



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12 **Scripture Handout New English Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(Ezekiel 47:1) Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar.

(Ezekiel 47:2) Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

(Ezekiel 47:3) Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep.

(Ezekiel 47:4) Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep.

(Ezekiel 47:5) Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.

(Ezekiel 47:6) And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?” Then he led me back to the bank of the river.

(Ezekiel 47:7) As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other.

(Ezekiel 47:8) And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh.

(Ezekiel 47:9) And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

(Ezekiel 47:12) And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?