

THERE IS A RIVER

Psa 46:4 *There is a river*, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High. **5** *God is in the midst of her*; she shall not be moved:

“**There is a river**” This was not only a visionary statement; it was a prophetic statement of the heavenly river flowing in the midst of Jerusalem. God was in the midst of the city, because God was in the midst of the river. The sons of Korah saw the river of God in vision. They experienced the river as they worshipped. I have visited Jerusalem and I can say that there is no natural river in Jerusalem, but I have stood near a source of water called the Gihon spring.

Isa 43:18 **Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.** ¹⁹Behold, **I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth**; shall ye not know it? I will even make **a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.** ²⁰The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because **I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.**

Many times we pray for the new wave of glory. At times we have prayed for spiritual revival to rid the church of spiritual lethargy. As God’s river is already in desert places, the new thing (new revelation) is already upon us ready to be released. He wants to give drink to His chosen.

Gen 2:10 **And a river went out of Eden** to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

Hebrew word for “parted” is “parad”. Meaning: self separating, to sever self.
Hebrew word for “heads” is “roshe” It means (to shake; the head)

A river went out of Eden, where Adam was commanded to live and work. The river enlarged and became four heads flowing into every corner of the earth; possibly north, south, east and west. Once spiritually revived, we should take our new “God given” anointing and minister revival glory to all points of the compass, bringing the blessing of signs, wonders and miracles worldwide.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me **a pure river of water** of life, clear as crystal, **proceeding out of the throne of God** and of the Lamb. **2** In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* **for the healing of the nations.**

The Greek word for water is “potamis”. It means drinking or running water.

This pure river is eternally proceeding directly from the throne of God. A tree of life is watered from God’s river. It produces twelve different fruits and its leaves are able to bring healing to nations. The tree has twelve different fruits. Twelve is the number for government. Proper spiritual government leads to spiritual unity and unity will bring spiritual healing to the nations. The secret of the healing virtue is the pure waters proceeding from God’s throne. (Eze 47:12)

Eze 47:12 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.**

Without God’s rivers of water there can be no healings.

Eze 47:4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins.

Eze 47:5 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.**

Eze 47:6 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.**

Ezekial saw an expansive vision with increasing increments and depths. The increasing depth followed the increment of effort. Finally it was river that could not be crossed over. God asked him an amazing question.

“Hast thou seen this?”

God wanted Ezekial to answer so it became etched in his mind and spirit.

Some spirit-filled believers never experience the increasing levels of the river of God. We are ashamed to admit that we don’t see as well as we should in the Spirit. We will see more visions when we swim into deeper waters. This river started as a trickle of water inside the sanctuary. Remember, Jesus asked His disciples to follow Him. He wasn’t in the synagogue at the time. Following God can lead to deeper waters of faith. Jesus asked Peter to launch into the deep. As we follow the trickle we gain confidence to enter waters of a greater depth. God expects the believer to walk to the next level of experience. These waters brought great healing to the land.

Continued worship will bring us deeply into the glory of the Lord. In the glory we will experience the healing waters.

Eze 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as **I was among the captives by the river**

of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

The Heb word for “opened” is “pathach”. It means: “to open wide”. Specifically “to loosen, appear, break forth, let go free.

At the time of Ezekial’s vision, he was living as a captive (Babylonian empire) near a natural river source (Chebar), however I believe Ezekial was in fact a captive of God and for this reason he was able to experience God’s river source; an open heaven. He saw many visions of God. Like Ezekial, we need the river of God in our life to experience the visionary realm.

Psa 65:4 *Blessed is the man whom thou choolest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.*

The Heb. Word for “dwell” is to reside or stay permanently, rest.

Psa 36:7 *How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings* ⁸**They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river** of thy pleasures.

The Heb. Word for “satisfied” is “ravah”. It means “slake the thirst”; to bathe, make drunk, fill, soak.

The Heb. Word for “fatness” is “deshan”. It means “the fat”; the (fatty) ashes of sacrifices.

Notice that God wants to reduce the thirst of our soul “slake the thirst”. However, God needs to see the “fatty ashes of sacrifice”, before He gives us drink from His River. (Psa 36:8) God wants to give you revelations whilst drinking from His River. Church leaders need to make sure that there is spiritual meat and drink in the sanctuary. David was satisfied with the abundance found in the house of God. He drank of the river of God, and constantly tasted of His loving kindness.

God wants us to receive prophetic revelations. We must speak prophecy out of the “river flow”.

“It is given unto us to know.” See Matt 13:11. Unfortunately we seem to have moved beyond the simplicity of parables! The heavenly river realm is made possible because of the “eternal” pure water that proceeds from God’s throne. (Rev 22:1)

God wants to bring us back to the river over and over and over again.

Many believers are so proud about their knowledge and experience of God. There is no end to spiritual growth. We need to swim again and again; going deeper and deeper into the river of God. (Ezekial chapter 47)
Revelation must come from constant flow of the river of God.

Jer 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb **I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet** unto the nations. 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child. 7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

The ministry call can oft times be heard at the brink of the river of God. God wants to rise up ministries that understand how to flow with His river flow in order that they can effectually revive the nations. God is not concerned with age; obedience is what He looks for. “Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak”.

The river is flowing now; jump in and bless someone prophetically.

Eze 47:9 And it shall come to pass, *that* everything 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.**

The river brought life. It resulted in a “very great multitude of fish”

Notice the healing power of God that is in this river.

Heb. “shall be healed” is “rapha”. It means to mend by stitching; to heal or make whole. Everything that was touched by its flow “lived”.

Personal change (naturally and spiritually) is imminent because of the river of God.

So, the river of God is all about revelation; heavenly visions; spiritual knowledge; prophetic power; inner healing and physical healing to name a few. It’s also about waiting and beholding till we know we are drinking at the source of the River. Some ministers will need to drink even more until they experience the changes necessary for greater ministry.

2 Cor 3:18 **But we all,** with open face beholding **as in a glass the glory of the Lord,** are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

The Greek word for image is “eikon”. It means a likeness, statue or profile, resemblance.

When we continually behold the glory of the Lord, the glory of God washes our spirit (inner man) bringing wonderful (image) changes to the inner man. The more we behold His glory, the more we change into His likeness.