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OT #44

EVERY THING SHALL LIVE WHITHER THE RIVER COMETH
EZEKIEL 43-44: 47

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Ez. 43:7 Lord "dwells" in the temple
place of the Lord's throne
place of "the soles of my feet"

43:11 learn about Law
ordinances

43:12, 44:6-9 holy place, set apart for the worthy

Rev. 22:1-3

The river of the water of Life, flowing from the
throne of God and the Lamb

Yom Kippur → day of atonement Jubilee Year → holiest day for 50 years

Leviticus 16 a goat and a ram sacrificed, a goat driven away
high priest carried blood from altar to Holy of Holies
ritually undoing the fall, carrying blood past the angels
woven into the curtain or painted on the walls

Ezekiel taken through an idealized temple. The distinction between
Sacred and profane, clean and unclean, is perfectly maintained and more
strictly than with previous regulations - Faithlife Study Bible

Before, Ezekiel witnessed the "glory" of the Lord depart the temple to the
east. Now he witnesses it return from the East. Then the East gate is shut
forever. Only God can enter through the east gate.

Eden → Israel → Exile
Terr. → Tel. → hell
mountain → normal → waters
temple life (dead sea)

blessed state → normal life → death

Recreation
Exile → Israel → Israel renewed

Christ proclaims the Kingdom → betrayed → death → resurrection → ascension

Water that flows: blessings.

Marriages, families, ancestors, Church, truth wisdom, revelation, covenants, fertility, healing

Elder Renlund @ roots tech: river represents ever-expanding
circle of ancestors included in temple blessings

Genesis 2:10 a stream flowed
in Eden & watered the garden
then it divided into 4 rivers

Deuteronomy 30 → if you break this,
I'll scatter you, but one day you'll
return and obey

Jeremiah 31:31-34 new covenant
put my law in their inward parts
write it in their hearts
won't teach: know the Lord
because every one will already know

Joel 3:18

a spring will issue from the
LORD'S house
Joel 2:28-32 I will pour out my spirit upon all
flesh → everyone will prophesy
Amos 5:24

Let judgment (justice) run down as
waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream

Isaiah 44:3

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty
floods upon the dry ground
I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, blessing & prosper.

Hoses 14:4-5

I will heal their backsliding; I will love them
freely. I will be as the dew unto Israel

Ezekiel 11:16-19 I will be a little temple to
them wherever they are scattered, and I
will replace their stony heart with a heart
of flesh

Ezekiel 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you
and you shall be clean

- 36:26-27 a new heart I will give you, a new
spirit will I put within you, replace stony
heart with heart of flesh

Ezek. 37 - valley of dry bones
Isaiah 11:9 Earth will be as full of knowledge
of Yahweh as the sea is full of water

Isaiah 60:19-20 The Lord will be your light

Isaiah 35:6 streams flow through the desert

Zechariah 14:8 River from the temple
Zechariah 9:11 free you from waterless pit of exile

New Testament makes
this explicit: Jesus is
the temple, you are part
of Jesus, therefore you
(collectively and individually)
ARE the temple →

Sacred space = Garden of Eden

Harmony between Creator God and image-bearing human creations

God keeps pursuing humanity to restore that relationship

1 Kings 6-8 temple's garden & cherubic imagery

Priests perform proxy sacrifice for all the people - only a select few would ever get to see the inside

John 1:1-3, 14 the word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. Sacred=holy=apart, dwelling=^{your own home, set apart} So dwell=to create a sacred space

John 1:1 "In the beginning" Echoes genesis language

John describes the creator God entering into & becoming part of his Creation

Jesus comes among us as the place where heaven and earth overlap & unite

Humanity and deity perfectly united - Jesus is sacred space
God and humanity unite in harmony

John 2:13-21 Stop turning my father's house into a market

= the temple is not the reality - it is a symbol of the relationship of man w/ God

if the relationship is neglected, the temple is meaningless

if the temple is profaned or disrespected, the relationship suffers

Psalms 69 zeal for your house will consume me

The temple had become a force - especially the money changers

Jews had mistaken symbol for reality

"Where did you get the authority to overturn the tables" → doesn't answer question or does he?

"Destroy this temple, and in 3 days I will raise it again." John: he spoke of the temple of his body i.e. Jesus is the temple

Jesus is the mechanism by which the reconciliation symbolized by the temple actually happens

- I will send "another comforter" to dwell within you

- i.e. I will include you in the sacred space. You covenant to become sacred space

psalms 42

prayer of someone in exile

1-2 as a deer longs for cool water

1 long for God

1 thirst for you, the living God
When can I worship in your presence?

4 my heart breaks when I remember being in the temple

psalms 43 - prayer in exile

3 Send your light and your truth
may they lead me back to Zion
and to the temple

psalm 72:4-5

may the king be like rain
(of justice & righteousness)

psalm 118

Jeremiah's point as well: "You think God is with you because there's this building in Jerusalem?"
The whole point was the transforming sharing of space

1 Cor. 3:4 when you're divided, are you not unspiritual?

3:9 You (all) are God's building

3:16 You are God's temple, the spirit dwelleth in you (individually)

6:15 Your bodies are part of the body of Christ

would I take Christ's body and make it one with a prostitute?

(Corinth was a hub for fertility cults and sin tourism, synonymous with hedonism)

Genesis said sex makes you one flesh

6:19-20 Your body is the sanctuary of the spirit. You were bought with a price, therefore your body is not solely your own. It is shared space now that you've made a covenant

upshot → the nature of the temple was so widely understood that it was used as an example to explain why sexual immorality ^{promiscuity} was wrong (as opposed to "Christ saved me from sin, so now I can do what I want" philosophy).

ephesians 2: you (collectively) are the temple. i.e. temple's nature used as proof that Christians should not be divided.

v. 21 except those who didn't come to Christianity via Judaism