

GOD'S HEADQUARTERS, IS IT WACO?

As it relates to the study of Ezekiel 47
(Part 2)

INTRODUCTION: There are present-truth believers-particularly Waco advocates, who insist that the study of Ezekiel 47 applies entirely in the time of the loud cry, and therefore, has no relationship to us now, our work, and God's headquarters. However, this cannot be so, as will be explained in the following.

Note: (This study does not intend to cover the fundamental teaching of Ezekiel 47. For details on the subject, please read, 2 SR 290 - 298).

1. **The Study of Ezekiel 47 Applies to Both Now and in the Loud Cry**

Our study will show that the RIVER of Ezek. 47 applies to the time of the Loud Cry, but the STREAM applies to the period before the Loud Cry—from 1929 to the slaughter of Ezek. 9.

2. **The Prophecy of Ezekiel 47 began in 1929/1930**

2 SR 297: " 'Then said he unto me, these waters issue out towards the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea.' (Verse 8.) It is remarkable to note how perfect these symbols are in each instance. This direction of the compass denotes that the MESSAGE of the '**loud cry**' [not the loud cry but the message of the loud cry] is to start eastward when it is FIRST REVEALED. The church membership being largely east of California, and across the Atlantic, naturally the message must start toward the east. This symbolic prophecy reveals that the message of the '**loud cry**' is to ORIGINATE IN CALIFORNIA. Thus fulfilling the prophetic words of the 'Spirit of Prophecy' ..." [Emphasis ours]

From this passage, we can see that the waters of Ezekiel 47 began to flow from 1929, when the Rod's message—"the message of the Loud cry," first arrived in California. Then it was to flow eastward across the Atlantic. (To prove that the "message of the loud cry," is the *Shepherd's Rod*. See 1 TG 5:12, 46:6). *Thus the prophecy must have begun in 1929.*

2 SR 297-298: " 'And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto **Eneglaim; they** [the two cities] shall be a place to spread forth nets.' (Ezek. 47:10.) These two cities reveal that the fish are caught in two places, Engedi (S.D.A. church) where the 144,000 are gathered-the first fruits. Eneglaim (Babylon or the world) where the great multitude of Revelation 7:9 are gathered. The diagram on the chart page 294, represents the S.D.A. church (Engedi) as it becomes the House of David," and the place of the river (Eneglaim) denotes the world. The stream from the fountain

where it first starts to the east gate, represents the 144,000, and the river stands for the great multitude."

There several aspects of this Inspired reference that need to be highlighted:

- a. That the fish are caught in two places-Engedi and Eneglaim.
- b. Engedi represents the SDA church where the 144,000 are gathered-which is BEFORE the loud cry. Eneglaim represents the world-the great multitude.
- c. That the "diagram on the chart," the lined section at the left which includes the fountain and the stream, (see the Ezek. 47 chart.), represents the "SDA church as it becomes the House of David." —not as it is the House of David, but as it is becoming-before it is the House of David. It is understood that the church in the time of the loud cry is termed the "House of David." (2 SR 290). Therefore, the diagram is a symbol of the SDA church (Engedi) BEFORE it becomes the House of David-the church in the Loud cry. *Note that the SDA church is never referred to as the House of David.* One is before the loud cry and the other is during the loud cry.
- d. The stream from the fountain, represents the 144,000, which the prophet points out is now-when the 144,000 are being gathered. The river represents the Great Multitude.

All of this clearly reveals the stream began to flow in 1929-when the message first arrived. Thus, the entire prophecy cannot apply to the kingdom or loud cry period.

3. **This next statement was written at the time that God had directed His people to move the headquarters from California.**

1 SC 10:3: "It has been evident for some time that it would be necessary to seek a more central location for the office in order to serve the whole field efficiently, so those at headquarters have been praying very earnestly over this matter for many months, and as they kept on praying for light, the Lord finally indicated definitely that beautiful Southern California was no longer to remain the center of His work for the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel,' but an eastward course was to be seen in the STREAM from that 'fountain' which IS TO swell into the great river of Ezekiel's prophecy, and plans were soon formulated whereby a thorough search could be made in the territory indicated by the Lord where the future headquarters were to found."

Inspiration clearly reveals, that the headquarters in California, was being moved because Southern California "was no longer to remain the Center of the work," but to be moved eastward because the STREAM coming from the FOUNTAIN, IS TO (*future tense*) swell into the "great river" of Ezekiel. Thus the stream was

already flowing in the time the statement was written, and had not yet become a river. In other words, the prophet was directed to move the Headquarters because the stream was already flowing and moving eastward. So the prophecy of Ez. 47, must be applicable to us NOW-before the loud cry!

To repeat, we must be in the time of the Stream now-the time before the loud cry-the time when the 144,000 are being gathered (Engedi)-the time we are becoming the House of David, but not yet the House of David.

4. **Is the Fountain Opened Now?**

The question is often asked, if the prophecy of the Ezek. 47 applies to us now, why does Inspiration say that the fountain will be opened in the kingdom. The following references are usually cited to prove this point.

Zech. **13:1**: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

1 TG 18:14: "Two things now stand out clearly in these verses: (1) that the house of David must come into existence before the cleansing fountain is opened."

8 TR 18: "When this fountain '*for sin and for uncleanness*' is finally opened '*to the house of David*', the crowning evidence will be seen that the consolidation of the two kingdoms is an accomplished fact, and the time has come for the proclamation of the gospel in all the world."

The above statements are plain. The fountain will not be opened for sin AND uncleanness, until the kingdom is established. However, the notion that this precludes its opening or existence prior to the kingdom is contrary to Inspiration and logic.

5. **The Fountain is the Power of God.**

2 SR 291: "God is able to heal the soul and the body; but He will not heal the latter before He has healed the former-'sin' first, then '**uncleanness.**' ...THE POWER that is able to wash away the filthiness of any man, is '**opened**' to the **house of David** and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem' and is represented by the 'fountain' of Zechariah's prophecy."

The power to cleanse God's people is represented by the fountain. It is not, therefore, a literal body of water. Note, too, that God is to first wash away our SINS, then our physical infirmities-uncleanness. We all realize, of course, that this power comes from Christ through His Word. To say that the fountain does not exist now, is to say that the Power of God does not exist.

6. **The Fountain Existed in Christ's Time**

DA 646: " 'He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit.' These words mean more than bodily cleanliness. Christ is still speaking of the higher cleansing as illustrated by the lower. He who came from the bath was clean, but the sandaled feet soon became dusty, and again needed to be washed. So Peter and his brethren had been washed in the great FOUNTAIN opened for sin and uncleanness."

Thus even in Christ time the fountain was opened, but NOT for sin AND uncleanness. But surely had cleansed the disciples from sin.

7. **The Fountain Existed in 1929-When the Rod first Arrived**

We have already seen that the stream of Ezek. 47 began in 1929, when the message of the Rod was first revealed in California. Note that the STREAM ORIGINATED FROM THE **FOUNTAIN**. Thus the fountain existed in 1929—the inception of the message.

2 SR 298: "The stream from the FOUNTAIN where it first starts to the east gate, represents the 144,000, and the river stands for the great multitude."

Here we see that the fountain is the origin of the stream and the stream is the symbol of the 144,000—who are sealed from the SDA church-Engedi—which is before the loud cry. So the fountain existed in 1929.

8. **The Fountain's Work will Expand in the kingdom**

2 SR 291: "It has been previously explained that the Temple erected after their captivity was a type of this particular church in the time of the 'loud cry'-'house of David.' Therefore, the river coming out from the temple according to Ezekiel's vision is applicable at this time, and is but the EXPANSION of this 'fountain' that is to be in the 'house of David' —the church."

This statement reveals that the river is an expansion of the fountain. An expansion means that it existed previously but extended or developed further during the time of the House of David. Thus, the fountain existed before the loud cry, cleansing God's children from sin. But in the Kingdom, the fountain's work will cleanse from both sin and uncleanness.

Right now the Fountain is flowing with present truth that is cleansing God's people from Sin. Later, in the kingdom, the message of truth will cleanse us from both sin and physical maladies.

9. **The Altar is the Same as the Fountain**

Ez. 47:1: "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."

Note that the waters (the stream) came from the north (God's

throne—2 SR 295), and proceeded from the ALTAR. This is well understood to be the arrival or coming of the Shepherd's Rod's message in 1929/30. Earlier we learned that the waters came from the fountain. Thus, the altar and the fountain are the same. If one looks at the Ezek. 47 chart, you will note that the altar is drawn as a fountain, where the message originated. Thus, again, the altar and the fountain are the same.

10. **We Must Overcome All known Sin Now, Before the Kingdom**

5 T 53, 216: "Those who would rather die than perform a wrong act are the only ones who will be found faithful...The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God-candidates for heaven."

2 Ans. 34, 35: "If one cannot part from his sins now, neither will he later. And as he cannot deceive God, he is left without the seal, though he may be a professor of the Truth...He is as progressively as perfect as the ear of corn is from the day it sprouts to the day it is harvested."

Conclusion: The study of the mighty river of Ezekiel 47 not only reveals what will take place during the loud cry period, but also, the period in which we are now living. It reveals:

- a. That the stream is a symbol of the church now-Engedi-the SDA church from which the 144,000 are gathered. (2 SR 298)
- b. That the "diagram on the chart" (which includes the stream, fountain/altar) portrays the church now-before the loud cry. The river represents the great multitude-the loud cry period.
- c. That the prophet moved the headquarters from California because the stream was flowing eastward. Showing that the stream is applicable to us today.
- d. That the fountain existed in the days of Christ.
- e. That the fountain is in existence today and is cleansing us from sin through the message. But its work will expand in the kingdom to cleanse us of sin and uncleanness in the kingdom.
- f. That the altar and the fountain are the same.

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