



Come Follow Me 2022
Ezekiel



900 BC

800 BC

700 BC

600 BC

500 BC

200 years

NORTHERN KINGDOM
(ISRAEL)

ASSYRIA

BABYLON

Daniel

Ezekiel

Jeroboam

Jehu

Elijah

Jonah

Hosea

Elisha

Amos

Ahijah

Habakkuk

Jeremiah

David

Solomon

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Micah

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Isaiah

Zephaniah

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Ezekiel was a priest who was among the Jewish captives carried away to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar in approximately 597 B.C. (see Ezekiel 1:3). According to the account in 2 Kings 24:14–16, the Babylonians took captive mostly the chief men of the land at that time. Therefore, it is possible that Ezekiel came from a prominent and influential family (see Bible Dictionary, “Ezekiel”). Ezekiel prophesied and delivered the Lord’s words to the Jewish exiles in Babylon at about the same time that Jeremiah was prophesying in Judah and Daniel was prophesying in the Babylonian court.



Babylon

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Despite being set at a time when Jerusalem was being destroyed, the book of Ezekiel is full of hope. The prophet Ezekiel saw beyond the tragedies of his era to a future time of renewal when the Lord would gather His people, give them “a new heart” and “a new spirit,” and help them live His laws (see Ezekiel 36:21, 24–28).

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Ezekiel saw that the throne of God was above the creatures (Ezekiel 1:26–28). That placement represents His having dominion over all living things, though He provides the means for all His creations, both human and animal, to enter into eternal glory, each in their appropriate order (see D&C 77:2–3).

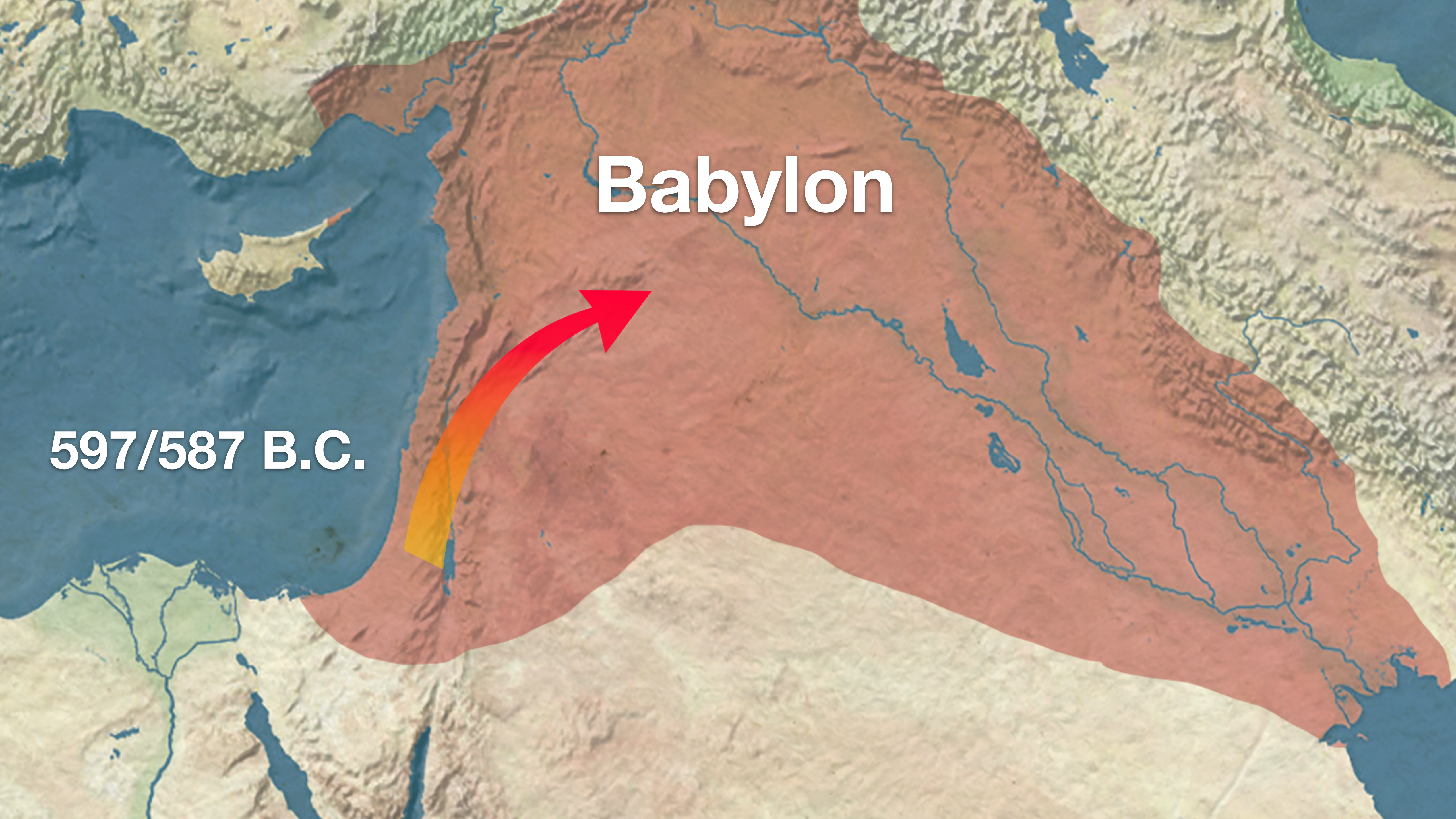
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“The appearance of the wheels in Babylonia means that the cosmic throne of God has limitless, omnidirectional mobility and is not tied down to earthly Jerusalem, which is about to be judged and destroyed.”

Both the wheels and the animal imagery hearken back to the temple and the ark - the presence of God in his house in Jerusalem (1 Kings 7:27-39 and 2 Samuel 6:3-7). This is imagery his listeners would understand.



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2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I ^aeat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

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6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have ^ahearkened unto thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and ^ahardhearted.

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24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.

25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:

26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be ^adumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they *are* a rebellious house.

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8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and ^aeat that I give thee.

9 ¶ And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a ^aroll of a ^bbook *was* therein;

10 And he spread it before me; and it *was* written ^awithin and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

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to a ^brebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.

4 For *they are* impudent children and ^astiffhearted. I do ^bsend thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for *they are* a ^arebellious house,) ^byet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6 ¶ And thou, son of man, ^abe not ^bafraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost ^cdwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

^aroll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I ^aeat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

4 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;

6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have ^ahearkened

Elder Henry B. Eyring

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COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT



Ezekiel 4-24

Ezekiel prophesies of the destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering and gathering of Israel. We've seen this before but don't forget that there is purpose in what the Lord is doing. Let's look for how Jesus Christ helps us strengthen our relationships with Him.



Ezekiel 6:6–7

6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and **ye shall know that I am the Lord.**

Ezekiel 6:8–10

8 ¶ Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 And **they shall know that I am the Lord, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.**

Ezekiel 12:15-20

15 And **they shall know that I am the Lord**, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and **they shall know that I am the Lord**.

17 ¶ Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;

19 And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and **ye shall know that I am the Lord**.

Ezekiel 16:60, 62

60 ¶ Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and **thou shalt know that I am the Lord:**

Ezekiel 14:11

11 That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 18:25-29

25 ¶ Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

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Ezekiel 25-32

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Ezekiel prophesied of the destruction of wicked nations that surrounded Israel.



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**A Lament over
Pharaoh and Egypt**

cumcised with *them that be slain* by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that are slain* with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 33

Watchmen who raise the warning voice save their own souls—Repentant sinners are saved—The righteous who turn to sin are damned—The people of Judah in Jerusalem are destroyed because of their sins.

AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their ^awatchman:

3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and ^awarn the people;

4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his ^ablood shall be upon his ^bown head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not ^awarned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I ^brequire at the watchman's hand.

Ezekiel Is Israel's Watchman

Why Will You Die, Israel?

7 ¶ So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a ^awatchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou ^awarn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his ^biniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

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11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no ^apleasure in the ^bdeath of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye ^cdie, O house of Israel?

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his ^atransgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sinneth.

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eousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

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15 *If* the wicked ^arestore the ^bpledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the ^cstatutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

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Jerusalem Struck Down

23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, they that inhabit those ^awastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance.

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28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

29 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 ¶ Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as my people*, and they ^ahear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their ^bmouth they

shew much love: but their hearts are not with thee: *eth* after their ^coath.

32 And, lo, thou shalt be a very lovely song: for they shall say, A pleasant voice is come out of the wilderness, on an instrument of musick: for they shall say, words, but they will not do them.

33 And ^awhen thou shalt say, I will come, and will be there: (lo, it will come, and will be there) they shall know that a prophet is among them.

CHAPTER 34

The Lord reproves the shepherds for not feeding the flock—The Lord will gather the sheep of Israel—The Messiah will be the shepherd—The Lord will renew the covenant with the people.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto the shepherds of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto them, Ye have said, We will not be to the ^ashepherds of Israel: for we will feed ourselves: and ye have said, We will not be to the shepherds: for we will feed ourselves: ^bfeed the flock.

3 Ye eat the ^afat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye feed the sheep: *but* ye feed not the sheep: ye have not strengthened the weak, ye have not healed the diseased, ye have not bound up the broken, neither have ye kept the sheep which was ^asicken: neither have ye sought the sheep which was driven away: neither have ye ruled them with force and with might: neither have ye ruled them.

4 The diseased have ye not healed, neither have ye sought the sheep which was driven away: neither have ye ruled them with force and with might: neither have ye ruled them.

5 And they were angry against me, saying, *there is no shepherd* among them: they have become meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered: *there is no shepherd* among them: they have become meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My ^asheep were scattered upon the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock

7a TG Leadership; Watchman.	13a TG Trustworthiness.	c TG Justice.
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b 1 Ne. 10:21.	14a Ezek. 3:18.	b TG Righteousness.
11a Ezek. 18:23; Mosiah 26:30; 29:20; Moses 7:39.	b Ezek. 18:27.	20a Ezek. 18:30; 1 Ne. 10:20.
	15a TG Reconciliation; Repent.	21a Ezek. 1:2; 20:1; 24:1; 26:1.
	b Ezek. 18:7.	b Ezek. 24:26.
	c Lev. 18:5.	

24a Ezek. 36:4.	D&C 1:14.	34 2a
25a TG Blood, Eating of	b Isa. 29:13.	

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Dallin H. Oaks

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31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they ^ahear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their ^bmouth they

shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their ^ccovetousness.

32 And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And ^awhen this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

CHAPTER 34

The Lord reproves those shepherds who do not feed the flock—In the last days, the Lord will gather the lost sheep of Israel—The Messiah will be their Shepherd—The Lord will make His gospel covenant with them.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the ^ashepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds ^bfeed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the ^afat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock.

4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was ^asick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with ^bcruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because *there is* no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My ^asheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered

upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

7 ¶ Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

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13 And I will ^abring them out from the people, and ^bgather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own ^cland, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

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17 And *as for* you, O my ^aflock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I ^bjudge ^cbetween cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

18 *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must ^afoul the residue with your feet?

19 And *as for* my flock, they eat that which ye have ^atrodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

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8a TG Apostasy of Israel.

b 2 Ne. 28:13 (9–16); Morm. 8:37 (37–41).

10a Jacob 1:19; D&C 72:3; 112:33.

b D&C 107:100 (99–100).

11a TG Missionary Work.

f Joel 2:2; Matt. 24:29.

13a Ezek. 38:8. TG Millennium, Preparing a People for.

b D&C 33:6 (3–7).

c Deut. 18:9.

b Ezek. 20:38.

c HEB between sheep and sheep; i.e., between one sheep and another.

18a TG Pollution.

19a 1 Ne. 19:7.

22a 2 Ne. 25:16 (15–18).

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24 And I ^athe LORD will be their ^bGod, and my servant ^cDavid a ^aprince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*.

25 And I will make with them a ^acovenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell ^bsafely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the ^ashower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of ^bblessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the ^aearth shall yield her increase, and they shall be ^bsafe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their ^cyoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that ^aserved themselves of them.

28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell ^asafely, and none shall make *them* afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a ^aplant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the ^bshame of the heathen any more.

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord GOD.

31 And ye my ^aflock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, and I *am* your God, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 35

Judgment will fall upon Mount Seir and all Idumea for their hatred of Israel.

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy ^aface against mount ^bSeir, and prophesy against it,

3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

5 Because thou hast had a perpetual ^ahatred, and hast shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their iniquity had* an end:

6 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: ^asith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.

8 And I will fill his mountains with his ^aslain *men*: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy ^brivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy ^acities shall not return: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will ^apossess it; whereas the LORD was there:

The Lord God Will Seek Them Out

The Lord's Covenant of Peace

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8a TG Apostasy of Israel.

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Matt. 24:29.
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b TG Israel, Blessings of.

b Gen. 32:3; 36:8 (8-9);

Ezekiel 35

Ezekiel 35:1–36:7 After Jerusalem was destroyed and many of the Jews were taken captive to Babylon, the people of Edom, a neighboring nation of Israel and Judah, planned to take over the land that was now left desolate. Jehovah promised that because the people of Edom rejoiced in the destruction of Israel, they would also be destroyed and their land would be left desolate.

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Ezekiel 36:8–38, the Lord then promised that He would bless the land to be fruitful and would gather all of Israel to rejoice in it. This prophecy, like the prophecy in Ezekiel 34:17–31, refers to Ezekiel's day as well as to the last days.

Ezekiel 36:24–28

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit** will I put within you: and **I will take away the stony heart** out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And **I will put my spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and **ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.**



Elder David A. Bednar

“To have our hearts changed by the Holy Spirit such that ‘we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually’ (Mosiah 5:2), as did King Benjamin’s people, is the covenant responsibility we have accepted. This mighty change is not simply the result of working harder or developing greater individual discipline. Rather, it is the consequence of a fundamental change in our desires, our motives, and our natures made possible through the Atonement of Christ the Lord. Our spiritual purpose is to overcome both sin and the desire to sin, both the taint and the tyranny of sin” (*“Clean Hands and a Pure Heart,” GC Oct 2007, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2007, 82*).

29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will ^acall for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 Then shall ye ^aremember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your ^biniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

34 And the ^adesolate land shall be ^btilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the ^agarden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* ^bfenced, *and* are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD ^abuild the ruined *places*, *and* plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will ^bdo *it*.

37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be ^ainquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the ^aholy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 37

Ezekiel is shown the valley of dry bones—Israel will inherit the land in the Resurrection—The stick of Judah (the Bible) and the stick of Joseph (the Book of Mormon) will become one in the Lord's hand—The children of Israel will be gathered and cleansed—David (the Messiah) will reign over them—They will receive the everlasting gospel covenant.

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2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones ^alive? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

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6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

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20 ¶ And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the ^aheathen, whither they be gone, and will ^bgather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them ^aone ^bnation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and ^cone king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more ^atwo nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their ^aidols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will ^bsave them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will ^ccleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And ^aDavid my servant *shall be*

The Valley of Dry Bones

9^b Dan. 11:4; Rev. 7:1.

10^a TG Breath of Life.

11^a Isa. 49:14.

12^a TG Jesus Christ, Prophecies about.

^b TG Resurrection.

^c TG Israel, Gathering of.

^d Ezek. 36:28 (24–28).

14^a Alma 40:23 (16–24);

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^b TG Scriptures, Preservation of.

^c TG Israel, Judah, People of.

^d TG Scriptures, Writing of.

^e TG Israel, Joseph, People of.

^f D&C 27:5.

John 10:16. TG Unity.

^b TG Israel, Restoration of.

^c Ezek. 34:23.

^d The tribes led by Judah and by Ephraim were historically adversaries (after events of 1 Kgs. 12:16–20). In the latter days this enmity will be

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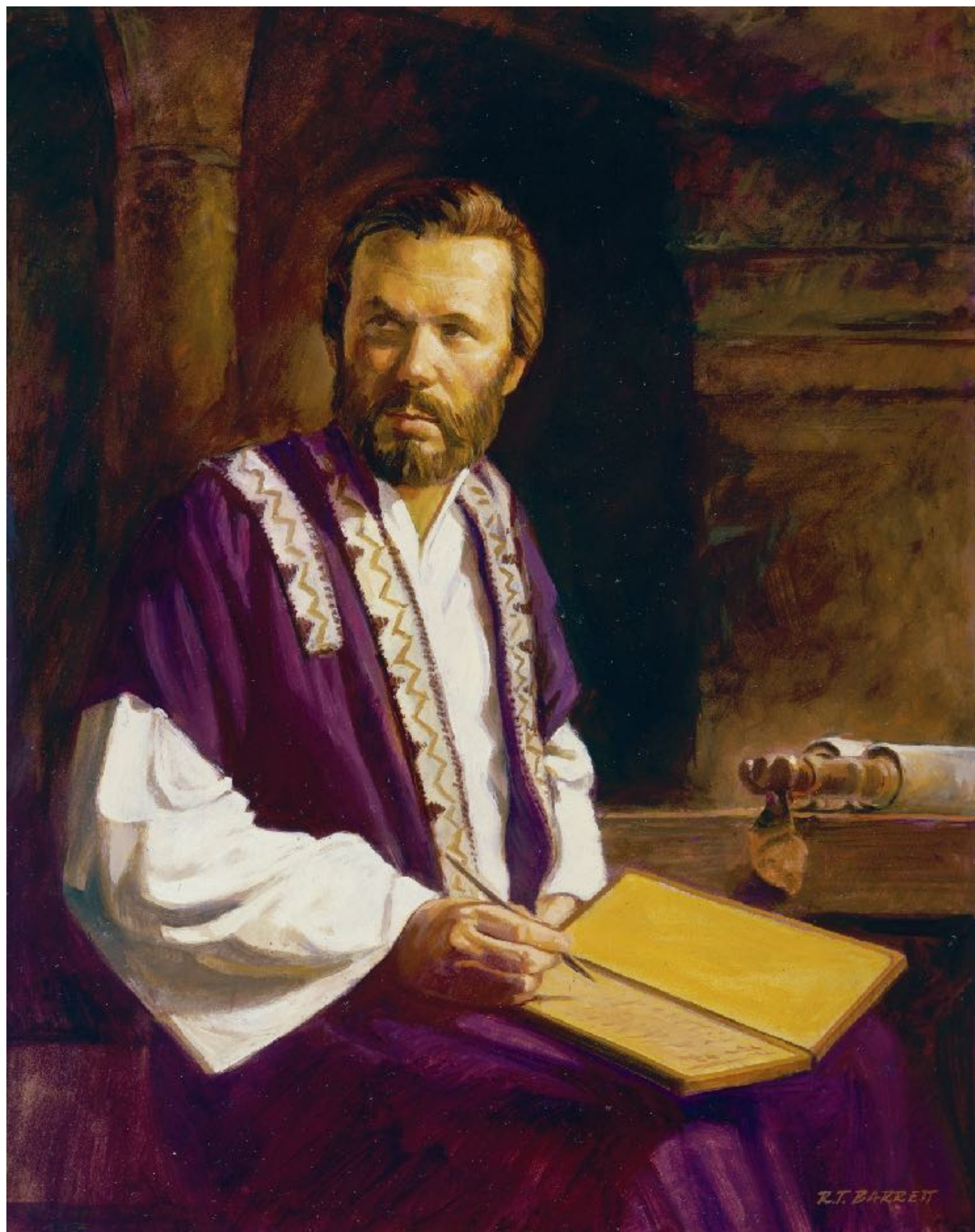
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1 Nephi 13:40

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“The Book of Mormon is central to this work. It declares the doctrine of the gathering. It causes people to learn about Jesus Christ, to believe His gospel, and to join His Church. In fact, if there were no Book of Mormon, the promised gathering of Israel would not occur [see Bruce R. McConkie, A New Witness for the Articles of Faith (1985), 554]”
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e TG Israel, Joseph,
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f D&C 27:5.

John 10:16.
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b TG Israel, Restoration of.
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things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his ^abrother.

22 And I will ^aplead against him with ^bpestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great ^chailstones, ^dfire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and ^asanctify myself; and I will be ^bknown in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 39

After most of the army of Gog is destroyed, it will take seven months for the house of Israel to bury the dead and seven years to clean up after the battle. Sometimes in the scriptures, writers use numbers to convey symbolic meaning beyond the literal understanding. Thus, the number seven may refer to a long time or to the land becoming complete and whole again.

Ezekiel 40–43

We read that an angel guided Ezekiel through another vision pertaining to the last days. In it he sees a temple and learns many details about it including its form and size. There the presence of God will be.

Ezekiel 44:5

5 And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 44:6–8 The Lord condemned Israel for failing to maintain the sacredness of His holy house.

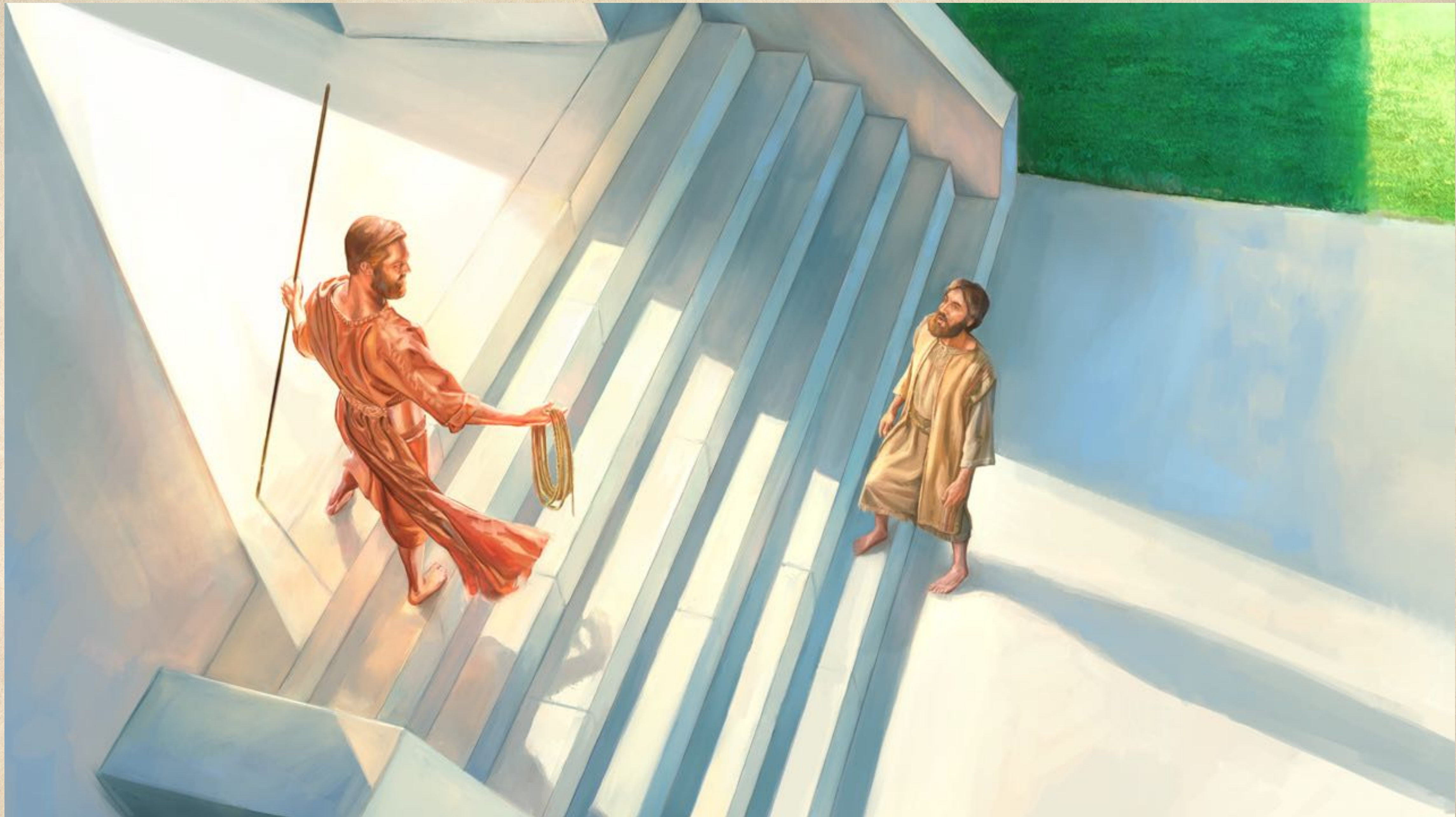
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9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

Ezekiel 44:10–46:24 The messenger showed Ezekiel how priests were to prepare for and properly perform their duties in the temple.

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

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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 ^asea: *which being* brought forth into the sea, the ^bwaters 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 every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

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13 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; This *shall be* the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve ^atribes of Israel: ^bJoseph shall have two portions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: *concerning* the which I ^alifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for ^binheritance.

15 And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which *is* by the ^acoast of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.

18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the ^aeast sea. And *this is* the east side.

12a Rev. 22:2.
b Alma 46:40.
13a TG Israel, Twelve Tribes of

Ps. 119:48 (44–48).
b Num. 34:2 (2–15);
Ezek. 48:29 (1–29);
2 Ne. 10:7 (7–8)

Ps. 106:32.
22a Josh. 1:6.
b Ex. 12:48 (19, 48–49);
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CHAPTER 48

The portions of land for the tribes are named—The gates of the city bear the names of the tribes—The name of the city will be The Lord Is There.

Now these *are* the names of the ^atribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east *and* west; a *portion* for ^bDan.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion* for Asher.

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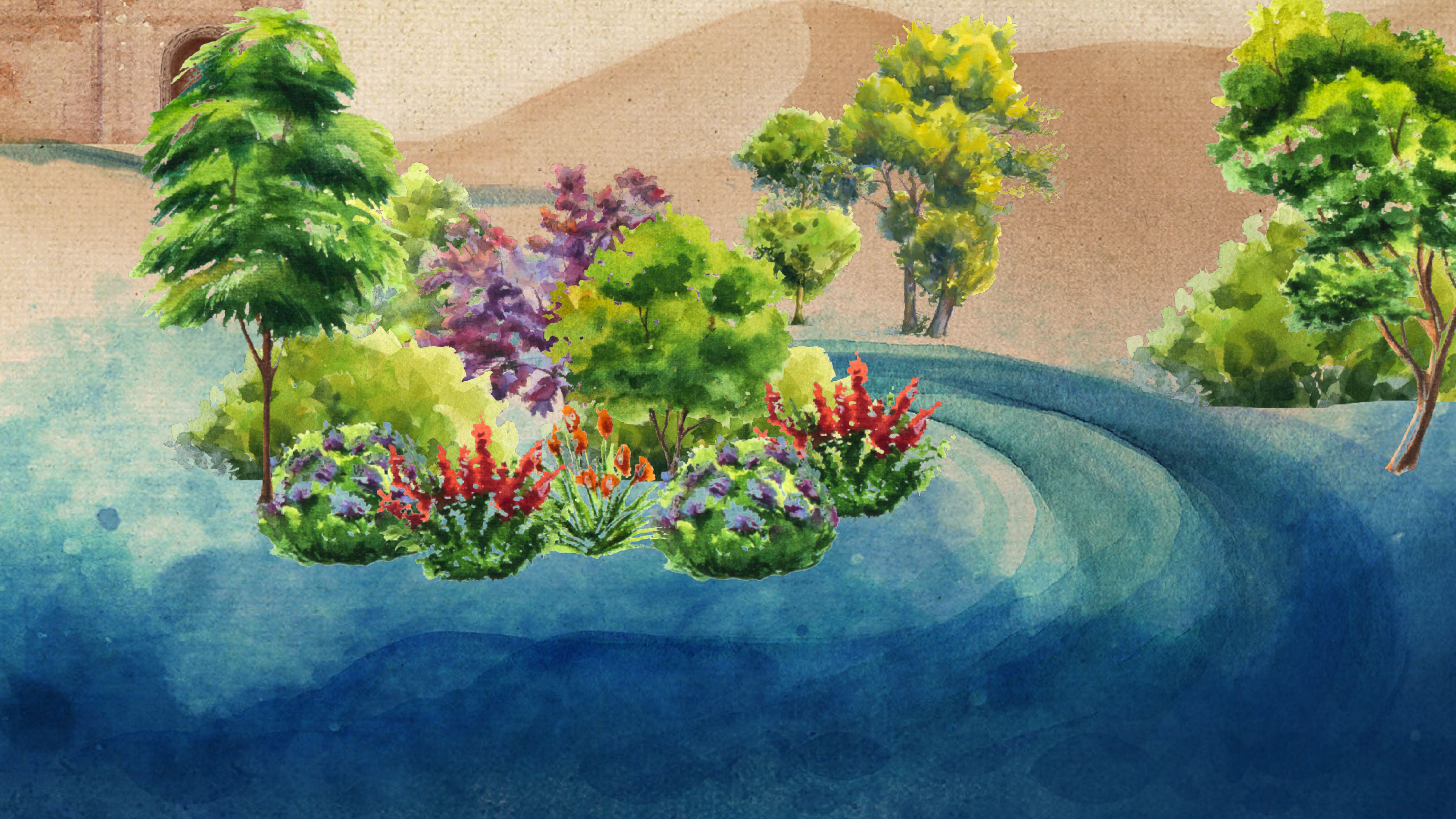
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Ezekiel 47:13–48:35

Ezekiel heard the voice of the Lord and saw how the promised land would be divided among the house of Israel. Ezekiel concluded his record by explaining what Jerusalem will be called after the Lord's Second Coming (see Ezekiel 48:35). According to the Joseph Smith Translation of Ezekiel 48:35, "the name of the city from that day shall be called, Holy; for the Lord shall be there" (in Ezekiel 48:35, footnote a).