

Genesis 2

¹⁰A **river** flowed out of Eden to water the garden...

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⁹... The **tree of life** was in the midst of the garden...

Genesis 3

¹⁷And to Adam he said...**cursed** is the ground because of you...

Ezekiel 47

¹Then 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...⁹And 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....¹²And 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.**

Psalms 46

⁴There is a **river whose streams make glad the city of God,**
the holy habitation of the Most High.

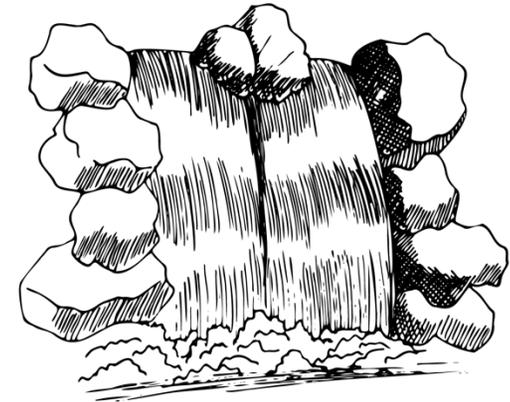
⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

John 7

³⁷On 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.”³⁹ 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.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST



REVELATION 22:1-5

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Revelation is the last book of the Bible and is often treated as “mysterious” and “futuristic.” However, we contend that it only *seems* mysterious because it is full of images rooted in the Old Testament and first century Roman culture—from which we are far removed. A patient and careful reading yields an understanding that is neither bizarre nor exclusively future. Rather, we find the book of Revelation to be presently encouraging and empowering for the people of God. This is because it reveals heaven’s view of events that transpire on earth throughout history—including our history and the history of its original audience.

The Resurrected World

April 9, 2023 | Revelation 22:1-5 | Pastor Roger Williams

(The resurrection of Jesus brings forth
the resurrection of his people and
the resurrection of his world.)

**Jesus' people live as a those who taste resurrection in
a world that desperately needs it.**

Revelation 22

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city.

Life that is and is to come fully.

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.

Healing that is and is to come fully.

³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Security that is and is to come fully.

⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Partnership that is and is to come fully.

1 Corinthians 15

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Ephesians 2

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶and **raised us up with him** and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8

¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that **the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the **firstfruits** of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the **redemption** of our bodies.

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ—**new creation!** The old **has passed away**; behold, the **new** has come.

Revelation 21

Then I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth, for the first heaven and the first earth **had passed away**, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband....