

## The visions of Ezekiel on the New Jerusalem; living in freedom and carefree on the New Earth

In the last newsletter we discussed some of Daniel's visions, such as the succession of world powers and the horn with eyes and a mouth speaking great things.

In this newsletter we will discuss a number of visions of Ezekiel, a contemporary of Daniel. It is almost certain that both Daniel and Ezekiel in their youth heard about Jeremiah, when he prophesied the warning messages in Jerusalem.

A brief history of the kings of Judah during their exile:

*KJV (2 Chronicles 36: 5-13) 5 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God. 6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. 9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. 10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the Lord, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. 11 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. 12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the Lord. 13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the Lord God of Israel.*  
(For the chronology of the exile see also 2 Kings 24: 8-20, 2 Kings 25: 1-24; Jeremiah 52: 1-34)



Further, down in this newsletter, we read that here after Nebuchadnezzar will intervene drastically.

Daniel was (along with Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah) in +/- the third year of Jehoiakim deported by the Babylonians and educated at the court of Babylon:

*KJV (Daniel 1: 1-4) 1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.*

Ezekiel also lived in exile in Babylon, near the Kebar (Chebar) River. (Ezekiel 1: 3). He was the son of Buzi, a Levite Jewish priest. In the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin came the word of the Lord to Ezekiel:

*KJV (Ezekiel 1: 1-3) 1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, 3 The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.*

The Levitical priesthood passed from father to son, which is why Ezekiel was undoubtedly well acquainted with the temple, the Scriptures and the priestly duties and regulations. There at the river Chebar in Tel Abib (Ezek. 3:15), Ezekiel received his first vision. The heaven went suddenly open to him and he saw the glory of God in a vision. (Ezek. 1:28) Furthermore, Ezekiel was commissioned by God to engrave a sketch of Jerusalem on a brick or tile and then to besiege Jerusalem in his mind (Ezekiel 4: 1-4). This was a prophecy about the coming destruction of Jerusalem with its temple under King Zedekiah:

*KJV (2 Chronicles 36: 17-19) 17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. 29 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.*

Ezekiel received his prophecies from God to comfort and give hope to the Jewish people in exile.

His message was that their exile, their imprisonment, would be converted in the future into freedom for the Jewish people in their land of Israel under a Prince of Peace and that they would get a carefree life.

We start with the visions of hope and consolation that Ezekiel prophesied to the Jewish people in exile:

The promise of a shepherd to save the herd

*KJV (Ezekiel 34: 17, 22-24) 17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats....22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.*

Who is this promised shepherd? That must be Jesus, no doubt.  
Jesus will judge between sheep and goats:

*KJV (Matthew 25: 31-34) 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

Jesus as King will receive the throne of David:

*KJV (Luke 1:32) 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:*

*KJV (Revelation 22:16) 16 ... I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

*KJV (Matthew 21: 1-5) 1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, 2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. 3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. 4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.*

(See also the prophecy in Zechariah 9: 9)

Prophecy against Edom and Mount Seir

Edom is the descendants of Esau, the twin brother of Jacob.

God had given Mount Seir to Esau for a possession. (Deuteronomy 2: 5)

*KJV (Ezekiel 35: 2-5) 2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, 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 hatred, 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:*

Esau was the firstborn (twin) son of Isaac, but for a plate of red lentil soup he squandered his birthright to Jacob. (Genesis 25: 30-34)

The descendants of Esau, the Edomite's, were extremely hostile to Israel:

*KJV (Amos 1:11) 11 Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:*

*The restoration of the land of Israel and the bringing back of the Jewish people*

*KJV (Ezekiel 36: 24-26, 37-38) 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.....37 Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. 38 As the holy 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.*

*36 verse 24: 'For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries'*

This verse has to do with the dead bones' prophecy of Ezekiel 37: 1, the resurrection (of the dead) and the new residence Israel for the Jews on the new earth. This will be explained further in this newsletter.

*36 verse 26: 'and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh'*

A heart of stone is an unfeeling or unconscientious heart. A heart of flesh is a conscientious heart:

*KJV (Hebrews 10:22) 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

The heart is full of burning love when we are open to God's word:

*KJV (Luke 24:32) 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*

*36 verse 38: 'As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts'*

Ezekiel prophesies the same as written in Revelation, a holy flock, the Saints:

*KJV (Revelation 7: 4-8) 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. 5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. 7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.*

The first Jewish disciples of Jesus were sanctified after Jesus resurrection during Pentecost +/- 33 AD:

*KJV (Acts 2: 1-4) 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*The vision of the bones and the recovery of the people*

*KJV (Ezekiel 37: 1, 12-14, 21, 24-25) 1 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, ...12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, 14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord....21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: .....24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.*

Both Job and Daniel wrote already about the future resurrection:

*KJV (Job 14:12) 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.*

*KJV (Daniel 12: 2) 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

First, the deceased saints will receive a resurrection, then the living saints will be changed in an instant, and then they all will be caught up to meet the Lord during the last (7th) trumpet:

*KJV (1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17) 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:....*

*KJV (1 Corinthians 15: 51-52) 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

Deceased Jews and non-Jews who do not belong to the saints, the rest, will be resurrected only after a thousand years:

*KJV (Revelation 20: 5, 12) 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection..... 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand*



*before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

Or as Jesus said about ‘the rest of the dead’:

*KJV (Matthew 5: 5) 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

*37 verse 24 ‘And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd:*

This verse describes again (as well as Ezekiel 34: 22-24) the eternal Kingship of Jesus, the Kingdom of Peace:

*KJV (Zechariah 9: 10) 10 ....and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.*

*KJV (Luke 1: 30-33) 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

#### The prophecy of Gog

*KJV (Ezekiel 38: 2-4,11-12,15-16) 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: ....11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land....15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: 16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.*

*KJV (Ezekiel 39: 1-4,9,12) 1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: 3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. 4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured....9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: ...12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.*

This part of God from the land of Magog we shall discuss slightly more extensive.

*38 verse 11: 'And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'*

This not walled country, where people are living quiet and carefree without protection and locks on the doors can impossibly be the Israel of this end time. It is Israel on the New Earth. (See Newsletters: 5. New Jerusalem; part 2 <http://www.dojc.nl/?p=3330&lang=en>)

*KJV (Isaiah 65:17) 17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. The former things shall not be remembered, they will not come into mind.*

*KJV (Isaiah 66:22) 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall stand your seed and your name.*

*KJV (2 Peter 3:13) 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

*38 verse 12: 'upon the people that are gathered out of the nations'*

The scattered dead Jews, the faithful ones, will be reunited in the promised land of Israel, now on the promised New Earth:

*KJV (Ezekiel 28: 25-26) 25 Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. 26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.*

*KJV (Hosea 3: 5) 5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.*

### **God's day of wrath**

Also Ezekiel speaks of the day of God's wrath:

*KJV (Ezekiel 7:19) 19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.*

No wealth can protect people on the day of God's wrath.

God's day is not one single event, but refers to any period in which God has acted against the enemies of his people.

In order to better position the day of God's wrath in Ezekiel, we will deepen this day:

### **Some examples of God's day in the Old Testament**

*KJV (Isaiah 13: 1, 6) 1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see... 6 Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; ....*

*KJV (Jeremiah 46: 1-2, 10) 1 The word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles; 2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah .....10 For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, ... (For the destruction of Egypt see also Ezekiel 30: 1-19)*

*ESV (Isaiah 21: 16, 22: 5) 16 For thus the Lord said to me, "Within a year, according to the years of a hired worker, all the glory of Kedar will come to an end....22:5 For the Lord God of hosts has a day of tumult and trampling and confusion in the valley of vision, a battering down of walls and a shouting to the mountains.*

(Genesis 25: 12-13 With Kedar are meant the descendants of Ishmael, son of Abraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, the handmaid of Sarah, bore to Abraham.)

*KJV (Zephaniah 1: 4-7) 4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests; 5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham; 6 And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired for him. 7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: ....*

During 'Gods day', wrath is poured out, mostly on the enemies of his people, but sometimes to put an end to idolatry among his own people.

### *God's great and awesome day at the end time*

*KJV (Joel 2: 28-31) 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.*

*KJV (Acts 2: 16-21) 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*KJV (Malachi 4: 5-6) 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

God's great and awesome day at the end time refers to the Great War at Har-Mágedon.



## Gods' day on the New Earth

On the new earth, God will have to intervene again, now for the last time.

Brief overview of the recovery new earth:

In the end time, Satan will first be bound a thousand years in the abyss:

*KJV (Revelation 20: 2) 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*

The 144,000 saints may reign with Jesus as kings and priests:

*KJV (Revelation 20: 4) 4 ..... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

The heavenly New Jerusalem descends to the New Earth, God's glory will be with the people:

*KJV (Revelation 21: 1-4) 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

After a thousand years, the rest of the dead will receive a resurrection from Hades:

*KJV (Revelation 20: 5, 12, 15) 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ... 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works..... 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Those who have done well, who are written in the book of life, will receive life on the new earth, but they who have done evil will be erased as a result of that righteous judgment.

After these thousand years, Satan will be released for a short period, where he will mislead many and finally will be erased:

*KJV (Revelation 20: 7-10) 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

Many people - who were written in the book of life - will degenerate into godless behavior after their resurrection and will yet be erased from the book of life. Then, access to the New Jerusalem will be denied to them and thus also access to the tree of life:

*KJV (Revelation 21:27) 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

*KJV (Revelation 22: 14-15) 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

*KJV (Joel 3: 17-18, 21) 17 So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim.... 21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.*

*On the New Earth God will intervene for the last time:*

*KJV (Ezekiel 39: 1-8) 1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: 3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. 4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. 5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God. 6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the Lord. 7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. 8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken.*

*KJV (Isaiah 2: 1-4, 12) 1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the 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. 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more..... 12 For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:*

*KJV (Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 14-15) 3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger..... 3:14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. 15 The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.*

*KJV (Obadiah 1: 1, 8-10, 15, 21) 1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom:... 8 Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? 9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. 10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever..... 15 For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head..... 21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.*

After this last intervention of God on the New Earth, peace will be abundant.

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### **The vision of the new temple, as further described in Ezekiel chapter 40-42**

*KJV (Ezekiel 40: 1-2) 1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me thither. 2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.*

This prophecy speaks of the New Jerusalem, the temple that will be built, led by the Sprout (Jesus):

*KJV (Jeremiah 23: 5-6) 5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch (Sprout), and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness.*

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### **The glory of God comes into the new temple**

*KJV (Ezekiel 43: 1-5) 1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: 2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. 3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. 5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house.*

The glory of God is forever in the new temple as described in Ezekiel chapter 40-42:

*KJV (Ezekiel 37: 25-28) 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.*

*KJV (Ezekiel 43: 7-9) 7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. 8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. 9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever*

Ezekiel chapter 44-46 describes the regulations for the new temple with its service:

*KJV (Ezekiel 44: 9) 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.*

*KJV (Ezekiel 46: 13-15) 13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the Lord of a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning. 14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the Lord. 15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.*

Although Jesus brought the perfect sacrifice for all sin, the reconciliation of the house of Israel requires the described sacrifices in the New Jerusalem:

*KJV (Ezekiel 45:17) 17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.*

The water that flows from the temple

*KJV (Ezekiel 47: 1, 12) 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 side of the altar..... .12 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 his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.*

*KJV (Zechariah 14: 6-9) 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: 7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor*

*night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. 8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.*

*KJV (Revelation 22: 1-2) 1 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. 2 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.*

*Furthermore, in Ezekiel chapter 47 and 48 is written the division of the land of Israel.*

*KJV (Ezekiel 48:35) 35 ....and the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there.*

### **Finally:**

According to our research, it is irrefutable that Ezekiel describes the New Jerusalem on the New Earth:

- 1 Ezekiel 34:22 The Judgment
- 2 Ezekiel 34:23 Jesus as a prince among the people
- 3 Ezekiel 36:38 The Saints
- 4 Ezekiel 37:12 The Resurrection
- 5 Ezekiel 37:24 New Jerusalem has come down
- 6 Ezekiel 37:25 To live forever in Israel
- 7 Ezekiel 38:11 Houses without lock, without gates
- 8 Ezekiel 43: 4 God's glory resides with the people

Gog and Magog are thus indications for the enemies of God's people on the New Earth. That is not yet an issue, so we leave it at that.

Ezekiel preached about future freedom for the Jews in exile, as also Joel writes:

*ESV (Joel 3: 1-2) 1 “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations....*

Jesus said in Luke, that it also was his mission to preach release of suppression to the Jewish people:

*KJV (Luke 4: 18-19) 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”*

On the New Earth, many (pagan) nations will go on its way to the New Jerusalem to be taught by the word of YHWH, for picking eternal fruits of truth. (Micah 4: 1-7)  
And animals will have a peaceful behavior on the New Earth:



*KJV (Isaiah 11: 6) 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*



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