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Monday Night Bible Study
John 6:60-7:53

The Book of John
“Jesus is the source of all LIFE”

Isaiah 55:1-5 - “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

- In John 7, Jesus is drawing together first exodus (Egypt) and second exodus (Babylon).
 - Israel’s idols made YHWH remove His protection from the nation.
 - Daniel 9 shows how the children of Israel would be in extended exile... first Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greeks, and then Rome.
 - o In Deuteronomy 28, YHWH declares to His people that after curses comes the promise of HOPE → Deuteronomy 30: a promise of RENEWAL... YHWH will restore their fortunes.
 - o But, they’re going to have to go through trouble before the renewal... YHWH will even raise up Gentile nations to judge His people. This is all in the book of Deuteronomy.
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- Passover = Exodus & “New” Exodus...which is new covenant → which means those who are thirsty will drink at last!
 - o The feast of tabernacles + Covenant renewal.
 - Feast of tabernacles = one of 3 pilgrim festivals to the temple.
 - It is a remembrance of the time when the children of Israel lived in tents/huts in the wilderness after the exodus from Egypt. Celebration is of the utmost importance for YHWH’s provision in the desert.

- **Jesus relies heavily on Ezekiel. Covenant renewal = THE WATER.**

- Ezekiel 34 = new shepherding for the flock of God
 - Ezekiel 35 = rescue from ancient enemies
 - Ezekiel 36 = washing away of uncleanness and placing of YHWH's Spirit within them.
 - Ezekiel 37 = the great resurrection in the valley of dry bones
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Temple = heaven + earth come together.

The reconstruction of the temple for Ezekiel was to be like the new creation. After the temple was destroyed, HOPE was lost of a connection between heaven & earth.

- There was going to be a new Eden, a new promised land, and the new garden.
- Four rivers would flow out! It would irrigate the surrounding countries.
- This was just like a temple, where the living God would come and dwell (with mankind).

Genesis 2:8-14

The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord God caused every tree to grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there *as well*.¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

- In Ezekiel 43, Ezekiel sees YHWH returning to the temple and bringing justice back to the world.
 - Ezekiel 43:1-5 - Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, ² and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory. ³ The vision I saw was

like the vision I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the visions, I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell facedown. ⁴The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east. ⁵Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

- Isaiah sees the same thing in Isaiah 40... where YHWH comes back to His people.

- o Isaiah 40:9-11 - You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

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- Ezekiel 47 → There is a great river flowing from the temple. It even flows down to the dead sea (where fishing can happen again).
 - o Ezekiel 47:1-2 - The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. ²He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.
 - Ezekiel 47:8-10 - ⁸He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows **everything will live.**
 - Zechariah applies this to the returned exiles... from Babylon. They’ve rebuilt the temple, but God seems to be missing. For some reason they knew that, even if they rebuilt, God wouldn’t come back.
 - Malachi promised God WOULD return to His people, but it would be a SHOCK.
 - The need for new covenant from Ezekiel and Zechariah is coming through in John 7.
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JOHN 7 is a puzzle.

→ It is the picture of the new, restored temple.

- This is the SIGN of the New Covenant between God and His people.
 - This is the model of heaven and earth coming together, just like in the Garden of Eden.
 - This is the place where God will once again meet with His people.
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John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

1. Because of the resurrection, you have new life in YOU. (Romans 8:11)
2. Because you have new life in you, you have power everywhere you go.
3. Because you have power, you have authority. You can bring life to those around you.
4. People WILL SEE the power of God in your life.
5. Tomorrow morning, get up and expect God to do something powerful through your life for someone else. Pray and expect it.