

The pool of Bethesda and the river of Ezekiel

The church

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a **pool**, which is called in the Hebrew tongue **Bethesda**, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the **moving** of the water. ⁴ For an **angel** went down at a certain **season** into the pool, and **troubled** the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was **made whole** of whatsoever disease he had. ⁵ And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? ⁷ The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. ⁸ Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. ⁹ And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. John 5:1-9

¹⁴ Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. John 5:14

- A multitude in need
- Angelic activity
- Stirring
- Healing
- Acknowledgement of need
- Faith
- Restoration
- Teaching

Pool - g2861. κολυμβήθρα kolymbēthra; a diving-place, i.e. pond for bathing (or swimming): — pool. AV (5) - pool 5; a place for diving, a swimming hole, a reservoir or **pool for bathing**

Bethesda - g0964. Βηθεσδα Bēthesda; of Aramaic origin (compare h1004 and h2617); house of kindness; Beth-esda, a pool in Jerusalem: — Bethesda. AV (1) - Bethesda 1; Bethesda = "house of mercy" or "flowing water"; the name of a pool near the sheep-gate at Jerusalem, whose waters had curative powers

Moving - g2796. κίνησις kinēsis; from **2795**; a stirring: — moving. AV (1) - moving 1; a moving, agitation

g2795. κινέω kineō; from κίω kiō (poetic for εἶμι eimi, to go); to stir (transitively), literally or figuratively: — (re-)move(-r), way. AV (8) - move 4, wag 2, remove 1, mover 1; to cause to go, i.e. to move, set in motion, to be moved, move: of that motion which is evident in life to move from a place, to remove; metaph. to move excite a riot, disturbance to throw into commotion.

Angel - g0032. ἄγγελος aggelos; from ἀγγέλλω aggelō (probably derived from 71; compare 34) (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an “angel”; by implication, a pastor: — angel, messenger. AV (186) - angel 179, messenger 7; a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God

Season - g2540. καιρός kairos; of uncertain affinity; an occasion, i.e. set or proper time: — x always, opportunity, (convenient, due) season, (due, short, while) time, a while. Compare 5550. AV (87) - time 64, season 13, opportunity 2, due time 2, always + g1722 + g3956 2, not tr 1, misc 3; due measure, a measure of time, a larger or smaller portion of time, hence: a fixed and definite time, the time when things are brought to crisis, the decisive epoch waited for opportune or seasonable time, the right time, a limited period of time to what time brings, the state of the times, the things and events of time

Troubled - g5015. ταρασσω tarassō; of uncertain affinity; to stir or agitate (roil water): — trouble. AV (17) - trouble 17; to agitate, trouble (a thing, by the movement of its parts to and fro) to cause one inward commotion, take away his calmness of mind, disturb his equanimity to disquiet, make restless, to stir up, to trouble, to strike one's spirit with fear and dread to render anxious or distressed, to perplex the mind of one by suggesting scruples or doubts

Made whole

Made - g1096. γίνομαι ginomai; a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be (“gen”-erate), i.e. (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.): — arise, be assembled, be(-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, + God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, x soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

AV (678) - be 255, come to pass 82, be made 69, be done 63, come 52, become 47, God forbid + g3361 15, arise 13, have 5, be fulfilled 3, be married to 3, be preferred 3, not tr 14, misc 4, vr done 2; to become, i.e. to come into existence, begin to be, receive being to become, i.e. to come to pass, happen of events, to arise, appear in history, come upon the stage of men

appearing in public, to be made, finished of miracles, to be performed, wrought, to become, be made

Whole - g5199. ὑγιής *hygiēs*; from the base of 837; healthy, i.e. well (in body); figuratively, true (in doctrine): — sound, whole. AV (14) - whole 13, sound 1; sound of a man who is sound in body, to make one whole i.e. restore him to health. A teaching which does not deviate from the truth.

Wilt thou be made whole? ⁷ The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man... John 5:6-7

Rehearsing the things of man, the ways of man, not opening the thinking to the ways of God... looking for things to be done the way they have always been done, or experiences in the physical.

Drawn by miracles> coming to get versus give> show them Jesus> sin no more – get clean, get right> foundational teaching (milk)> pneumatikos principles and practices - fivefold, tongues, diversities of tongues, proskuneo (meat)> Jump into the river!

On-guard... pools can stagnate, they need to be stirred, troubled by angels! Lakewood AG versus The Fathers Church... Ministering with Angels.

The Saints Network

¹ Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house (*Ezekiel's Temple... the temple of God*); 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 (purpose) of the house, at the south side of the altar. ² 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*. ³ 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 (willing to follow where God leads... initial steps in partnership). ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees (we kneel – barak, before Him and accept our commissioning from Him). Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins (here, we have entered into our foundational identity as sons and are functioning from the ma'ah place according to His plan in partnership and leading of the Holy Spirit). ⁵ 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.

⁶ And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. ⁷ Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the **desert**, and go into the sea: which being

brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be **healed**.⁹ 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.¹⁰ And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth **nets**; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.¹¹ *But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.*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. Ezekiel 47:1-12

Waters - h4325. מַיִם mayim; dual of a primitive noun (but used in a singular sense); water; figuratively, juice; by euphemism, urine, semen: — + piss, wasting, water(-ing, (-course, -flood, -spring)). AV (582) - water 571, piss 2, waters + h6440 2, watersprings 2, washing 1, watercourse + h4161 1, waterflood 1, watering 1, variant 1; water, water of the feet, urine, of danger, violence, transitory things, refreshment (fig.)

thousand cubits – 1,500', five football fields in length

River - h5158. נַחַל naḥal; or (feminine) נַחֲלָה nachlah (Psalm 124:4), nakh«-law; or נַחֲלָה nachalah (Ezekiel 47:19; 48:28), nakh-al-aw; from 5157 in its original sense; a stream, *especially a winter torrent*; (by implication) a (narrow) valley (in which a brook runs); also a shaft (of a mine): — brook, flood, river, stream, valley. AV (141) - river 56, brook 46, valley 23, stream 11, flood 5; [read River of God, Line upon Line].

Desert - h6160. עֲרָבָה 'āraḇā; from 6150 (in the sense of sterility); a desert; especially (with the article prefix) the (generally) sterile valley of the Jordan and its continuation to the Red Sea: — Arabah, campaign, desert, evening, heaven, plain, wilderness. See also 1026.

AV (61) - plain 42, desert 9, wilderness 5, Arabah 2, campaign 1, evenings 1, heavens 1; desert plain, steppe, desert, wilderness

Healed - h7495. רָפָא rāḫā; or רָפָה raphah; a primitive root; properly, to mend (by stitching), i.e. (figuratively) to cure: — cure, (cause to) heal, physician, repair, x thoroughly, make whole. See 7503. AV (67) - heal 57, physician 5, cure 1, repaired 1, misc 3;

Nets - h2764. חֶרֶם ḥêrem; or (Zechariah 14:11) חֶרֶם cherem; from 2763; physical (as shutting in) a net (either literally or figuratively); usually a doomed object; abstr. extermination: — (accuse(-d), -d thing), dedicated thing, things which should have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) utter destruction, devoted (thing), net.

AV (38) - net 9, accursed thing 9, accursed 4, curse 4, cursed thing 3, devoted 3, destruction 2,

devoted thing 2, dedicated thing 1, destroyed 1; a thing devoted, thing dedicated, ban, devotion
a net, thing perforated have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) utter destruction

¹¹ *But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. Ezekiel 47:11*

River of
God
English

A term in the OT translated from the Heb. word *nachal* ([h5158](#)). The essence of the **river** is for going into places of all cultures, customs and thought to restore them to God's ways. It is sent to establish the rule and function of the Throne of God and to bring people away from things repulsive to God so that they begin to serve Him. The **river** flowing from the threshold represents the soles of our feet (dominion), our minds (who we are in God-our identity) and the palms of our hands (partnership). The glory of the Lord stands over the threshold. It is a point of power that has to do with partnership and who is in control. It was used to describe what the Spirit showed to Ezekiel of the waters that issued out from under the door of the Temple of the Tabernacle of Testimony. This **river** has phases of development, and the waters were measured by the thousands at every phase. The word "thousands" is translated from the Heb. word *elep*, meaning oxen. This was describing how the water flowed out from the TTT in straight lines, like the oxen would plow a field, in perfect order. The first phase of development describes water to the ankles, meaning we are willing to go where God leads. We are beginning to accept His plan, and we need to gird ourselves so that we do not lose our positioning. The second phase of development describes water to the knees, meaning we must kneel (*barak*) before God to receive our commissioning to represent Him. This word is also used to speak of lightning (denoting sons that would be sent forth), and it is the name of one of the stones in the breastplate. The third phase of development describes waters to the loins, meaning we have entered into our foundational identity and function from that *ma'ah* place according to God's plan. We are empowered by the partnership we have entered into with the Father and are functioning by virtue of the Spirit. The waters will now flow like rivers of living water from this central place within us. We are also functioning with the leaves of the trees for the healing of the nations. The fourth phase of development describes waters that cannot be passed over. This is speaking of many streams that cannot be predicted or passed over; therefore, we have to be able to flow and move with them.