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Waters, Rivers

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Water of Life

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Waters, Rivers, Floods and Water of Life.

Topics.

- Overview of water symbolisms, and David saved from many waters.
- Floods swept us away, and words of a man's mouth are deep waters.
- Waters that will overflow into Judah, and Egypt rises like a flood.
- Waters an overflowing torrent, and Pharaoh and troubled waters.
- A river flowing from the throne of God, and a river of God's pleasures.
- Waters and rivers of living water, and the serpent poured out water.
- The earth swallowed the river, that poured out of the dragon's mouth.
- A great prostitute sits on many waters, and spring of the water of life.

OVERVIEW OF WATER AND ITS SYMBOLISM

Waters: signify multitudes of people and nations.

Waters of the sea: being fluid and forever moving, signify the easily moved passions and the fickle emotions of the masses whose heart and belief is not founded upon the solid rock.

Waters of a flood: signify kings and their mighty, fierce, and enormously large and strong armies attacking and sweeping over territories, countries, and nations.

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Deep waters and a bubbling brook: signify words of wisdom being spoken.

Floods and torrents of water: signify powerful enemies.

Living water: signifies the blessing of the Lord's promises and the free-gift of salvation

Many waters: signify great troubles and many enemies.

Surging rivers and floods: signify powerful nations and their armies invading and sweeping over territories, countries, and nations.

Rivers can signify:

- God's Spirit, spiritual joy, and communion with God.
- The presence of the Holy Spirit convicting sinners and healing them to salvation.
- Godly blessings, that the redeemed in Christ receive, of which some are, salvation, comfort, joy, eternal life, the love of God, and everlasting happiness etc.

The following expressions:

- Springs and fountains of the water of life, and wells of salvation.
- Waters that satisfy the thirsty, and springs of water welling up to eternal life.

- Living water flowing out of the heart, and waters of life that are freely given.

All signify, refreshing, vitality and comfort, that will abundantly satisfy the hearts highest expectations and greatest desires, and salvation, and everlasting happiness flowing upon those who are granted to enter the New Jerusalem.

DAVID IS SAVED FROM MANY WATERS

- **Psalm 18:16:** He sent from on high, he took me (David); he drew me out of many waters.

Here many waters, signify great troubles and enemies.

FLOODS SWEEP US AWAY

- **Psalm 124:2-5:** If it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, ³then they would have swallowed us (Israel) up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; ⁴then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; ⁵then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Here floods and torrents of water, signify powerful enemies.

WORDS OF A MAN'S MOUTH ARE DEEP WATERS

- **Proverbs 18:4:** The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook. (Proverbs 18:4).

Here deep waters and a bubbling brook signify words of wisdom being spoken.

WATERS THAT WILL OVERFLOW INTO JUDAH

- **Isaiah 8:7-8:** Therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks, ⁸and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel."

Here the waters of the river, signify the king of Assyria and all his mighty and fierce armies invading like a great flood the city of Damascus, and not only carrying away the spoil of Samaria, but also continuing into the land of Judah and the city of Jerusalem.

EGYPT RISES LIKE THE WATERS OF A FLOOD

- **Jeremiah 46:7-8:** Who is this, rising like the Nile, like rivers whose waters surge? ⁸Egypt rises like the Nile, like rivers whose waters surge. He said, 'I will rise, I will cover the earth, I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.

The rising of the Nile, like rivers whose waters surge, signifies Egypt and its armies invading and sweeping over the nations.

WATERS BECOME AN OVERFLOWING TORRENT

- **Jeremiah 47:2:** Thus, says the LORD: Behold, waters are rising out of the north, and shall become an overflowing torrent; they shall overflow the land and all that fills it, the city and all who dwell in it. Men shall cry out, and every inhabitant of the land shall wail.

Here the waters symbolise Pharaoh, his armies and the stamping hoofs of his stallions, the rushing of his chariots and the rumbling of their wheels, striking down their enemies.

PHARAOH BURST FORTH IN TROUBLED WATERS

- **Ezekiel 32:2:** Son of man, raise a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him: "You consider yourself a lion of the nations, but you are like a dragon in the seas; you burst forth in your rivers, and trouble the waters with your feet, and foul their rivers.

Here God likens Pharaoh to a dragon swimming in the sea and troubling the waters, the troubling waters in this context symbolise the enemies of Pharaoh and Egypt.

A RIVER FLOWING FROM THE THRONE OF GOD

Ezekiel in a vision saw a river flowing from below the door of the temple of God and of that river he wrote:

- **Ezekiel 47:9:** 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.

In this vision, the river began from under the threshold of the House of God, it started as a stream, and as it progressed forward it carried life in its path and brought life to everything it touched. The river here signifies God's Spirit, while the water symbolises spiritual joy and communion with God and the presence of the Holy Spirit convicting sinners and healing them to salvation.

A RIVER OF GOD'S PLEASURES

- **Psalms 36:8:** They (the children of mankind who take refuge in the LORD) feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Here the river signifies: the godly blessings those who trust in God receive, of which some are salvation, comfort, joy, eternal life, the love of God, and everlasting happiness etc.

NEW TESTAMENT

WATERS AND RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

Jesus speaks of living water that will well up to eternal life.

- **John 4:10-14:** 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." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep.

Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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 4:10-14).

John speaks of rivers of living water:

- **John 7:37-38:** 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. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

The living water Jesus and John speak of refers to the blessing of the Lord's promise of the gift of salvation, that is not bought with money, but is freely given. This is the wonder and beauty of the Good News of the Gospel; the gift is free to all. Those who understand this truth will say, "Nothing in my hand I bring" and, "What things were gain to me, I counted loss for Christ."

THE SERPENT POURED OUT WATER LIKE A RIVER

- **Revelation 12:15:** The serpent poured water like a river (as a flood, in the KJV) out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.

The woman signifies the nation of Israel and the Virgin Mary who gave birth to Jesus, and by extension the true and faithful church. The river as a flood, symbolises great and powerful attacks against the faithful and true church that they almost swallowing up Christianity, meaning destroying it, or at least attempting to.

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These attacks include:

- Herod's attempt to kill Mary's child Jesus by having all the infants of Bethlehem, two years old and under killed in the hope of her son being killed amongst them.
- The cruelty and fierceness of the Roman empire against Israel and against Christianity.
- The ten major Roman persecutions that threatened to destroy Christianity.
- The Roman Papal church and its doctrinal errors, and persecutions against faithful followers of Christ who opposed their teachings.
- Any heathen power hostile toward Israel and Christianity, such as Mohamad's armies.
- Persecution, false prophets and false ministers twisting and distorting the Scriptures.
- Powerful secular ruler's hostile toward Christianity and aggressive public opinion against the church.
- Political authorities, nations, and empires hostile toward the Lord Jesus Christ and those who follow him.

These can all be symbolised by the dragon casting out a flood of water after the woman, to carry her away (i.e., destroy her), and at various times throughout history they have caused Christians great suffering and

many deaths. If the serpent the great dragon that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:2), fails in his attempt to destroy Christianity with one method, he will use another.

THE EARTH SWALLOWED THE RIVER THAT Poured OUT OF THE DRAGON'S MOUTH

- **Revelation 12:16:** But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river (flood in the KJV) that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

The statement, "the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth, refers to all the persecutions against Israel and the faithful church mentioned in (v15) (above), and the expression, "the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth," can embrace actions like the following:

- Powerful rulers such as Constantine that rose-up and protected the church (the woman's offspring), by abolishing Christian persecution.
- Secular nations, rulers and governments that allow believers in Christ to dwell in their nation and country without any fear of persecution, and allow Christianity to be freely and openly proclaimed.

A GREAT PROSTITUTE SITS ON MANY WATERS

John in a vision saw a great prostitute seated on many waters.

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- **Revelation 17:1** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters.

The following verses show that the waters, signify, multitudes of people and nations.

- And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. (Rev. 17:15).

Water being fluid and forever moving, also symbolizes the easily-moving passions and the fickle emotions of the masses whose heart, belief and life is not founded upon the solid rock.

WATERS WHERE THE PROSTITUTE IS SEATED

- **Revelation 17:15:** And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.

The waters of the sea are fluid, forever moving, and in the context of this verse symbolise the easily-moved passions and the fickle emotions of the masses whose heart, belief and life is not founded upon the solid rock.

THE SPRING OF THE WATER OF LIFE

- **Revelation 21:6:** And he (who was seated on the throne) said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life (fountains of the water of life freely in KJV) without payment.

The One seated on the throne speaks of a spring of water of life.

Isaiah said:

- With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Isaiah 12:3).
- Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (Isaiah 55:1).

Jesus said:

- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6).
- Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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 4:13-14).
- If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. (John 7:37).
- If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " (John 7:37-38).

The Spirit and the Bride say:

- Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. (Rev. 22:17).

These verses speak of:

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- Waters that satisfy the thirsty, and a spring of water welling up to eternal life.
- Living water flowing out of the heart, and waters of life that are freely given.

These expressions signify:

- Refreshing, vitality and comfort, that will abundantly satisfy the hearts highest expectations and greatest desires.
- Salvation and everlasting happiness flowing upon those who are granted to enter the New Jerusalem.

The Lord will freely give these blessings to all who sincerely and earnestly seek Him and thirst for spiritual life. All who are at this present time in despair of attaining to this most glorious heavenly state, should be encouraged by the following words of Jesus, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink," (John 7:37), and be encouraged by the truth, all these blessings are given as a free, unmerited gift.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.