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Ezk. 48:35 *“The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. And the name of the city from that time on will be: The LORD is there.”*

The LORD is there; Jehovah Shammah. Allow yourself to picture this in your own life. The LORD is there. Not, the LORD is passing by, or the LORD is visiting, but the LORD is there. What a refreshing reminder of the fact that the LORD desires to come and dwell with His children. He doesn't want to be an occasional guest. He wants to abide in you and you in Him. The name Jerusalem, as it is translated, was the place where God wanted to dwell with His people. It was there that Jesus came to offer Himself up as a ransom for all mankind. It is there that He will return (and I believe it will be very soon).

God has always desired to dwell with us. Even in the garden, the LORD walked with Adam and Eve. He could be anywhere, doing anything else, but He desires to be with His children. He loves to be with His family. That is why Jesus stated in **John 15:5**, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

Are you allowing Jesus to come and abide in you? It is telling in **Rev. 3:20** that Jesus was addressing a church that was “lukewarm” by saying: *“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me.”* The LORD wants to be there with you. He wants you to be there with Him. He continues to call. He tore the veil. He paid the price on the cross. He shed His innocent blood. He has given everything for you and me. There is no greater sacrifice than what He has given. Could there ever be anyone that would be greater to have living with you?

Dear LORD, come and stay in our hearts and in our lives. Come and abide in us. Take up Your residence in Your children. We want You to be here in our midst; in our families; in our country; and in our hearts. In Jesus Name, Amen.