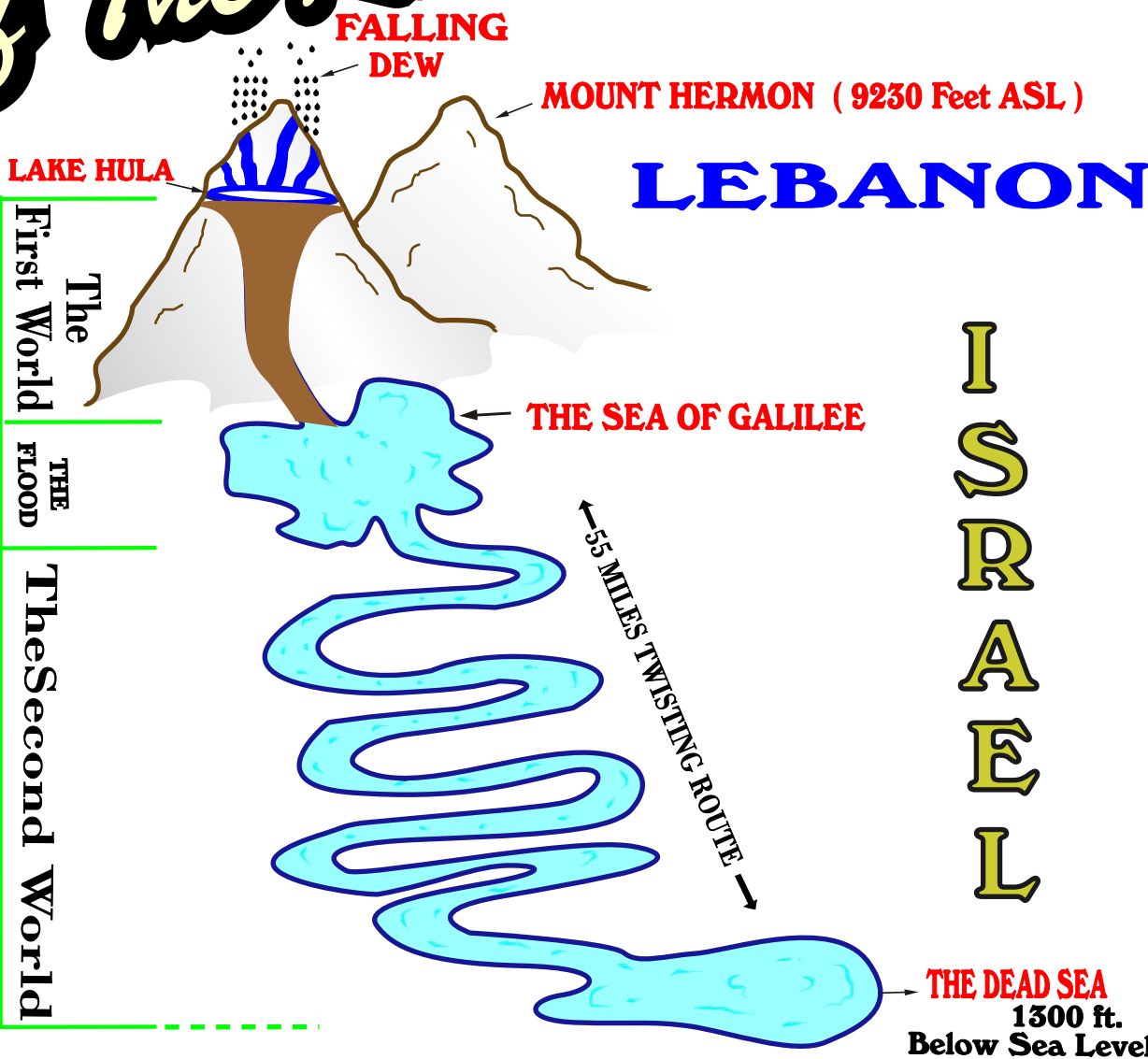


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**PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.**

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**T**oday's subject is about **THE RIVER JORDAN**.

It is the **only** river which flows right through the whole length of Israel

It is **A VERY SPECIAL RIVER** in the Bible !

We find it being mentioned **OFTEN** as we read in ...



**2 Kings 5:10**

*“And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean”.*


Here we see **NAAMAN THE SYRIAN** was asked by the prophet Elisha to dip himself and wash 7 times **in the river Jordan** in order to be healed from his leprosy.

And then we read again in -



**2 Kings 2:8 / 13,14**

 *“And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground”.*

 *“He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back and stood by the bank of Jordan; and he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over”*

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Here we read how **THE PROPHET ELIJAH** smites the Jordan with his mantle causing it to be divided to the right and to the left !!

The same is done by **ELISHA** later on after Elijah is taken up to heaven  
→ "in a whirlwind".

☞ And again we read of this river Jordan in -

**Joshua 1:1-3**

*"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.*

*Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses"*

Here we read how the Israelites after wandering in the wilderness for 40 years enter the promised land of Canaan only **AFTER** crossing **THE RIVER JORDAN**.

☞ And yet again we read of the same River Jordan in -

**Matthew 3:13**

*"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him".*

Yes ! Even Jesus when He was to be baptized chose to be baptized in **THE RIVER JORDAN !!**

**WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE RIVER JORDAN IN THE BIBLE ?**

☞ What does it **SIGNIFY** ?

Today's study will cast a lot of light on the answer!!

**First let us study the RIVER itself and its course and the details of it-**

☞ The River Jordan has **ITS SOURCE** or beginning, as with most rivers upon a mountain and in this case upon **MOUNT HERMON** in Lebanon which is **9230 FEET** above sea level and is **MOST MAJESTIC AND BEAUTIFUL**.

☞ Upon this mountain **DEW FALLS** and forms **FOUR STREAMS** which in turn flow into and forms a lake called "**LAKE HULA**" which is also called "**LAKE MEROM**" Now this lake is very **PEACEFUL** and **TRANQUIL** and on an **ELEVATED LEVEL HIGH** upon the mountain.



☞ Then we see that the course of this lake **suddenly** takes an abrupt **PLUNGE** down the mountain side becoming very **DIRTY** and **MUDDY** in the process as it stirs up much mud and dirt.

☞ Then after coming down the mountain it travels a little distance in an increasingly muddy state and then joins the **SEA OF GALILEE**.



☞ When it leaves the sea of Galilee on the opposite side the waters are much CLEARER but the course then takes a TWISTING and TURNING route for 55 miles !  
It then joins the DEAD SEA - which is 1300 ft below sea level and is the lowest spot on earth !!

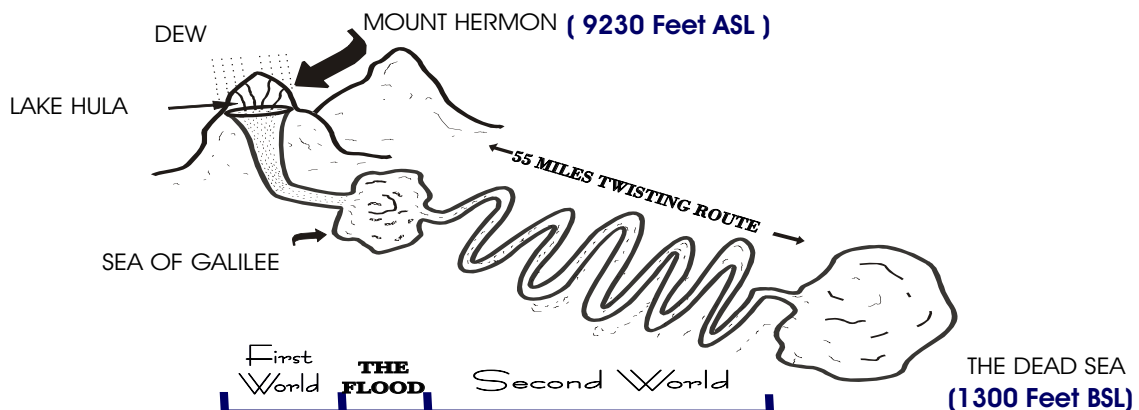
☞ And the WONDER about the DEAD SEA is that SIX MILLION TONNES ( SIXTY LAKH TONNES ) of water enter the Dead Sea everyday— yet there is NO OVERFLOW and there is NO OUTLET TOO !!  
Besides as the name “DEAD SEA” itself implies there is no life at all in that sea and in those waters due to the high level of SALT found there !

**AND THAT IS WHERE THE RIVER JORDAN ENDS !**

Now what would all this mean to us ? Is there any lesson to be learned ?

☞ YES ! THEREIN IS THE MYSTERY OF THE RIVER JORDAN !

☞ Now the name “JORDAN” means DESCENDER  
“Lake Hula” upon Mount Hermon BECOMES the River Jordan the moment it begins to plunge down the mountain side.



Yes ! This river Jordan, God has used to SYMBOLIZE the course of humankind in the fall into sin and death in the Divine Plan covering THE FIRST AND THE SECOND Worlds !

**IT IS A MOST WONDERFUL TYPE !!**

Let us now see how-

☞ **MOUNT HERMON**

⇒ This mountain is a representation of GOD in great majesty and grandeur as we see God Himself say of Himself in .....

Isaiah 57:15 - “.....For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, and whose name is Holy....”





So, you see, Mount Hermon the mountain is a **SYMBOL** or representation of **GOD HIMSELF**.



**THE DEW**

⇒ What would this represent ?

We find the answer to this in the scripture itself in -

**Psalms 133 :2,3** - *“.....like the precious ointment upon the head that,ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard.....as the dew of Hermon that descended upon the mountains.”*

Yes ! The “**anointing oil**” upon Aaron's head is being likened to the “**dew of Hermon**”

We know that the anointing oil upon Aaron is **A SYMBOL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**.

So too “*the dew of Hermon*” similarly represents **the Holy spirit of God**.

Yes! Just as Mount Hermon represents God we see the ‘dew’ is His **HOLY SPIRIT!!**



**THE FOUR STREAMS**

⇒ What does this represent ?

Being upon the mountain and with the mountain representing God, these “**four streams**” would represent, something about God and His character.

Yes ! We could say they represent God's personality !

The deeper details of this matter will be taken up in the future classes.

For today we will take the “four streams” to represent something about God or “**HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS**”.



**LAKE HULA**

⇒ What does this represent ?

This lake is formed from the falling “dew” and the “four streams”.

It is a beautiful representation of the perfect creation of the first man Adam -

→ *“in the image and likeness of God” (Gen 1:26)* and

→ **by the power of the Holy spirit (Gen1:27/ Eccl. 12:7).**

**YES! GOD CREATED MAN WITH AND IN HIS CHARACTER LIKENESS AND GAVE HIM THE SPIRIT OF LIFE.**

Lake Hula at an elevated level represents man's creation and condition of perfection being **FAR HIGHER** than all other earthly creatures !!

Yes ! Lake Hula is a picture of the perfect condition of man at his creation and for a period of time in the garden of Eden before He sinned !



**THE SUDDEN PLUNGE**

⇒ What does this represent ?

This represents the **FALL** from that perfection due to sin in the garden of Eden .

Yes ! Abruptly began the fall into imperfection due to the result of sin - and its punishment, which is death (**Rom 6:23** - *“For the wages of sin is death....”* )

This condition of sin and death was then passed on to the children of Adam and the whole human race as we read in -

**Romans 5:12** ⇒ *“wherefore as by ONE MAN sin entered into the world and death by sin; And so death passed upon all men....”*

Just as how **the sudden plunge** caused the waters of the river Jordan to become muddy so it represents how the sinful condition was **increased**



and multiplied in the children of Adam.

### 👉 MUDDY WATERS

⇒ This is a representation of the amount of **SIN** and **DEGRADATION** reached by man very quickly in the First World as we read in - **Genesis 6:5** ⇒ “*And God saw that WICKEDNESS of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY*”.

This as we know was the result of **ANGELS** manifesting in human flesh and taking “*the daughters of men*” for wives and thus beginning a **NEW BREED** called **NEPHILIM** who were “*half angel and half human*”.

Yes! This new breed was far **STRONGER** and **SUPERIOR MENTALLY** than the humans and were also **MORALLY CORRUPT** and their corrupt “*ways*” were spread to the humans too and thus the whole world had become utterly corrupt and sinful as we read in **Genesis 6th chapter**.

All this caused the level of sin and of **DEGRADATION** to greatly increase and thus here is represented as - “*the muddy waters.*”

### 👉 LAKE OF GALILEE

⇒ What does this represent ?

We see here that the River Jordan in its muddy condition goes and empties itself or seems to end as it enters into the sea of Galilee which is a **LARGE BODY OF WATER**.

This represents how the world of mankind in the **FIRST WORLD** ended with the **FLOOD** !

### 👉 THE CLEARER WATERS OF THE JORDAN AS IT RESUMES TO FLOW AGAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE

This represents mankind beginning afresh after the flood with 8 persons - the family of Noah !



### 👉 TWISTED ROUTE

⇒ What does this represent ?

We must remember this portion of the River Jordan represents the **SECOND WORLD** in the history of mankind. Thus this **TWISTED ROUTE** would have something to do with mankind in the Second world. It represents mankind's condition of sin as we read in - **ISAIAH 59:8** ⇒ “*They have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace*”.

Yes! Mankind's ways began to be **CROOKED** again !!

This we read in -

**ECCLESIASTES 7:29** ⇒ “*That God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions*” ( “*schemes*” in **NIV**)

Yes! Men's crookedness (**the ways of sin**) have become so ingrained into their lives that we read in -



PROVERBS 14:12 ⇒ “ *There is a way which seemeth RIGHT unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*”.

Yes ! The “ways of death” must be the WAYS OF SIN, for death comes ONLY through sin !

Mankind have been so ingrained in the ways of sin that we read that the “ways of sin” now SEEM RIGHT UNTO them.

Yes !! All the ways of sin seem natural and good to mankind !!

Just close your eyes and think of all the things we DO, SPEAK, and THINK and that which is COMMON in the world today and you will realize the extent to which the “ways of sin”.

➡ **NOW SEEM RIGHT UNTO A MAN !!**

Indeed this nature is beautifully symbolized in the TWISTED ROUTE of the River Jordan after it leaves the Sea of Galilee right till it goes and joins the Dead Sea !

➡ - **YES ! THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE SECOND WORLD !!**

### 👉 **DEAD SEA**

⇒ The Dead Sea is the FINAL END and DESTINATION of the RIVER JORDAN. Thus what would that represent?

It represents the FINAL DESTINATION of mankind which we just read in -

Proverbs 14:12 ⇒ “*but the END thereof are the ways of death*”

Yes ! The Dead Sea represents the “grave” or the condition of death which also is the TRUE meaning of HELL in the Bible.

👉 What is the significance of 6 million tonnes of water going into the Dead Sea everyday and yet there is no overflow ?

We find the answer in -

Proverbs 30:16 ⇒ “*The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, it is enough*”.

Yes ! The “grave” is never FULL nor does it say “enough”. ITS CAPACITY IS ENDLESS !

### 👉 **THE DEAD SEA LEVEL OF BEING 1300 FEET BELOW THE SEA LEVEL**

What does this represent?

From its beginning, at the height of more than 9000 feet above sea level the river Jordan ends at 1300 feet below sea level.

This represents mankind's FALL from the perfection in which God created man to a level even below that of animals

➡ (The “sea level” would represent the level of the animal creations).

👉 **Yes! Mankind has become terribly DEPRAVED and fallen in the ways of sin.**

This picture of mankind's fall is seen in TYPE in Daniel 4:32-37


where KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR of Babylon experiences a fall for a period of “seven times” where he becomes like and behaves like an animal.

This is a picture of the experiences of mankind in the DIVINE PLAN OF GOD where the “seven times” has a meaning which we will study about in future classes.



Thus we have seen that the River Jordan is a **PICTURE** of the story of **the perfect creation** and then **the fall** of man and the **EXPERIENCES** of mankind in the **FIRST** and **SECOND** worlds.

 **IS THIS THE END OF THE HUMAN STORY?**

 By **GOD's** grace the answer is **NO !**

 The **GOOD NEWS** is found in -

**Ezekiel 47:1-12**

*“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.*

*Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.*

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

*Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.*

*Afterward he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not be passed over.*

*And he said unto me, son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused to return to brink of the river.*

*Now when I have turned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.*

*Then he said unto me, these water issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, withersoever the river 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.*


*And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-ge'di even unto En-eg'la-im; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.*

*But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt...*

*And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to its months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary:*

*and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine”.*

Yes ! Here we read about another river which **WILL BRING LIFE !!**

 And again we read of this same river in -

**Revelation 22:1-2**

*“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations”.*

Yes ! This **“River to death”** (Proverbs 14:12) which was the River Jordan

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will be REVITALIZED by another river, -  
→ which is the “river of life”

as seen in these two scriptures and this will take place in the kingdom of God.

👉 HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THIS “RIVER OF LIFE”

WILL GIVE LIFE TO THE WATERS OF  
THE DEAD SEA WHERE THE RIVER JORDAN WENT AND ENDED ?

Let us find the answer and read in -

**Ezekiel 47 : 8,9**

*“...and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. ....because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.”*

Yes ! This is a reference to the DEAD SEA where there is NO LIFE  
and THIS RIVER BRINGS LIFE TO THE DEAD SEA !!

👉 Now what is this “River of Life” you might ask ?

We read about this river in three scriptures in -

**Ezekiel 47:1; Psalms 46:4; Revelation 22:1**

👉 *“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 of the altar”.*

👉 *“There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the most High”.*

👉 *“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb”.*

Yes ! The river and the water of it as mentioned here in these scriptures are SYMBOLIC references to the TRUTH that the Lord will give to the whole world  
-as “water of life” -

**Revelation 22:17** ⇨ *“And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

for their HEALING from the effects of sin and death in the MILLENNIAL AGE.

→ Yes ! Because HOW ELSE will ALL mankind “IN SIN” be healed ?

We read the answer in -

**John 17:17**

*“Sanctify them through thy truth; Thy word is truth.”*

Yes ! The healing from the “ways of sin” can ONLY be through  
the power of the TRUTH !

👉 Have you seen the EFFECT the TRUTH has had upon us  
so far dear brothers and sisters ?

👉 Now let us see this river and some peculiar features

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of its flow as we read in -

**Ezekiel 47:3-6**

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

*Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.*

*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.”*

Here we see represented the **GRADUAL** flow and **INCREASE** of “water” showing the **GRADUAL FLOW** and **INCREASE** of the truth to all nations of the earth. and their corresponding restoration to life or “**regeneration**” as we read in - **Matthew 19:28** - “*..in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory.*” or also called the “*times of restitution of all things*” (Acts 3:21).

☞ What does the **VARIOUS LEVELS OF WATER** represent? We see that the scale of measurement used is the body of a man.

➡ **WHY ?**

The body of a man is used here to represent **all mankind** who are divided into various nations.

Thus the various levels of water represent the **SPREAD** of and the **ACCEPTANCE** of the truth among the various nations of the world - **THE MEASURING ROD** of a man representing all mankind in the various nations.

☞ **INITIALLY THE WATER LEVEL WE SEE IS -**



➡ “*The waters were to the ankles*” ⇒ The ankle level when compared to the height of the body is insignificant and tiny.

Thus the **TRUTH** begins first to manifest itself in only a **TINY** and **INSIGNIFICANT** portion of the world - **the nation of Israel.**

Yes! The kingdom will be first established **VISIBLY** in Israel and the blessings of **TRUTH** will **first** flow there as we read in


**Zechariah 14:8** - “*And it shall be in that day that living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem;.....*”

**THEN WE READ -**

➡ “*The waters were to the knees*” ⇒ The level of the knees represent a **QUARTER (1/4)** of the body.



Thus the **TRUTH** and its blessings will next be received and accepted by **a quarter of the nations** while the **OTHERS WATCH AND WAIT** to see the results !!

 Yes! The nations of the world will come to seek the **LORD** and **HIS TRUTH** in Israel as we read in -

**Isaiah 2:3**


*“And many people shall go up and say, come ye, and let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of God of Jacob; and he will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”*

There it is! So clear !!

The nations will come to seek God and His kingdom and its blessings in Jerusalem.

 “A thousand cubits” ⇒ This represents a period of time.

**THEN WE READ FURTHER -**

 “The waters were to the loins (waist)” ⇒ the level of the **LOINS** or the waist represent **HALF**( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the body.

Gradually the **TRUTH** and its blessings will next be received and accepted by another **QUARTER** of the nations - thus making it **half the world** who would have voluntarily come into the kingdom arrangements, as we read in -

**Zechariah 8:22** - *“yea, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the **LORD** of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.”*

**THEN WE READ FURTHER -**

 “The waters were risen, waters to swim in” ⇒ The **FULL** height of a man!

Yes! Soon **the WHOLE world of mankind** will come into the **TRUTH** and the kingdom and its blessings !!

Yes! All the **“living” nations** would have come into the kingdom and the kingdom would have extended its borders to **COVER THE WHOLE WORLD** and this prophetic word would be fulfilled as we read in -

**Psalms 72:8**

*“He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth.”*

This **GRADUAL** process of **GROWTH** is also shown in **Daniel 2:35** by the **ROCK** growing into a **MOUNTAIN** which represents God’s kingdom of blessings and the **GRADUAL** process of increase as also seen in -

**Isaiah 9:7**

*“...of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end ....”*

Yes! The kingdom and its government or **DOMINION** over the nations will be gradual and of its **INCREASE** “there shall be no end” meaning it will extend **GRADUALLY AND STEADILY** to cover the whole world.



This also represents the unlocking of the **FIRST** key of Jesus in His kingdom work

This we read in -

**Revelation 1:18**

*"....and have the keys of hell and death"*

Yes ! This is the **FIRST KEY** of "death" or the "living dead" of the world (Luke 9:60)

Yes ! This is the restoration to life of those living then after the end of the second world and yet in the condition of "death" condemnation -

➔ referred to here as "death".

☞ Then this work will be followed by **THE NEXT WORK** which we read in -

**Ezekiel 47: 8,9**

*"...And go down into the desert and go into the sea which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed ....and every thing shall LIVE whither the river cometh."*

Yes ! This "sea" when it receives the waters is "healed" thus representing that the sea which receives life is the **DEAD SEA !**

And the "fish" of great amounts in that sea represents **MANKIND** (Matthew 4:19)

☞ This is the use of the **SECOND KEY** - of "HELL" - the grave or -  
➔ the dead from the graves.

Thus mankind both "**LIVING AND DEAD**" begin to receive life -

Yes ! This is the period of the **RESURRECTION** of the dead !

Then we continue to read in -

**Ezekiel 47:12**

*"And by the river.. on this side and on that side shall grow all trees for meat whose leaf shall not fade.. and the fruit thereof shall be for meat and the leaf thereof for medicine."*

**WHAT DO THESE "TREES" AND "LEAVES" REPRESENT ?**

We see them mentioned again in -

**Revelation 22:2**

*"...And on either side of the river, was there the tree of life which bare twelve manner of fruits and yielded her fruit every month and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations"*

☞ What do these **TREES** and **LEAVES** represent ?

The usage of symbols of "trees" and "fruits" and "leaves" takes us back to

➔ - the **GARDEN of EDEN !**

There the "*tree of life*" signified a **SUSTENANCE** of continued life

- or **ETERNAL LIFE** (Genesis 3:22)

**WHAT COULD THESE SYMBOLS MEAN ?**

Let us see -





**LEAVES**

⇒ Leaves are used today for medicine and for healing from diseases.

**Example :** The System of Ayurveda in India uses leaves and herbs to make medicines for the cure of diseases.

Here the "leaves" represent and symbolize the **HEALING** which is

➔ **PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, FINANCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY, PSYCHOLOGICALLY, etc.**

so that the repentant ones can be lifted up back slowly to perfection.



**THIS PROCESS IS CALLED IN THE BIBLE AS "RESTITUTION"**

which we read about in -

**Acts 3:21 / Matthew 19:28**

☞ *"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."*

☞ *"And Jesus said unto them, verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory"*

Yes ! The leaves represent this "restitution" or "regeneration" or the **HEALING OF all mankind from imperfection BACK TO perfection !**

**FRUITS**

⇒ These are used to symbolize **FOOD** and sustenance which brings life.

Here it represents the "**LIFE**" **GIVING FOOD** which will **then** be made available to all mankind.

Yes ! This is the **SPIRITUAL FOOD** or the Word of God which will be **EATEN** as we read in -

**Jeremiah 15:16** - *"...thy words were found and I did eat them..."*

These are "eaten" in that the **INSTRUCTIONS** and **ENCOURAGEMENTS** of the Word if

➔ "taken in" or **OBEYED**

will show the "way" to life and its maintenance.



**THUS IT IS THAT "ETERNAL LIFE" WILL BE ATTAINED !**

**WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE ?**

☞ Has God **GIVEN** us eternal life or is He **GOING TO GIVE** it to us ?

We read about this answer about "Eternal Life" in -

**1 John 5:11**

*"God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.."*

Yes! We read that God has **ALREADY** given us eternal life and that it is **IN** "His Son".



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ? How do you gain this life from the Son ?

We find the answer in the following verse in -

1 John 5:12

“He that hath the son hath life and he that hath not the son of God hath NOT life.”

What is meant by “having the Son” ?

It means having His “image” - and this **IMAGE OF THE SON** we read about in -

Hebrews 1:9

“Thou hast LOVED righteousness and HATED iniquity.”



**YES! THIS IS THE “IMAGE OF THE SON”**

All who seek life must develop this “image”.

➔ In the **GRADUAL PROCESS** of developing into the “image of the Son” and that character the **GUIDELINES** for all mankind will be the understanding of

➔ God's **DIVINE LAW** - which is **THE LAW OF LOVE** as we find expressed in -

Mark 12:30,31

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.”

Yes ! OBEDIENCE leads to growth and understanding and finally to be the  
➔ “image of the son”



**FINALLY** we read of another matter regarding this “River of Life” in -

Ezekiel 47:11

“.....the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall NOT BE HEALED ...”



**WHAT DOES THIS REPRESENT ?**

This represents a class of people who will RESIST the “water of life”.

These are the **WILFULLY DISOBEDIENT** who are described in -

Isaiah 26:10

“Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.”

Yes! This is a class of **WILLFULLY DISOBEDIENT** people who will oppose God and the laws of righteousness

➔ - becoming **ADVERSARIES OF GOD**, like Satan and the fallen angels!!  
These **DO NOT HAVE** the “image of the Son” and rather develop another **image** which we read about in -



**Psalms 52:3**

*"Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness."*

Yes! This is **THE IMAGE OF SATAN** and all the fallen angels with him !

And some of mankind too will develop into that "image" and will **NOT**  
☞ "HAVE THE (image of the ) SON."

They shall be "given to salt" or **DESTROYED FOREVER** in the second death as we read the meaning of "given to salt" in -

**Genesis 19 :26**

*"But his (Lot's) wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt".*

Lot's wife represents the **WILFULLY DISOBEDIENT** class who refuse to **OBEY** the righteous instructions of **turning away** from the ways of sin and thus are **found UNWORTHY** of **LIFE** and are destroyed in the **SECOND DEATH** which is here symbolized by the words -

➡ *"shall be given to salt".*

☞ Yes ! Thus today we have learnt the great and mysterious lessons in **THE RIVER JORDAN** and the "River of Life" that will give life to the waters of the Dead Sea.

**INDEED ! ALL THE GLORY AND THE PRAISE BE UNTO GOD !**

--Amen--

