Ezekiel 44-48

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INTRODUCTION

- In large part, the book of Ezekiel is to bring the people back to the living water.
- My people have committed two evils. They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and the second one, they have manufactured some for themselves.
- In that day, living waters will flow out of Jerusalem.

1 The East Gate Shut and the Prince

- Then he brought me back by the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east, and it was shut.
- God had gone through the gate.
- The prince here and the prince back in chapter 34 and verse 24, I believe he's pointing forward toward the Messiah.

2 Foreigners Uncircumcised in Heart and Flesh

Numbers 9:14

- No foreigners in the house of the Lord. That is not the message.
- We're all strangers or aliens unless we observe what is holy to the Lord.
- This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. These are those uncircumcised in heart and in flesh.

3 The Levites Not of the Line of Zadok

Exodus 19:5–6; Acts 17:30

- Though the Levites had defiled his holy name, they will be benefactors of his great mercy.
- Yet I will appoint them to keep charge of the house. Now, what he is outlined here, it's a task for servants and not for priests.
- But by his great mercy is an opportunity to repent, to demonstrate their faith by their works.

4 The Faithful Priests, the Line of Zadok

- Now we're going to contrast what we've been talking about with those who were faithful. The line of Zadok.
- They shall come near to me. They shall stand before me. They shall enter my sanctuary.
- Jesus was plain and common and an unassuming man in the flesh.
- They shall teach responsibilities of all priests, and we are all priests.
- Every devoted thing that the Lord has belongs to his faithful priests. The Lord provides for those who are his.

5 The Holy Allotment and the Princes

Ephesians 4:22

- So this prince is different to the other prince. This prince is not the Messiah.
- Enough, you princes of Israel, put away violence and destruction and practice justice.
- The princes must now atone for their sins against God and the people, and provide for others rather than just themselves.
- There's no coming back, there's no looking back, there's no going back to the self of old.

6 The Living Waters

Revelation 22:1–3

- Behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east.
- It's the living waters. He's describing living waters again. And this is how the book of Ezekiel comes together.
- Christ is our living waters. Christ is our life.
- Garden of Eden brought back to all the faithful. To us today, we have the Garden of Eden in Christ.
- They shall be to you as native born. They shall be allotted an inheritance with you. There are no foreigners.

MY NOTES