

Ezekiel 36-48's parallel narrative sequence to Revelation 19-22: the return from exile to a New Jerusalem

EZEK 36: RE-CREATION, PARALLEL TO GENESIS 1-3

- v. 8: **O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot out your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they shall soon come home.**
- vv. 10-11: I will multiply your population, the whole house of Israel, all of it; the towns shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt; and I will multiply human beings and animals upon you. **They shall increase and be fruitful [cf. Gen 1.28]**; and I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before.
- vv. 25-27: **I will sprinkle clean water upon you**, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you [cf. Gen 2.7]**; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.
- V. 35: And they will say, "This land that was desolate has **become like the garden of Eden...**" [cf. Gen 2.10]

EZEK 37: A VISION OF NEW LIFE AFTER EXILE

- v. 1: The hand of YHWH came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of YHWH and **set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.**
- v. 5: Thus says Lord YHWH to these bones: **I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.**
- v. 14: **I will put my spirit within you**, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, YHWH, have spoken and will act," says YHWH.
- v. 24: **My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd.** They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes.
- vv. 26-27: I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them forevermore. **My dwelling place [LXX, kataskēnōsis; Rev 21.3, skēnē] shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

EZEK 38-39: A PROPHECY AGAINST GOG IN THE LAND OF MAGOG

38.2: Mortal, set your face toward **Gog, of the land of Magog [Rev 20.8]**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. Prophecy against him

38.4: I will lead you out with all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company, all of them with shield and buckler, wielding swords. **[Rev 19.19]**

38.22: With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him; and I will pour down torrential rains and hailstones, **fire and sulfur [Rev 19.20; 20.10]**, upon him and his troops and the many peoples that are with him.

39.17-20: As for you, mortal, thus says Lord YHWH: **Speak to the birds of every kind and to all the wild animals: Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast** that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and **you shall eat flesh and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth--of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. [Rev 19.17-18]** You shall eat fat until you are filled, and drink blood until you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you. And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with warriors and all kinds of soldiers, says Lord YHWH.

EZEK 40-48: A VISION OF NEW JERUSALEM

40.2: **He brought me, in visions of God, to the land of Israel, and set me down upon a very high mountain [Rev 21.10]**, on which was a structure like a city to the south.

40.5: **Now there was a wall all around the outside of the temple area [Rev 21.12-19]**. The length of the measuring reed in the man's hand was six long cubits, each being a cubit and a handbreadth in length; so he measured the thickness of the wall, one reed; and the height, one reed. [in what follows, all the temple elements are measured in cubits]

43.2: And there, the **glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east**; the **sound was like the sound of mighty waters [Rev 19.6]**; and **the earth shone with his glory [Rev 21.11, 23]**.

47.7: **I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. [Rev 22.2a]**

47.12: **On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. [Rev 22.2b]** Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. **Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing. [Rev 22.2c]**