

Ezekiel 47:1–12

New International Version (NIV)

The River From the Temple

¹The 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.

³As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. ⁴He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. ⁵He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. ⁶He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. 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. ¹⁰Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. ¹¹But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. ¹²Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

Big Idea

**The Holy Spirit brings
overwhelmingly abundant**

_____ and _____

**wherever He goes,
though we often**

_____ for too little,

**_____ the small beginnings,
or give ___ before it comes**

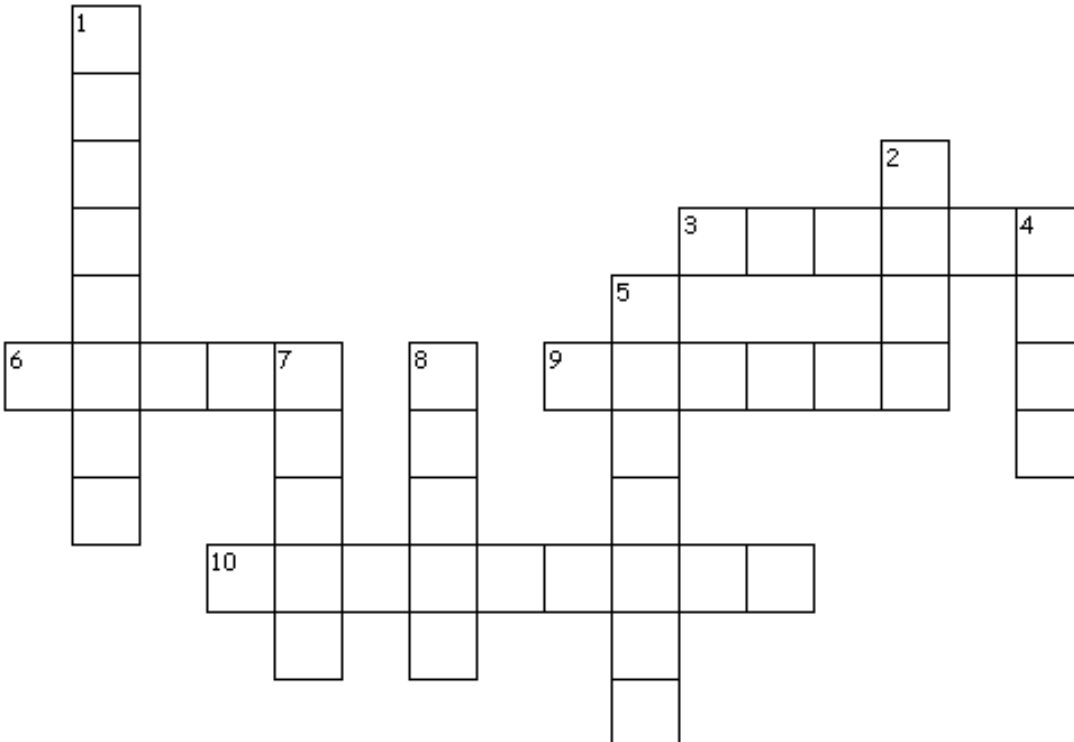


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 z l i j x j w a m e f c d v h
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Word List

altar
 ankle
 cubits
 fisherman
 fresh
 gate
 healing
 knee
 salt
 sanctuary
 temple
 thousand
 threshold
 waist
 water



Across

3. he measured off a thousand ____ and then led me through water that was ankle-deep
6. I saw ____ coming out from under the threshold of the temple
9. The man brought me back to the entrance to the ____
10. As the man went eastward with a ____ line in his hand...

Down

1. He measured off another ____ cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep.
2. so where the river flows everything will ____
4. the water had risen and was deep enough to ____ in—a river that no one could cross
5. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for ____.
7. Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the ____.
8. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes ____.

