

Ezekiel 48:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

The book's final verse: 'It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.' The climax isn't architectural details or tribal allotments but God's presence. The Hebrew name 'Yahweh Shammah' (יְהוָה שָׁמָּה, 'the LORD is there') declares the city's defining reality—God dwells there. This contrasts with Jerusalem's earlier name 'Ichabod' ('the glory has departed,' 1 Samuel 4:21). The promise 'from that day' (miyom, מִיּוֹם) indicates a decisive moment when God's presence becomes permanently manifest. This is the goal of all redemptive history—God dwelling with humanity. The name fulfills promises throughout Ezekiel of God's returning presence (37:27, 43:7) and anticipates Revelation 21:3: 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them.'

Historical Context

Ezekiel's prophecy began with vision of God's glory by the Chebar canal in exile (1:1-3) and ends with promise of God's permanent presence in restored Jerusalem. The book traces glory's departure (chapters 8-11), judgment on Jerusalem (chapters 4-24), judgment on nations (chapters 25-32), and restoration promises (chapters 33-48). The final vision (chapters 40-48) describes a temple and city where God dwells forever. While some details found partial fulfillment in the post-exilic return and temple rebuilding, the complete fulfillment transcends any historical Jerusalem. Jesus Christ is the ultimate temple—'destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up' (John 2:19-21). The church becomes God's temple (1

Corinthians 3:16), and the New Jerusalem represents eternal, unmediated divine presence (Revelation 21-22).

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does 'the LORD is there' as the ultimate goal of redemption shape your priorities and hopes?
2. In what ways do you experience the reality that the Lord is present with you now through Christ and the Spirit?

Interlinear Text

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| סָב יֵב | שְׁמֹנֶה | עֶשְׂרֵה | אֶלֶף | וְשֵׁם |
| It was round about | eighteen | H6240 | thousand | measures and the name |
| H5439 | H8083 | | H505 | H8034 |
| הָעִיר | מִיּוֹם | יְהוָה הִוא | שְׁמָהּ: | |
| of the city | from that day | H3068 | H8033 | |
| H5892 | H3117 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 21:3 (Parallel theme): And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Zechariah 2:10 (References Lord): Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

Revelation 22:3 (Parallel theme): And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Jeremiah 33:16 (References Lord): In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

Isaiah 12:6 (Parallel theme): Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Jeremiah 3:17 (References Lord): At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Isaiah 24:23 (References Lord): Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Isaiah 14:32 (References Lord): What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

Joel 3:21 (References Lord): For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

Psalms 132:14 (Parallel theme): This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.