

PART 1

EXEGETIC ON EZEKIEL 47 AND THE MILLENNIAL RIVER

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YHWH WANTS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH MAN FOR ETERNITY

Ever since the Garden of Eden when YHWH walked with Adam in the cool of the day, HE has longed to dwell with man. He created Mankind so that He could fellowship with him forever. When Adam and Eve ate of the wrong tree and chose knowledge above union with YHWH, spiritual death came into their spirits. They could no longer dwell in the glory of His presence. This spiritual death came into all their descendants, including our own generation. Man was separated from YHWH. Thankfully, He did not leave us in this doomed state. The Bible is the story of YHWH's pursuit and redemption of fallen Man.

The Fountain of Zechariah

Over and over the prophets of Israel and Judah spoke of a day when the land of Israel will be raised up higher than all other mountains. Zechariah spoke eloquently about this day, when the Messiah will come down and his feet will touch the Mount of Olives and a great earthquake will split the tectonic rift beneath the city of Jerusalem and a mighty river will erupt forth under the Holy of Holies of the Temple, going west to the Great Sea, the Mediterranean, and to the east to the Dead Sea.

ALPINE OROGENIC BELT

DEAD SEA TRANSFORM

ARABIAN PLATE

AFRICAN
PLATE

RED SEA
TRANSFORM



Zechariah 14:1,2 (parts),3-4,8 - “Behold the Day of the Lord is Coming....then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives which faces Jerusalem on the east and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.....

And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea...”

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YAHSHUA WILL DESTROY THE NATIONS
THAT ATTACK HIS HOLY LAND



The events at the End of Days continue to pour forth. In this chapter, we notice that ‘in that day’ a “fountain” will be opened for the house of David and the Jewish inhabitants in the Jerusalem. For what reason will this fountain be opened? It will bring forth the spiritual cleansing ‘for sin in the house of David and for uncleanness in the city of Jerusalem.

The city and the temple mount premises have been defiled. The gentile nations continue to trample on the courts of the temple.

In the context of the Messiyah, Yahshua identifies himself as the “Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End” and as such is the ‘fountain of Life’ (Rev, 21:6-7), which now he will give freely, this time to the Jewish people. Even though they have kept the Torah to various degree of success, their ‘sins’ still need to be wiped out and before the Land comes renewed and Jesus reigns over a purified messianic kingdom, the people and the land will have to also be purified, or swept clean of any uncleanness.

HE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE



We are introduced to the eruption of this fountain in its purpose or mystical and spiritual significance.

Zechariah 13:1 In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

Here we are introduced to a moment of time at the time of the end which is called 'in that day'. If we accept the Oracles of Zechariah as being a literal prophetic oracle about the time of the end than after the expansion of Israel to encompass Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, we see a progressive geo-political rift between Jerusalem and the rest of the world in which,

“in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people.” (12:3) Israel will be attacked and instead of fighting her battles with valour and honour, YHWH of hosts intervenes with this statement, Zechariah 12:4 - “I will smite every horse with astonishment, every rider with madness and will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah.”

Zechariah 12:6 - “I will make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood...” and “YHWH ALMIGHTY will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”



It is YHWH of hosts that will finally return to intervene in the political manoeuvring of the nations of the earth. Woe unto the nations that seek to destroy Israel, because HaShem states,

Zechariah 12:9 - “I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem....and I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication.”

At this time “There shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem” for then the scales will be removed from the eyes of the Jewish people in recognition that Yahshua, their long lost son is truly their messiah, redeemer and Saviour. <http://www.biblesearchers.com/>



Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son."



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FIRSTBORN
SON

זכריה זכריה 12:10 ZECHARIAH

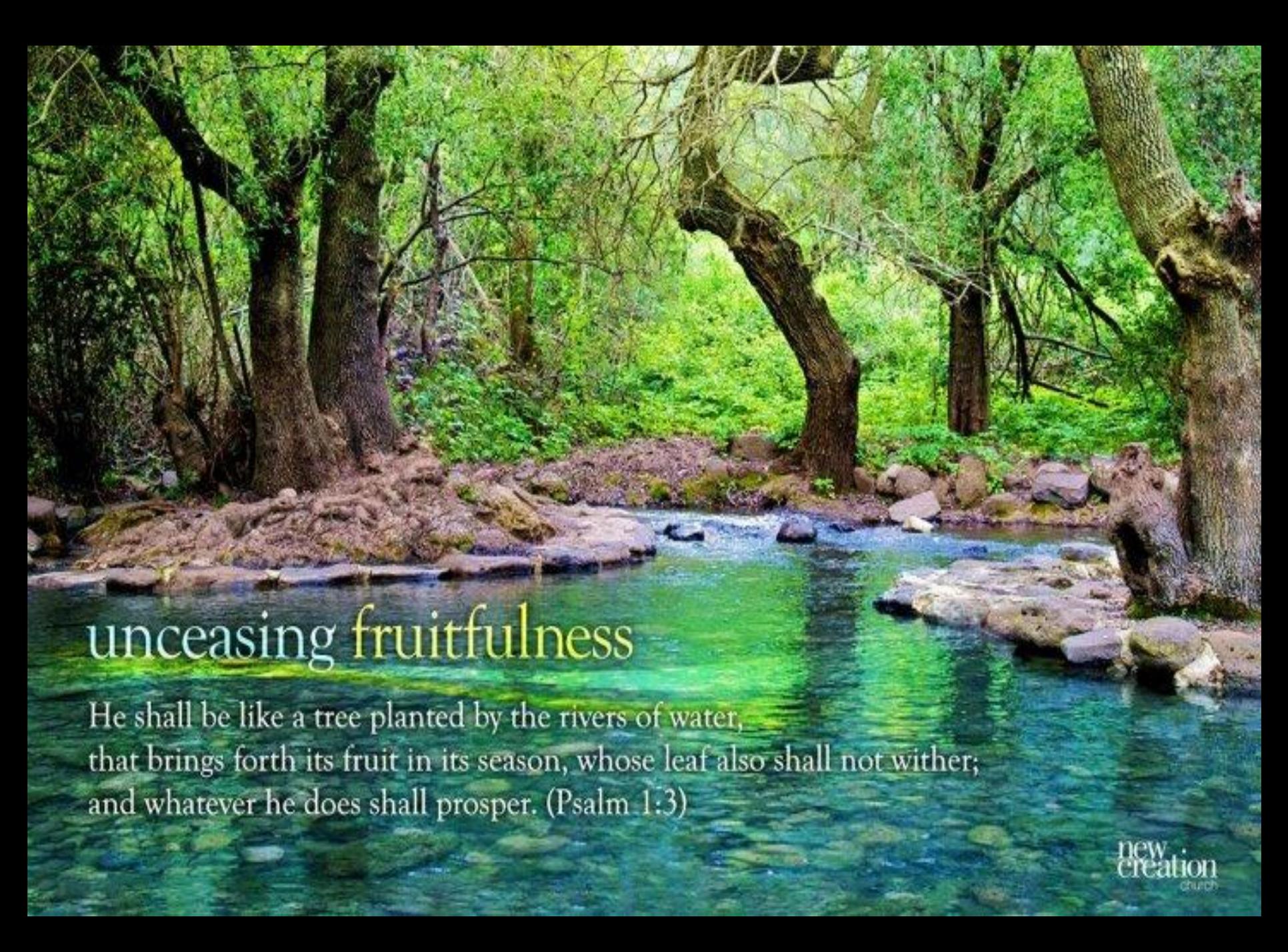
Then at this time “there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem”.

The name of this River described in Amos, Ezekiel and Zechariah is the Gihon River.

This event appears to be the beginning of the restoration of Eden as one of the four rivers flowing out of the mighty River of Eden, called Gihon, which no antiquarian, historian, geologist has been able to discover, will erupt and once again be restored to its original purpose, to encircle the whole land .

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

Wherever YHWH rests we find a river flowing. There was one in Eden, a literal river flowing forth from the garden and dividing into four great streams; but elsewhere we find the river spoken of in a spiritual sense. In Psalms 36:8 we read, “Thou shall make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures”; and in Psalms 46:4 we are told, “There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of YHWH.”



unceasing fruitfulness

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither;
and whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:3)

He has promised to bless and refresh the dry places like a river (Psalms 105:41); and Isaiah twice speaks of peace as a river (48:18; 66:12); while both the Psalmist and Jeremiah tell us of the righteous man who is like a tree planted by the rivers of water (Psalms 1:3; Jeremiah 17:8).



Speaking prophetically of our Messiyah Yahshua, Isaiah says, “A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land” (32:2).

“A man shall be...as rivers”-what a remarkable picture! But when we realize that this river speaks of life and refreshment we at once see that all this is centered in Yahshua who gives life and rest of heart and conscience to all who come to Him and drink.



THE RIVER FLOWING FROM THE **MILLENIAL TEMPLE**

47:1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. 2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.



In verses 3-5: He measured. The escorting angel, wanting to reveal the size of the river, took Ezekiel, in the vision, to four different distances from the temple, where the stream was found to be at increasing depths until it was over his head.

Ezekiel 47:1 There ran out waters on the right side, signifying that from Zion should go forth the law and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem.

Lets look at the confirming scripture in Isaiah 2:3, that has the heading

THE FUTURE HOUSE OF YHWH.

The Future House of YHWH

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the YHWH's house
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow to it.

3 Many people shall come and say,

“Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH,
To the house of the YAH of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths.”

**For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

4 He shall judge between the nations,
And rebuke many people;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

This is very similar to what happened when the law went out of Zion. Some received it and repented (Nineveh); some rejected it (Babylon/Egypt); some accepted it (some Gentiles and Jews in the NT; and the remnant of Israel in Daniel).

Because the law in itself is not sin, what it does is that it produces the conviction of sin, whereby the expected response is turning to Yahshua HaMashiach. However, not all turn to Messiyah, and some resorted to works-righteousness, like the Pharisees and Sadducees.

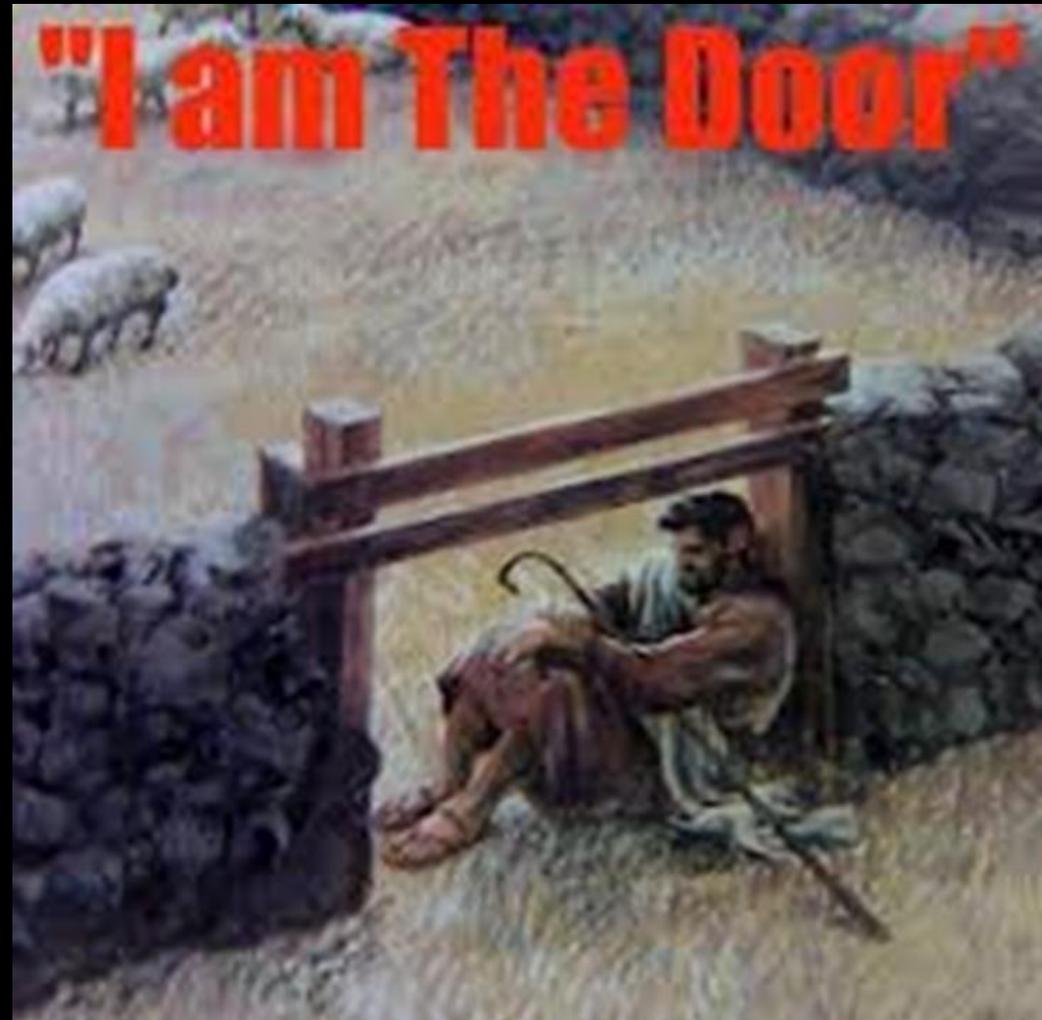
THE TORAH AND WORD GOES FORTH FROM ZION

In the temple first they were to stand and preach the words of this life, Acts 5:20. “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.” They must preach the gospel to all nations, but must begin at Jerusalem, Luke 24:47.

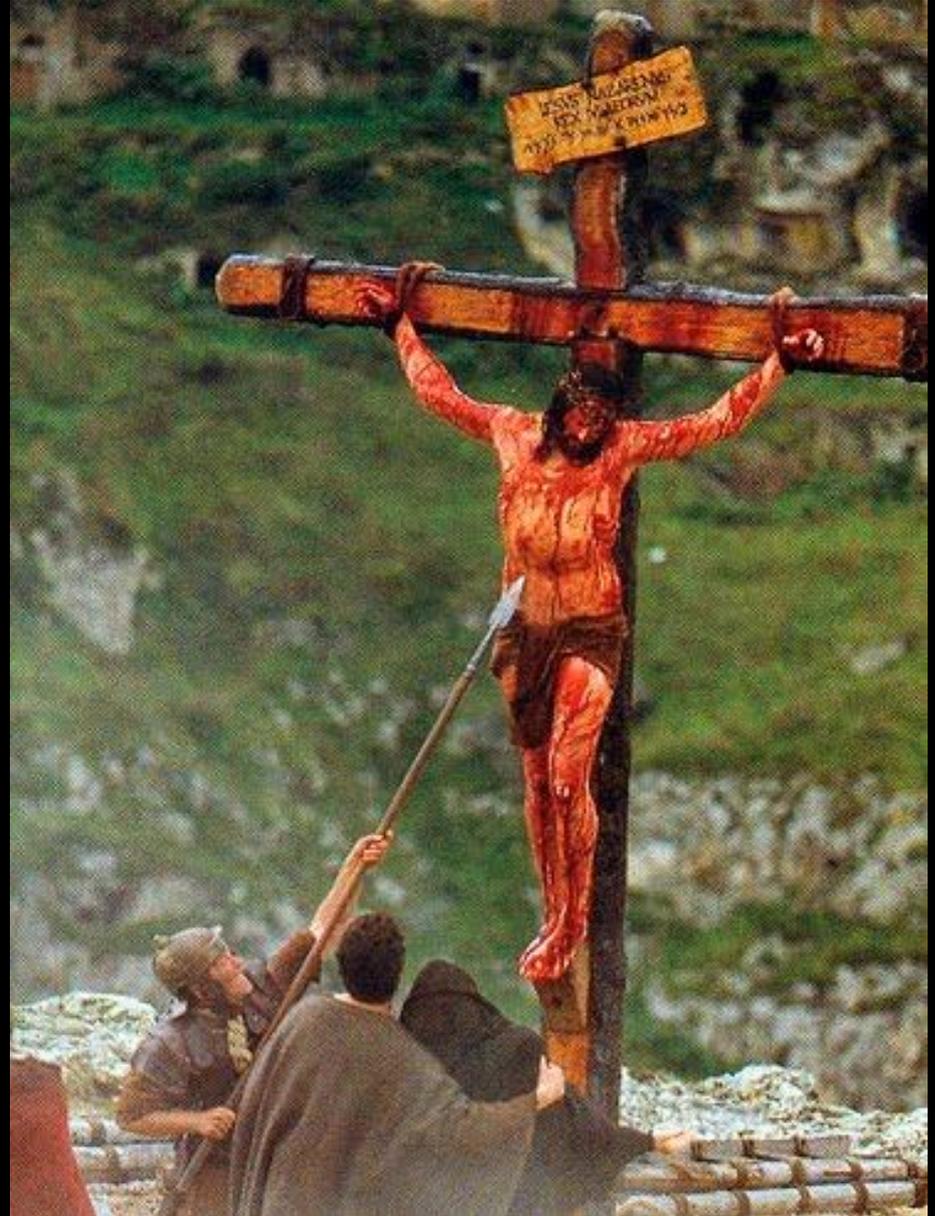
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YAHSHUA IS THE TEMPLE AND THE DOOR

YAHSHUA
HIMSELF is the
temple; he is the
door; John 10:7
“Truly, truly, I
say to you, I am
the door of the
sheep.



From him those living waters flow, out of his pierced side. It is the water that he gives us that is the well of water which springs up, John 4:14. And it is by believing in him that we receive from him rivers of living water; John 7:38, John 7:39.



Bearing due east from the Gihon Springs site, about 2000 cubits would be at the top of the Mount of Olives, so we have within a distance of just past the peak of the Mount of Olives, the water is flowing in a torrent where a person cannot wade across the river.

**Western
Ridge**

**Central
Valley**

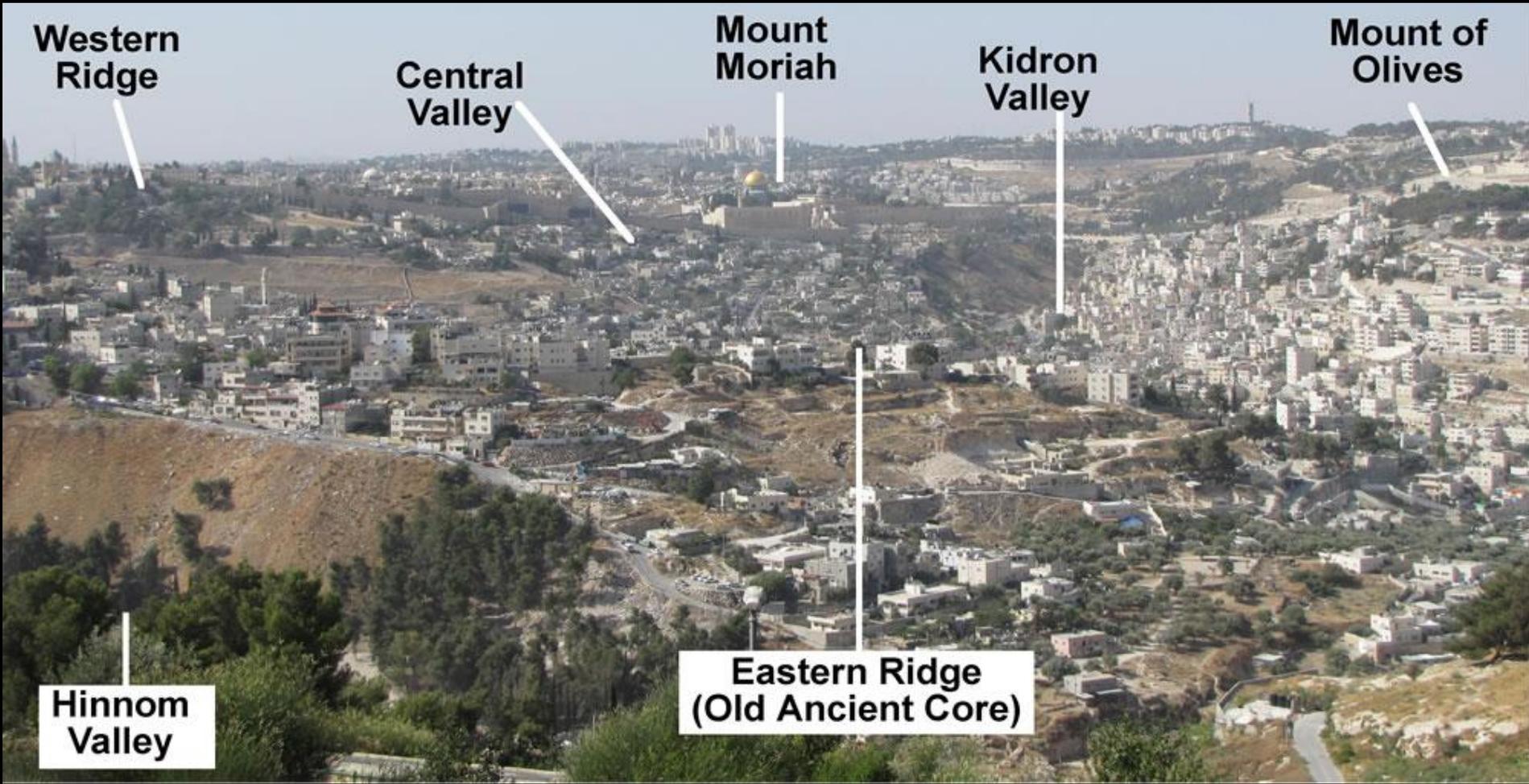
**Mount
Moriah**

**Kidron
Valley**

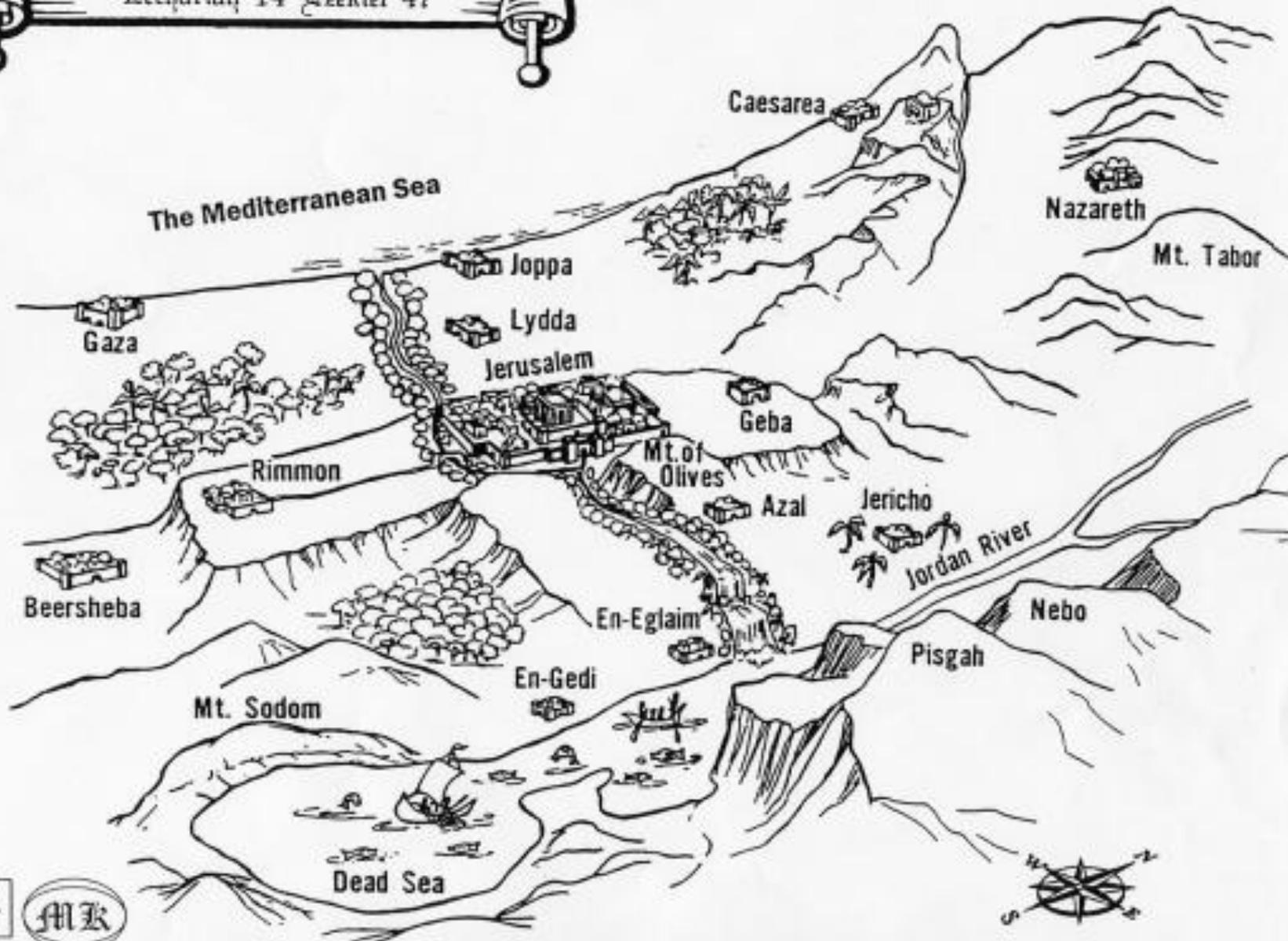
**Mount of
Olives**

**Hinnom
Valley**

**Eastern Ridge
(Old Ancient Core)**



The Land in the Millennium
Zechariah 14 Ezekiel 47



The River from the Temple states emphatically that the source of the River will “issue out from under the threshold of the house eastward.” What we are seeing is a model of the House of YHWH, which was erected on a temple platform. Associated with this House is a great river that flows from the right side of the house as it faces eastward. This would be on the southern wall of the Temple platform, just to the south of the Altar of Burnt Offering.



From the temple platform the water will flow eastward, first as a trickle, then ankle deep, waist deep and then a flowing current. It will proceed through the Mount of Olives which presently blocks its eastward passage. It will then head towards the desert rocky cliffs of Qumran and Jericho, which will in the future be covered with meadows and newly growing forests and then onward to the reviving Dead Sea.

If we search into the things of YHWH, we shall find some things very plain and easy to be understood, as the waters that were but to the ankles, others more difficult, and which require a deeper search, as the water to the knees or the loins, and some quite beyond our reach, which we cannot penetrate into, or account for, but, despairing to find the bottom, must, as Rabbi Paul, sit down at the brink, and adore the depth.

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of YHWH! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

Spiritualizing entire portions of biblical text such as chapters 40-48 of Ezekiel and denying the literal content and details of the text, is much different than drawing spiritual lessons from a biblical text that is interpreted literally. We believe that the scriptural passages of prophecy in these chapters concerning the Millennial Temple, the Millennial City, the future land of Israel, the return of the Jewish people to their land and their restoration to Messiyah, and the river of living water flowing from the Temple, are to be taken literally. At the same time, many spiritual lessons can be drawn from the passages for us today, as has been done in many of these studies in the book of Ezekiel.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE 4 LEVELS OF WATER

Although the river is going to be a literal flowing river, there is also a spiritual aspect Ezekiel is trying to impart to us. Ezekiel was being led by YHWH, first into shallow waters, and then into deeper waters. As believers in the Yahshua, we begin our walk as babes in shallow water. The more we walk with the Lord, He takes us to deeper places in Him.

What is the significance of the references to ankle deep, knee deep, waist deep and very deep water?

According to Rabbi Kokeb Gedamu, our ankles represent the foundation of our bodies. They connect our feet to the rest of our body. So water up to his ankles represents a beginning and a foundation. It represents our foundation in Messiah and in the Ruach HaKodesh.

When we are in Messiah, then we are standing on the Solid Rock. Faith in Him is our foundation. Feet represent that foundation of faith we all need.

He set my

feet

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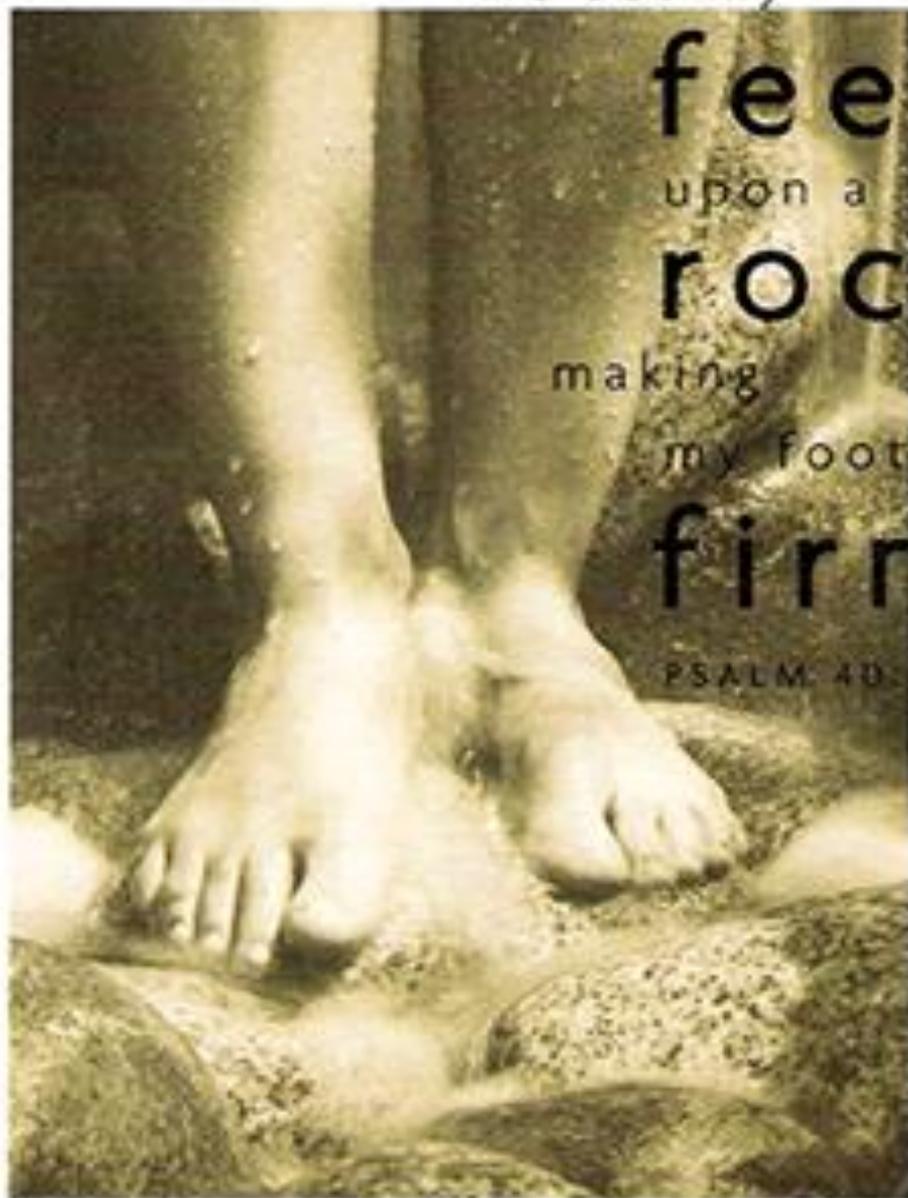
rock

making

my footsteps

firm.

PSALM 40:2 (NASB)



Knee deep water speaks to us of submission. Our knees are the part of our body that bows down before EL SHADDAI. This speaks to us of yielding our will and submitting to the will of YHWH. It is one thing to put your faith in Yahshua, it's another thing to surrender your will to him and die to self. Yahshua himself submitted his will to the father and said "Not my will, but your will be done."



Waist deep water speaks to us of our reproductive body parts. This is the place in YHWH where we become fruitful. The person walking in waist deep water with Yahshua symbolizes a believer who has reached a level of depth and maturity that produces fruit for YHWH's kingdom.

James 1:1-27

James, a servant of YHWH and of Yahshua HaMashiach, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask YHWH, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Whether we walk in the River of Life up to our ankles, our knees, or our waist, we still have some control in the water. But when the water becomes too deep to stand, we must completely trust in YHWH to carry us through the deep waters. Deep water represents a place in YHWH of total submission and self-denial.

The Apostle Paul put it this way, “I have been crucified with Yahshua and I no longer live, but Yahshua lives in me,” Galatians 2:20.





Swimming in the deep waters of the Spirit is a joyful, refreshing, and life giving place of abandonment in Messiyah.

Swimming in the deep waters of the Ruach HaKodesh is a life constantly lived in the Spirit; It is a place where YHWH is calling each of us to go.

For many of us our human nature is to dip our toes in the water. Others like to dive in to the deep end. However, the deep water of the Spirit where Ezekiel went is not a place you can dive into without preparation. Each of us must begin with a foundation of faith (ankle deep); then we go deeper through prayer and daily devotion to Yahshua (knee deep). Next we reach the place in Messiah where we become fruitful (waist deep). After we have been at each of these levels for a measured length of time, (**determined by YHWH, not ourselves**), then we can be promoted to deep waters. **YHWH is the one who leads us into deep waters, just as He led Ezekiel.**

ARE YOU READY TO GO



DEEPER

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Recalling of the miracle of Exodus 17:1-7, in which water came out of the rock at Horeb when Moses struck that rock.

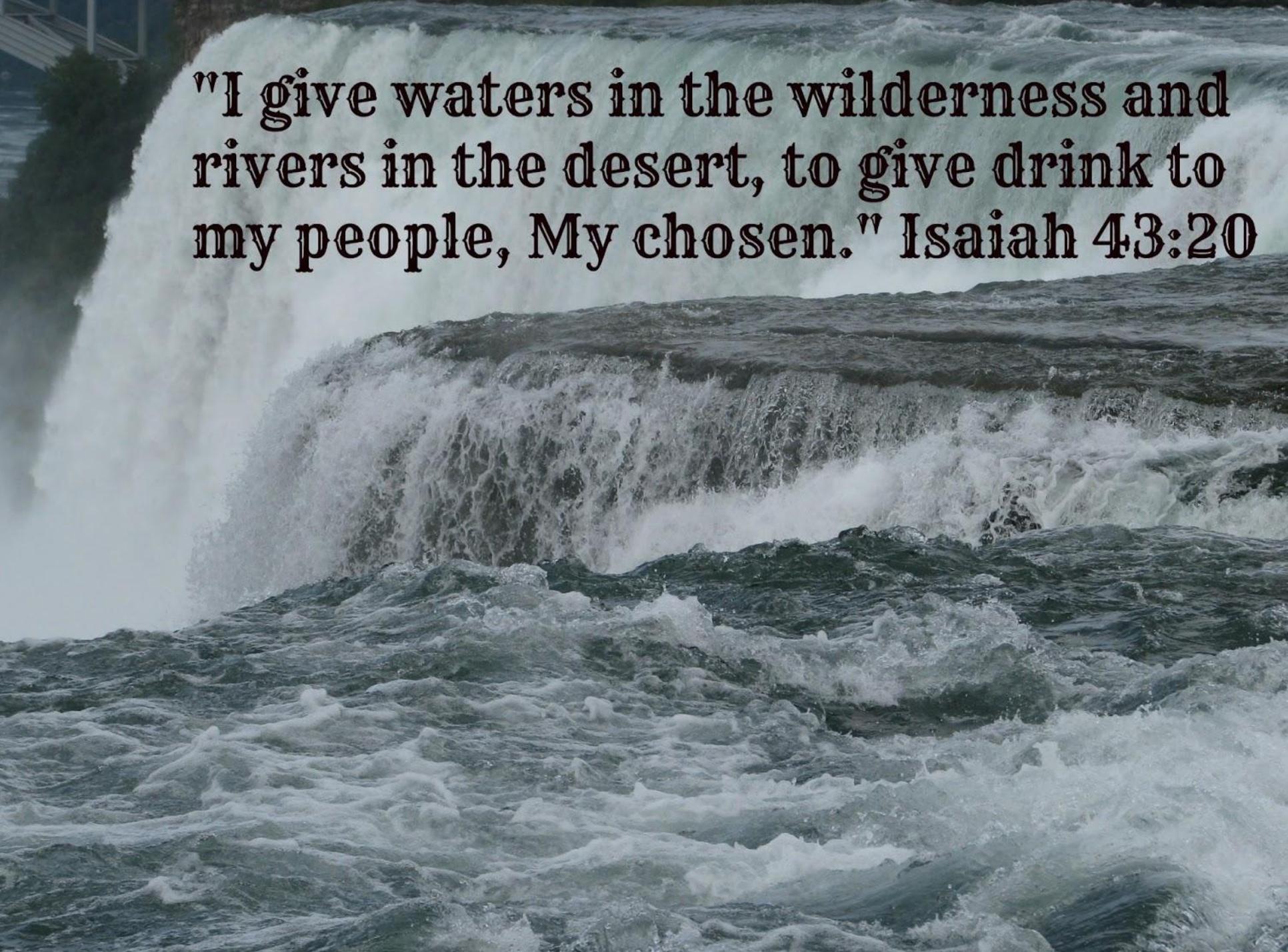
The bible refers to those waters as a "river," citing Ps. 78:20 and Ps. 105:41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places like a river.

The water that flowed from this rock was typical of the grace of YHWH, and the blessings of it, which flow from him in great abundance to the refreshment and comfort of his people, and to be had freely.



1 Corinthians 10:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Yahshua.

As the Israelites celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles(which we will continue to do in the millennium, looked to the miracle of Exodus 17, they simultaneously looked ahead to the Messiah, who they believed would duplicate such miracles. Grigsby [3, p. 107] points out that a rabbinic commentary on Eccl 1:9 ("there is nothing new under the sun") gives the belief in a future water miracle as one example of history repeating itself: "As the first redeemer [i.e., Moses] caused the spring to arise, so the last redeemer [the Messiah] will cause water to rise up."

A large waterfall cascading over a rocky ledge into turbulent, white-water rapids below. The water is dark and churning, with white foam from the rapids. The background shows a dark, rocky cliffside.

"I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, My chosen." Isaiah 43:20

THE KNOWLEDGE OF YHWH WILL COVER THE EARTH

To understand Ezekiel's revelation, we must remember that in the millennium, the knowledge of YHWH will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of YHWH, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11.9 KJV bible).

We know that the truth will go outward from Jerusalem and eventually reach to the ends of the world. So in Ezekiel's vision, the stream of living water is symbolic of this downward flow of life-bringing knowledge to the nations. In the places where it goes there is renewal and vitality, but where it does not go there is a barren and lifeless landscape.

<http://www.cupofwrath.com/risen-dust/28-Ezekiel-millennium.php>

"The river is like the blood of the Messiah from the cross of Calvary that began as a trickle (John 19:34). Finally, the blood, like the river, became a flood of redemption for all people (Rev. 1:5). So the flow from Calvary became a fountain of redemption for all people including Israel (see Zech 13:1-6; Rev 1:5-6). Just so, the water of life that the prophet saw coming from the threshold came forth gently, then began to flow, and finally became a mighty river of life healing all in its wake."

Ezekiel 47:8 - And he said to me, 'These waters flow out towards the eastern region, and go down to the Arabah, to the sea; and when they enter the sea, the waters shall be healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that lives, which moves, wherever the streams shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come there; for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live where the stream comes.

And every thing shall live
whithin the river cometh.



The Arabah

Brook of the Arabah
Amos 6:14
(Jordan)

Northern Arabah
Way of the Arabah
2 Sam 2:29

Sea of the Arabah
Josh 12:3
(Dead Sea)

Wilderness of Zin

Kadesh Barnea
Judg 1:36 Deut 1:46

Southern Arabah
Arabah Road
Deut 2:8

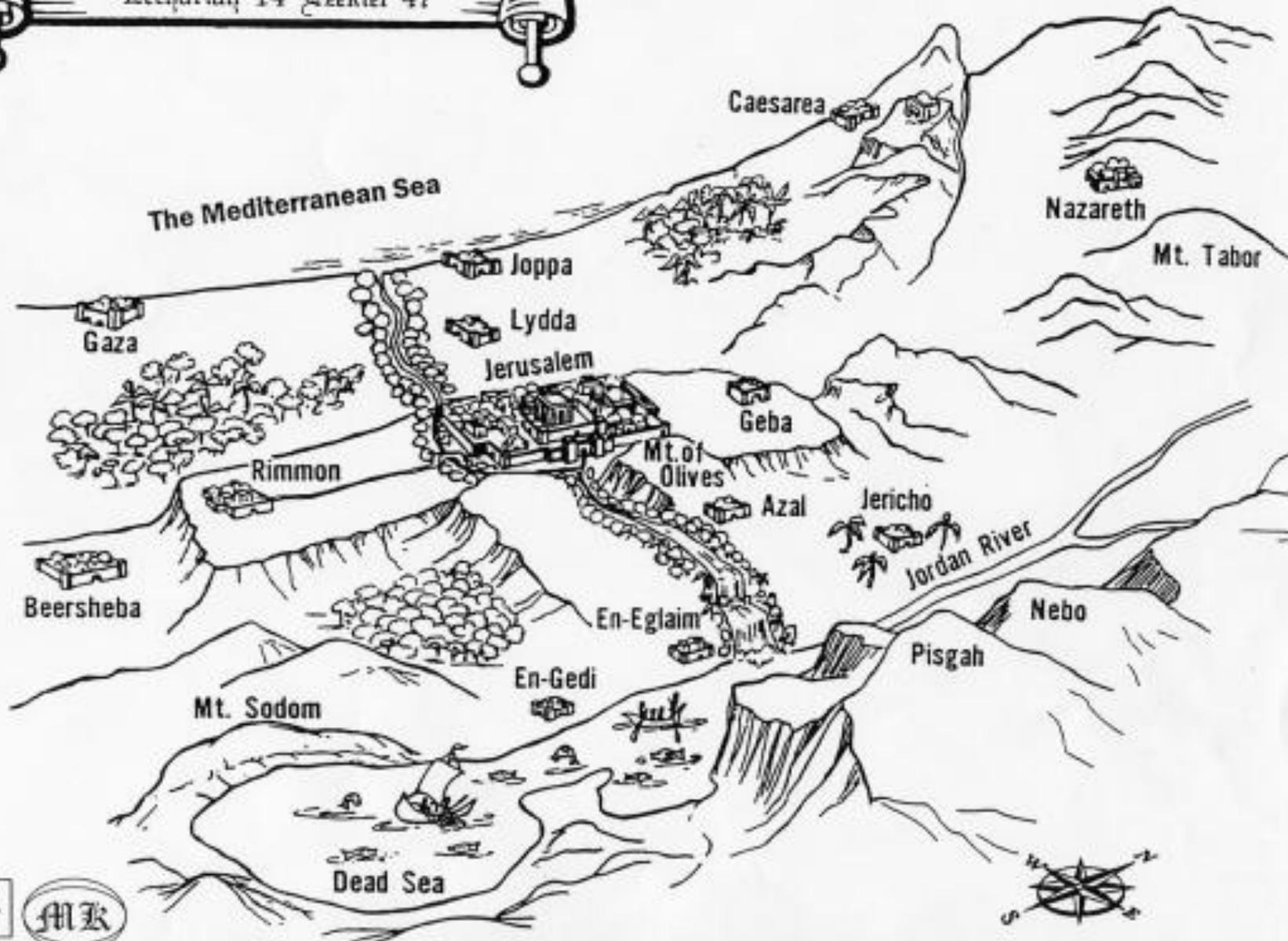
Wilderness of Paran

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The Land in the Millennium
 Zechariah 14 Ezekiel 47



THE DEAD SEA WILL BE HEALED

The Dead Sea which will be healed, is today a symbol of death and destruction. The stench of sulphur hanging in the air reminds one of the judgment of Genesis 19, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Presently the Dead Sea can hardly sustain microorganisms, apart from some freshwater springs along its north-western shores. The Dead Sea is currently 33% chemicals, minerals, potassium, and bromide. Nothing can live in the sea, certainly no fish

NOTHING CAN PRESENTLY LIVE IN THE DEAD SEA



When the earth quake takes place and the water that currently exists under Jerusalem is released, at the soon coming of Messiyah Yahshua, then the water that also exists under Mount Olives today will move through the mountains and into the Dead Sea. This body of water is perhaps the lost Gihon River, which feeds the Gihon Spring. The Dead Sea will be cleansed of all the salt by way of the enormous amount of water that will fill it .

Isaiah 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

HOW WILL THIS RIVER OCCUR

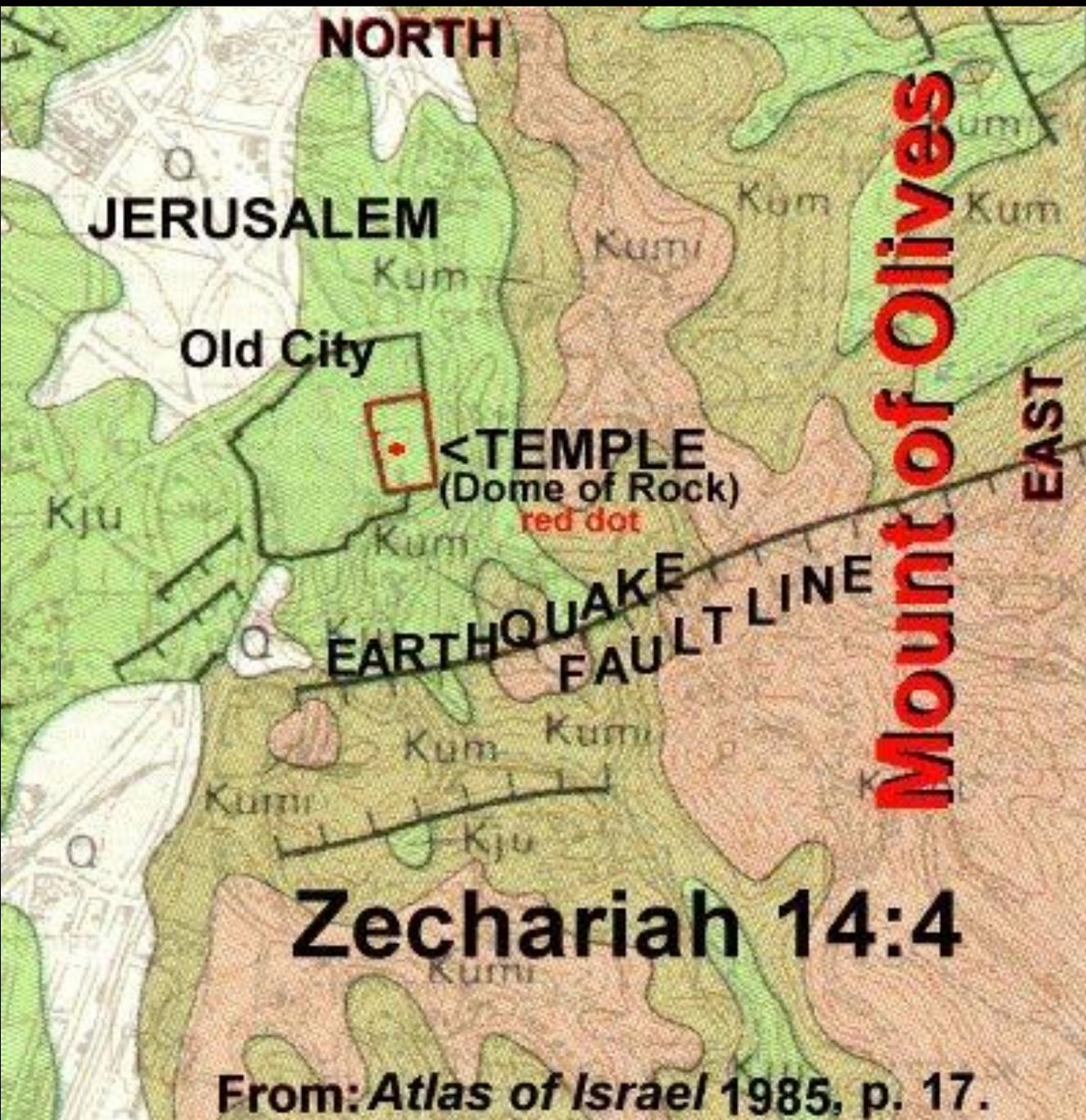
At the time of His coming, there will be a tremendous geographical upheaval in the nations, but especially in Israel.

There will be massive earthquakes that will shake the entire earth and flatten the cities of the world. The Mount of Olives, which is just east of Mount Zion, will split in two and create a huge valley.

Through all this geographical upheaval, a huge area around Jerusalem will be made a plain and raised up like a high mountain.

A river will flow from the temple in Jerusalem to both the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Dead Sea to the east.

The setting for the coming of King Messiah will be tremendous geographical changes to Israel and Jerusalem . The Bible calls this time period the Day of the Lord. The prophet Zechariah speaks of this in detail.



Israel is located along the Great Rift Valley, which runs for 4,800 kilometers between Syria and Mozambique and passes through the Dead Sea, below Jerusalem's eastern hills. There is an earthquake fault line near the Mt. of Olives.

Jerusalem is 2500 feet above sea level and the Dead Sea is 1400 feet below sea level, which is the lowest point on earth.

Now when Yahshua returns, The Mount of Olives will split in two . One side to the east and one side to the west. The prophets have said that the dead sea would be healed; which will be a great supernatural miracle.

Earthquake Fault at the Mount of Olives





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VIDEO ON THE HEALING OF THE DEAD
SEA

WHAT DOES THE PROPHET ISAIAH SAY ABOUT THE HEALING OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL

Isaiah 35:1 The wilderness and the desert will be glad, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus 2 It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of YHWH, The majesty of our ELOHIM. 3 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble.

4 Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your YHWH will come with vengeance; The recompense of YHWH will come, But He will save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. 6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah. 7 The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass becomes reeds and rushes.

8 A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it. 9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there, 10 And the ransomed of YHWH will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

WHAT DID THE PROPHET JOEL SAY **ABOUT THE DAY OF YHWH**

This source of water, coming from the foundation of the Temple of YHWH, is spoken of not only by Zechariah, but also by other prophets of old.

Joel 3: 18: “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with water, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of YHWH and shall water the valley of Shittim (Dead Sea near Sodom and Gomorrah).

SYMBOLIC MEANING TO FISH AND FISHERMEN

Ezekiel 47:10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Ein-Gedi as far as Ein-Eglayim; they shall be a place for spreading nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, a great many like the fish of the Great Sea.

PREPARED 'FISHERS OF MEN'

Fishers of men . . . that is what Yahshua said we would be. The river of life makes it possible for fish to be caught for Him.

- IT WILL BE LITERAL AND SYMBOLIC
FISH





IN THE BIBLE MEN ARE REFERRED TO AS FISH

Yahshua said to Simon and Andrew that He will make them 'fishers of men' (Matthew 4:19).

The fish that they were to catch were the souls of men. The world in which we live is compared then to a world of fish. And there are several varieties of fish, 'fish of every kind' as it says in the parable.

These different kinds of fish represent different nations or different types of people in the world.



GO TO PART 2

**EZEKIEL'S MILLENNIAL RIVER
AND THE MEANING OF THE
153 FISH IN JOHN 21**