

Week 8 Student Study Guide

Title: The New Temple & “The LORD Is There”

Primary Text: Ezekiel 40–48 (Selected) (KJV)

Historical & Literary Context

Ezekiel 40–48 forms the concluding vision of the book and presents an idealized future Temple, city, and land. Given to a people without a Temple, this vision restores hope by redefining worship, order, and divine presence. The focus is not architectural precision alone, but theological restoration.

Theological Exposition

The Temple vision emphasizes holiness, order, and access to God. God’s glory returns (43:1–5), reversing the departure seen earlier in Ezekiel. Life flows outward from God’s presence (47:1–12), symbolizing healing and abundance. The climax is the city’s name: ‘The LORD is there’ (48:35). God’s presence, not the building, defines the future.

These chapters are best read typologically. While grounded in Israel’s hope, they point forward to God dwelling permanently with His people—a theme fulfilled progressively in Christ, the Church, and ultimately the New Creation.

Key Verses for the Week (KJV)

- 1 Ezekiel 40:2
- 2 Ezekiel 43:1
- 3 Ezekiel 43:5
- 4 Ezekiel 43:7
- 5 Ezekiel 44:9
- 6 Ezekiel 46:9
- 7 Ezekiel 47:1
- 8 Ezekiel 47:3
- 9 Ezekiel 47:9
- 10 Ezekiel 47:12
- 11 Ezekiel 48:29
- 12 Ezekiel 48:30
- 13 Ezekiel 48:31
- 14 Ezekiel 48:34
- 15 Ezekiel 48:35

Memory Verse

Ezekiel 48:35 (KJV): “And the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.”

New Testament Cross-Text Mapping

• John 1:14 – God dwelling among us in Christ. • John 2:19–21 – Jesus as the true Temple. • 1 Corinthians 3:16 – Believers as God’s dwelling place. • Ephesians 2:19–22 – God’s household built together. • Revelation 21:1–4, 22–23 – God dwelling with His people.

Contemporary & Spiritual Application

Ezekiel’s final vision assures believers that God’s ultimate goal is presence, not punishment. Holiness produces life, and God’s dwelling brings healing wherever it flows. The promise of “The LORD is there” anchors Christian hope in God’s nearness—now and forever.

Discussion Questions

- 1 Why does Ezekiel end with a vision of God’s presence rather than Israel’s power?
- 2 How does the return of God’s glory reverse earlier judgment scenes?
- 3 What does the river flowing from the Temple symbolize theologically?
- 4 How is Ezekiel’s vision fulfilled in Christ and the Church today?