

The Temple and the Land - Ezekiel 47:1-48:35

Topics: Abundance, Divisions, Equality, Fairness, Faithfulness, Gifts, Healing, Holiness, Life, Name, Rewards, Swearing

Open It

1. What sorts of conflicts have you seen, or would expect to see, surrounding the division of an inheritance?
- * 2. What particular recollections, positive or negative, do you have regarding rivers?

Explore It

3. At the end of his tour of the restored temple of God, what did Ezekiel see coming out of the temple? (47:1-2)
4. What happened to the stream of water as it got farther away from the temple? (47:3-6)
- * 5. What good effects did the river in Ezekiel's vision have along its route? (47:7-12)
6. What were God's instructions for the division of the land among the tribes? (47:13-21)
7. How did God instruct His people to regard aliens who had settled among them for legal purposes? (47:22-23)
8. How specific were God's instructions about which tribe was to receive which piece of land? (48:1-7, 23-29)
- * 9. For what purposes did God set aside the "special gift" of land at the center of the country? (48:8-22)
10. What different groups were specifically provided for within the special sector of land? (48:8-22)
11. How were the gates of the city of Jerusalem to be named? (48:30-34)
- * 12. How did the name of the city reflect its reason for being? (48:35)

Get It

- * 13. What do you think the river that flowed out of the temple in Ezekiel's vision might represent?
14. How does this passage show us that God's blessings are not for a single ethnic group only?
- * 15. Why is it important for us to set aside portions of the blessings God gives to us?
16. What conclusions can we draw from the characterization of the new Israel about the fairness and holiness of God?
17. What do you think is the greatest privilege of any nation, city, or individual?

Apply It

- * 18. How can you set aside something from the material blessings God has given you in order to honor and thank Him?
19. What source of help, inspiration, and power from God is available to prosper your daily life, and how can you take advantage of it?