

## THE RIVER OF SALVATION

## Lesson VIII.

Ezekiel 47: 1-12—Memory Verse, 12

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1 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at

the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En'-gedi even unto En'-egla'im; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kind, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof, and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The Jews, while they were slaves in Babylon, were often in danger of forgetting their own God. They were far away from home and from their great temple at Jerusalem. The heathen people worshipped the sun and the moon, and made themselves idols. So Ezekiel, God's prophet, was sent to speak to them of the true worship.

Soon after our last lesson Ezekiel had another vision.

In this vision he saw himself walking about the temple in Jerusalem with an angel.

While they were standing beside the door the angel showed him a small stream of water coming from under the steps.

Then they walked as far as the East gate. "Look at it now," said the angel. He told the prophet to step in. It was up to his ankles. The angel measured it again further

