

15—The Lord is There

12/15/24

INTRO:

I. → Ezekiel 48:30-35

And these will be the exits of the city: the north side will have four-thousand five-hundred measures in length, and the gates of the city will be named after the tribes of Israel. Three gates northward: one the gate of Reuben; one the gate of Judah; one the gate of Levi.

→ 32 The east side will also have four-thousand five-hundred, and three gates: one the gate of Joseph; one the gate of Benjamin; one the gate of Dan. The south side will also have four-thousand five-hundred measures, and three gates: one the gate of Simeon; one the gate of Issachar; one the gate of Zebulun.

*→ 34 The west side will have four-thousand five-hundred, three gates: one the gate of Gad; one the gate of Asher; one the gate of Naphtali. Its circumference will be eighteen-thousand. And the name of the city from that day will be, **Yahweh Shammah**.*

- II. Yeru-Shalaim (flowing peace)
Yahweh-Shammah (the Lord is There)

III. ELVES OVER NEW JERSEY

BODY:

I. Restoring His Presence

- A. There is no blessing like the glory of the Lord in your house.

1) Ezekiel 43:4-5

*Then the glory of Yahweh came into the **house** (bayit) through the gate facing east. Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the **house**.*

2) ISAIAH PROPHECYING “IMANNUEL”

- 3) “If Jesus were born one thousand times in Bethlehem and not in me, then I would still be lost.”—Corrie Ten Boom

B. Jesus came into the world to be with us forever.

1) **Galatians 4:4-5**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

2) **GOING TO VISIT GRANDBABIES**

II. Restoring His Prosperity

A. A relationship with the Lord restores every aspect of life.

1) **Ezekiel 47:12**

*And on the banks of the **river** (nachal), on this side and that, shall grow up all kinds of trees for food, whose leaf will not wither and whose fruit will not fail. Every month it will bear new fruit because of the waters that flows from the sanctuary, and its fruit will be for food, and its leaf will be for healing.*

2) **Ezekiel 47:14**

*"And you shall **inherit** (nachal) it, every man and his brother, for I swore to give it to you forefathers, and this land shall fall to you as an inheritance."*

3) **MAN WHO WON THE LOTTERY**

B. Wherever he plants us that is where He wants us to bloom.

1) **Jeremiah 29:7**

*"Also, seek the prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile **there**. Pray to the Lord for it, because in its prosperity will be your prosperity."*

2) **BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE**

III. Restoring His People

A. One of the best parts of the holidays is being together again.

1) **Revelation 21:12**

It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

2) **ELF—YOU SIT ON A THRONE OF LIES**

B. There is no substitute to having the Lord himself in our lives.

1) **1 Corinthians 13:12**

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

2) **ISOLATED BY COVID**

3) **"I'll Be Home for Christmas"—Bing Crosby, 1943**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him
Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

John 4:21-24

Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will
worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . God is
spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”