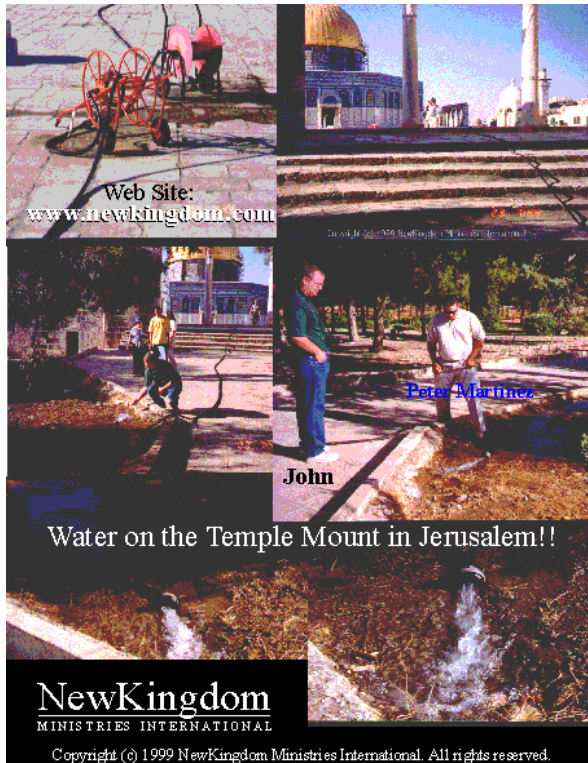


# The River of Revival

**Ezekiel 47:1-5, 9** <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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 ... <sup>9</sup>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.



These pictures were taken on June 23, 1999 at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The hose you see originates in a hole just North of the Dome of the Rock. Some believe that this is the beginning of Ezekiel 47 being fulfilled before our eyes, since the Bible prophesies a great river flowing out from under the threshold of the future Temple on that site. We know two things for certain about this prophecy ...

The final fulfillment will definitely occur in the

## FUTURE

Like other prophecies, it contains a spiritual

## PARALLEL

## 1. Water To The Ankles – My Walk

- **WALK** is often used in Scripture for conduct in life, general demeanor, and deportment. Thus it is said that Enoch and Noah “walked with God,” i.e., they maintained a course of action conformed to God’s will and acceptable in His sight. In the OT and NT we find God promising to walk with His people, and His people, on the other hand, desiring the influence of the Holy Spirit that they may walk in His statutes. (*Unger’s Bible Dictionary, page 1358*)

- **REPENTANCE is part of my walk with God**

**Ephesians 5:8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are* ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

- **BAPTISM is part of my walk with God**

**Romans 6:4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- **The HOLY GHOST is part of my walk with God**

**Romans 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**Galatians 5:16** *This I say* then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

- **HOLINESS is part of my walk with God**

**Ephesians 4:1** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

**Colossians 1:10** That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**2 John 6** And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

**1 John 1:6-7** <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

- **The local CHURCH is part of my walk with God**

**Philippians 3:17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-4** <sup>1</sup>Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. <sup>2</sup>For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup>For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: <sup>4</sup>That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

**3 John 4** I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

- Of all the times the word “church” is used in the Bible, only **FOUR TIMES** does Scripture refer to the “universal church.” **EVERY OTHER TIME**, the Bible is referring to the ... **LOCAL CHURCH**
- There are over **30** commands in the New Testament alone that **YOU CANNOT OBEY** unless you are committed to a ... **LOCAL CHURCH**
- There are **58** “one anothers” in the Bible, such as:
  - Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
  - Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
  - Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
  - Greet one another (Romans 16:16)
  - Bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2)
  - Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)
  - Honor one another (Romans 12:10)
  - Teach one another (Romans 15:14)
  - Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
  - Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- The New Testament church family is all about ... **MUTUAL MINISTRY**
- A Christian who has no membership in a local church is an **ORPHAN**

## 2. Water To The Knees – My Worship

- **KNEE**: To “bow” the knee is to perform an act of worship ... Kneeling in prayer was a practice of great antiquity, and references are made to it in both the OT and NT ... Knees are used symbolically for persons (Job 4:4, Hebrews 12:12). (*Unger’s Bible Dictionary, page 746*)

**Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

**Psalms 95:6** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

**Romans 14:11** For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

**Ephesians 3:14** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Philippians 2:10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

- The “knee” represents a **LIFESTYLE** of **WORSHIP**

## 3. Water To The Loins – My Witness

- **WITNESS**: In the NT the original notion of a witness is exhibited in the special form of one who attests his belief in the gospel by personal suffering. Hence it is that the use of the ecclesiastical term “martyr” has arisen. (*Unger’s Bible Dictionary, page 1369*)
- The word “witness” comes from the Greek word “martureo” which means to “testify.”

**Luke 24:48** And ye are witnesses of these things.

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**Acts 4:33** And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

**Matthew 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

**Revelation 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- To be a “witness” is to **GIVE YOUR LIFE** to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## 4. Waters To Swim In – God’s Wave

- When we finally enter “waters to swim in,” we will have walked with God in the shallow parts, and we will know for sure that ... **WE ARE IN OVER OUR HEADS**
- If you take a class on surfing, you are taught everything you need to know about surfing: how to choose the right equipment and use it properly, how to recognize a surfable wave and catch it, how to ride a wave as long as possible and get off it without wiping out. But you’ll never find a course that teaches ... **HOW TO CREATE A WAVE**
- God makes the waves; surfers just ride them. No surfer tries to create waves, but they do make the most of them when they happen!
- “Spiritual Surfing” is the art of ... **CATCHING THE WAVES THAT GOD MAKES**
- Are YOU ready for the “next wave”?

