

THE NAME JEHOVAH



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Leader's Notes

INTRODUCTION

In this series of studies we have been looking at the covenantal names of Jehovah or Yahweh. The seventh and last name is found at the end of the book of Ezekiel, and it is the name 'The Lord (Jehovah) is there.' What a wonderful name! And we can know and experience the reality of that name through the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING **Ezekiel 48:35**

To help us understand the significance of this name, let's look more closely at the book of Ezekiel. One of the main themes in Ezekiel is the 'glory of the Lord'.

✧ What do you think it means when it says 'the glory of the Lord'? Discuss.

The glory of the Lord is the manifest presence of God among his people, revealed in such a way that they can experience him with their human senses. During the time of Moses the people of Israel saw the glory of God, and when they had constructed the Tabernacle his presence remained in the Holy of Holies. Later when King Solomon built the Temple, the glory of God filled that place. Sadly, there came a day when that glory left the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. This is what Ezekiel saw in a vision.

✧ Describe what Ezekiel saw in this vision. Ezekiel 10:4, 18-19, 11:22-23
(Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord arise and move to the threshold of the temple, then it moved to the east gate of the temple. Finally it left the city and went to the mountain east of the city, which would have been the Mount of Olives.)

✧ Why did the glory of the Lord leave the temple and the city? Ezekiel 8:6-9, 9:9
(It was because of the wicked and detestable things the people had done in the temple, as well as the sin of the house of Israel and Judah.)

After the withdrawal of the presence of the Lord, terrible judgments were predicted by Ezekiel, and yet despite this, there were promises of restoration. As you come to the end of the book of Ezekiel you read that there will be a restoration of the nation of Israel and the temple will be rebuilt.

✧ Describe how the glory of the Lord will be restored in those days. See Ezekiel 43:1-7
(The glory of the Lord came from the east and entered the temple through the gate that faced in that direction and he heard the Lord say, "This is where I will live among the Israelites forever.")

We have not yet seen this final restoration take place, but it will! God's desire has always been to dwell among his people. However, as we look at this last covenantal name for Jehovah, we see it has also been fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 1:14 it says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

✧ What promises did Jesus give to his followers? John 14:16, 17, 20, 1 Corinthians 6:19
(Jesus promised he would send us the Counsellor, or the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever. He will live with us and be in us, and our bodies become the temple of the Holy Spirit.)

✧ Share what it means to you, knowing that God's presence lives in you, and that he is always with you.

CONCLUSION

God's desire has always been to live with his people. From the time when Moses and the Israelites constructed the Tabernacle, until that day when Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord depart, God's presence had been among his people. Ezekiel prophesied that restoration would come! It began with the coming of Jesus.

Jesus was the glory of God revealed to us in the flesh. He promised to send his Spirit to anyone who believes in him. Whatever you are going through, however you are feeling, if you have given your life to Jesus, he is with you and has promised he will never leave you. In Hebrews 13:5 it says, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." The Lord is there for you!