
 - Eastern gates - v. 32 - Joseph, Benjamin, Dan
 - Southern gates - v. 33 - Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun
 - Western gates - v. 34 - Gad, Asher, Naphtali
- While these gates are similar to the New Jerusalem, they are not the same city. In the New Jerusalem there is no Temple ([Rev. 21:22](#)).
- The book ends with the fabulous revelation that **the name of the city from *that day shall be, The Lord is there*** (v. 35).
 - This book as seen the departure of the glory of the Lord, and now the full return.
 - In addition, it has seen the destruction of the city of Jerusalem due to the rebellion of the Jewish people, until we have the restoration of the Jewish people and their city and their land.
 - In the Millennial Jerusalem the Jewish people will be *gathered as a hen gathers her chicks* ([Matt. 23:37](#)), and rather than weeping over the rebellious city, the Lord Himself will dwell there, and the city will be named...

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