

Deuteronomy 11:10-12

For the land that you are entering
to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt,
from which you have come,
where you sowed your seed and irrigated it,
like a garden of vegetables.

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But the land that you are going over to possess
is a land of hills and valleys,
which drinks water by the rain from heaven,
a land that the LORD your God cares for.

The eyes of the LORD your God
are always upon it,
from the beginning of the year
to the end of the year.

Jeremiah 2:12-13

Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Psalm 46:1-7

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear
though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved
into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Psalm 46:1-7

There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:10-11

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

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Jeremiah 17:9, 13-14

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

O LORD, the hope of Israel,
all who forsake you shall be put to shame...
They have forsaken the LORD,
the fountain of living water.
Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.

Then he brought me back
to the door of the temple,
and behold, water was issuing from below
the threshold of the temple toward the east
(for the temple faced east).

The water was flowing down from below
the south end of the threshold of the temple,
south of the altar.

Ezekiel 47:2

Then he brought me out by way of the north gate
and led me around on the outside to the outer gate
that faces toward the east;
and behold, the water was trickling out
on the south side.

Ezekiel 47:3

Going on eastward
with a measuring line in his hand,
the man measured a thousand cubits,
and then led me through the water,
and it was ankle-deep.

Ezekiel 47:4

Again he measured a thousand,
and led me through the water,
and it was knee-deep.

Again he measured a thousand,
and led me through the water,
and it was waist-deep.

Ezekiel 47:5-6a

Again he measured a thousand,
and it was a river that I could not pass through,
for the water had risen.

It was deep enough to swim in,
a river that could not be passed through.

And he said to me,
“Son of man, have you seen this?”

Ezekiel 47:6b-8

Then he led me back to the bank of the river.
As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river
very many trees on the one side
and on the other.

And he said to me,
“This water flows toward the eastern region
and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea;
when the water flows into the sea,
the water will become fresh.”

Ezekiel 47:9

“And wherever the river goes,
every living creature that swarms will live,
and there will be very many fish.
For this water goes there,
that the waters of the sea may become fresh;
so everything will live where the river goes.”

Ezekiel 47:10-11

“Fishermen will stand beside the sea.
From Engedi to En-eglaim it will be
a place for the spreading of nets.
Its fish will be of very many kinds,
like the fish of the Great Sea.

“But its swamps and marshes
will not become fresh;
they are to be left for salt.”

Ezekiel 47:12

“And on the banks, on both sides of the river,
there will grow all kinds of trees for food.

Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail,
but they will bear fresh fruit every month,
because the water for them
flows from the sanctuary.

Their fruit will be for food,
and their leaves for healing.”

THE RIVER OF THE WATER OF LIFE

- A message to the empty.
Come to the living waters! Look to Christ!

John 3:1-8: Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he

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- From God alone!
- Increasing as it flows!
- Bringing life, fruitfulness, healing in its wake!

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Look to God in Christ!

John 3:3-8

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to him,
“How can a man be born when he is old?
Can he enter a second time
into his mother’s womb and be born?”

John 3:3-8

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born of water and the Spirit,
he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
That which is born of the flesh is flesh,
and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Do not marvel that I said to you,
‘You must be born again.’
The wind blows where it wishes,
and you hear its sound,
but you do not know where it comes from
or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 4:10, 13-14

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water...”

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day,
Jesus stood up and cried out,
“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Now this he said about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him were to receive,
for as yet the Spirit had not been given,
because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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Luke 17:20-21

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees
when the kingdom of God would come,
Jesus replied,

“The kingdom of God does not come
with your careful observation,
nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’
because the kingdom of God
is in the midst of you.”

(NIV: “the kingdom of God is within you.”)

Psalm 1:1-13

Blessed is the man who walks
not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

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- A message to the depleted:
Come, be refilled!
- A message to the discouraged:
The small stuff matters!
- A message of HOPE for those who believe:
We will see the Lord!

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me
the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
through the middle of the street of the city;
also, on either side of the river,
the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit,
yielding its fruit each month.

The leaves of the tree were
for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold,
a great multitude that no one could number,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples
and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes,
with palm branches in their hands,
and crying out with a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb...!”

Revelation 7:9-17

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them
to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes.