SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 46

The Prince and the Gate: Morning by Morning

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 46:9

"But when the people of the land come before the LORD at the appointed feasts, he who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And he who enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered but shall go straight out."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 46

This week God invites you into a rhythm — morning by morning, sabbath by sabbath — and He promises that no one who truly meets Him walks back out the same way he came in. He also guards the weak from the strong, and He spreads a table in His own house. Come in, bow low, and let Him send you out changed.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

At the Threshold

READ · EZEKIEL 46:1–8

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

When is the inner east gate shut, when is it opened, and where does the prince stand to worship (vv1–2)?

REFLECT

The most powerful man in the land bows at the threshold beside the common people (vv2–3). What does that say about who you are before God?

REFLECT

With the lambs, the worshiper gives "as much as he is able to give" (v5). Where are you giving God the minimum when He would welcome more?

RESPOND — TODAY

Find a quiet spot today and literally bow — knees on the floor — and tell God He is the King and you are not.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 46:9)

DAY 2 OF 5

Out Another Gate

READ · EZEKIEL 46:9–12

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How do the people enter and leave at the feasts, and where is the prince while they do it (vv9–10)?

REFLECT

“No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered” (v9). What gate did you come in by — and what would it mean to leave by a different one?

REFLECT

The prince goes in among the people (v10). Who are the men you are called to walk with rather than above?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one old habit or old road you walked in on, and tell God and one brother which direction you're heading out instead.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Morning by Morning

READ · EZEKIEL 46:13–15

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How often is the lamb offered, and what words show this is meant to keep going (vv13–15)?

REFLECT

"Morning by morning" comes three times in these verses. What usually gets the first minutes of your day, and why?

REFLECT

The lamb is "a year old without blemish" (v13) — the best, not the leftovers. What would giving God your best hour look like where you live?

RESPOND — TODAY

Tomorrow morning, before your phone, the TV or the count, give God the first ten minutes — read a few verses and pray.

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DAY 4 OF 5

The Year of Liberty

READ · EZEKIEL 46:16–18

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What happens to a gift given to a son, to a gift given to a servant, and what may the prince never do (vv16–18)?

REFLECT

God built in "the year of liberty" (v17), when what was lost came home. What have you lost that you are asking God to restore?

REFLECT

The prince is forbidden to take the people's land "so that My people will not be scattered" (v18). Where have you taken from someone with a stronger hand or a stronger voice?

RESPOND — TODAY

If you have taken something — credit, time, money, respect — make one step toward giving it back today.

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DAY 5 OF 5

A Table in God's House

READ · EZEKIEL 46:19–24

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where do the priests cook the holy offerings, and where are the people's sacrifices boiled (vv20, 24)?

REFLECT

The holy offerings are kept inside so they are not handled carelessly (v20). What holy thing — God's Word, His name, His table — have you treated casually?

REFLECT

God planned kitchens in His house so His people could eat before Him (vv21–24). How has a shared meal with believers ever been worship for you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Share a meal or a snack with another believer this week, and thank God out loud for it together.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Why do you think God made the prince stand at the threshold rather than serve as a priest (v2)?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

What does the one-way traffic of the feasts teach about real change after meeting God (v9)?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

How do the rules about the prince's land protect ordinary families, and where do we need that protection today (vv16–18)?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, meet me morning by morning, and don't let me leave Your presence the way I came in, because…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 46:9

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