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• The liquid that is a major constituent of all living matter.
Yehowah is the Source of this liquid.

- Saying in a loud voice; Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of the judgment by him has arrived, and so worship the One who made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of **waters**. (**Revelation 14:7**)
- So essential to the life of man, animals, and vegetation on earth.
- And the people fell to quarreling with Moses and saying; Give us **water** that we may drink. But Moses said to them; Why are you quarreling with me? Why do you keep putting Yehowah to the test? (**Exodus 17:2**)
- And the people went on thirsting there for **water**, and the people kept murmuring against Moses and saying; Why is it that you have brought us up out of Egypt to put us and our sons and our livestock to death by thirst? (**Exodus 17:3**)
- Will a papyrus plant grow tall without a swampy place? Will a reed grow big without **water**? (**Job 8:11**)
- For there exists hope for even a tree. If it gets cut down, it will even sprout again; And its own twig will not cease to be. (**Job 14:7**)
- If its root grows old in the earth and in the dust its stump dies. (**Job 14:8**)
- At the scent of **water** it will sprout and it will certainly produce a bough like a new plant. (**Job 14:9**)
- He changed their **waters** into blood, and proceeded to put their

fish to death. (**Psalms 105:29**)

- For you will become like a big tree the foliage of which is withering, and like a garden that has no **water**. (**Isaiah 1:30**)
- He provides it and can control it.
- Moses now stretched his hand out over the sea, and Yehowah began making the sea go back by a strong east wind all night long and converting the sea basin into dry ground, and the **waters** were being split apart. (**Exodus 14:21**)
- At length the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on dry land, while the **waters** were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. (**Exodus 14:22**)
- And the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all the horses of Pharaoh, his war chariots and his cavalrymen began going in after them, into the midst of the **sea**. (**Exodus 14:23**)
- And it came about during the morning watch that Yehowah began to look out upon the camp of the Egyptians from within the pillar of fire and cloud, and he went throwing the camp of the Egyptians into confusion. (**Exodus 14:24**)
- And he kept taking wheels off their chariots so that they were driving them with difficulty, and the Egyptians began to say; Let us flee from any contact with Israel, because Yehowah certainly fights for them against the Egyptians. (**Exodus 14:25**)
- Finally Yehowah said to Moses; Stretch your hand out over the sea, that the **waters** may come back over the Egyptians, their war chariots and their cavalrymen. (**Exodus 14:26**)
- Moses at once stretched his hand out over the sea, and the sea began to come back to its normal condition at the approaching of morning. All the while the Egyptians were fleeing from encountering it, but Yehowah shook the Egyptians off into the midst of the sea. (**Exodus 14:27**)
- And the **waters** kept coming back. Finally they covered the war chariots and the cavalrymen belonging to all of Pharaoh's military forces and who had gone into the sea after them. Not so much as one among them was let remain. (**Exodus 14:28**)

- As for the sons of Israel, they walked on dry land in the midst of the seabed, and the **waters** were for them a wall on their right hand and on their left. (**Exodus 14:29**)
- To the One giving rain upon the surface of the earth and sending **waters** upon the open fields. (**Job 5:10**)
- Wrapping up the **waters** in his clouds, so that the cloud mass is not split under them. (**Job 26:8**)
- To make a weight for the wind, while he has proportioned the **waters** themselves by a measure. (**Job 28:25**)
- By the breath of God the ice is given and the breadth of **waters** is under constraint. (**Job 37:10**)
- He converts a wilderness into a reedy pool of **water**, and the land of a waterless region into outflows of water. (**Psalms 107:35**)
- God furnished the Israelites with **water**, miraculously when necessary.
- And the entire assembly of the sons of Israel proceeded to depart from the wilderness of Sin by stages, which they took according to the order of Yehowah, and went camping at Rephidim. But there was no **water** for the people to drink. (**Exodus 17:1**)
- And the people fell to quarreling with Moses and saying; Give us **water** that we may drink. But Moses said to them; Why are you quarreling with me? Why do you keep putting Yehowah to the test? (**Exodus 17:2**)
- And the people went on thirsting there for **water**, and the people kept murmuring against Moses and saying; Why is it that you have brought us up out of Egypt to put us and our sons and our livestock to death by thirst? (**Exodus 17:3**)
- Finally Moses cried out to Yehowah, saying; What shall I do with this people? A little longer and they will stone me! (**Exodus 17:4**)
- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Pass in front of the people and take with you some of the older men of Israel and your rod with which you struck the Nile River. Take it in your hand and you

must walk on. (**Exodus 17:5**)

- Look! I am standing before you there on the rock in Horeb. And you must strike on the rock, and **water** must come out of it, and the people must drink it. Subsequently Moses did so under the eyes of the older men of Israel. (**Exodus 17:6**)
- So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the sons of Israel and because of their putting Yehowah to the test, saying; Is Yehowah in our midst or not? (**Exodus 17:7**)
- And bread from heaven you gave them for their hunger, and **waters** out of the crag you brought forth to them for their thirst, and you went on to say to them to enter and possess the land that you had lifted your hand in an oath to give to them. (**Nehemiah 9:15**)
- And your good spirit you gave to make them prudent, and your manna you did not hold back from their mouth, and **water** you gave them for their thirst. (**Nehemiah 9:20**)
- And he went bringing forth streams out of a crag and causing **waters** to descend just like rivers. (**Psalms 78:16**)
- Look! He struck a rock that **waters** might flow and torrents themselves might flood forth. Is he able also to give bread itself, or can he prepare sustenance for his people? (**Psalms 78:20**)
- At that time the lame one will climb up just as a stag does, and the tongue of the speechless one will cry out in gladness. For in the wilderness **waters** will have burst out, and torrents in the desert plain. (**Isaiah 35:6**)
- And the heat-parched ground will have become as a reedy pool, and the thirsty ground as springs of **water**. In the abiding place of jackals, a resting-place for them, there will be green grass with reeds and papyrus plants. (**Isaiah 35:7**)
- The wild beast of the field will glorify me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I shall have given **water** even in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to cause my people, my chosen one, to drink. (**Isaiah 43:20**)

- And they did not get thirsty when he was making them walk even through devastated places. **Water** out of the rock he caused to flow forth for them, and he proceeded to split a rock that the water might stream forth. (**Isaiah 48:21**)
- Gave them a land having plenty of **water**.
- For Yehowah your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of torrent valleys of **water**, springs and watery deeps issuing forth in the valley plain and in the mountainous region. (**Deuteronomy 8:7**)
- And promised to bless their **water** supply as long as they obeyed him.
- And you must serve Yehowah your God, and he will certainly bless your bread and your **water**, and I shall indeed turn malady away from your midst. (**Exodus 23:25**)
- Yehowah was responsible for the original **watering** of the ground by means of a mist arising from the earth, and he established the laws governing evaporation of **water** and its **precipitation as rain**.
- Now there was as yet no bush of the field found in the earth and no vegetation of the field was as yet sprouting, because Yehowah God had not made it **rain** upon the earth and there was no man to cultivate the ground. (**Genesis 2:5**)
- But a **mist would go up from the earth** and it **watered** the entire surface of the ground. (**Genesis 2:6**)
- For he draws up the **drops of water**, they **filter as rain** for his mist. (**Job 36:27**)
- The Maker of the Kimah constellation and the Kesil constellation, and the One turning deep shadow into the morning itself, and the One who has made day itself dark as night, the One calling for the **waters** of the sea, that he may pour them out upon the surface of the earth, Yehowah is his name. (**Amos 5:8**)
- On the second creative day, God produced an expanse by having some **water** remain on earth while raising a great quantity high above the globe, the waters above the expanse undoubtedly supplied the

water whereby the wicked were later destroyed in the Flood of Noah's day.

- **And God went on to say; Let an expanse come to be in between the **waters** and let a dividing occur between the waters and the **waters**. (Genesis 1:6)**
- **Then God proceeded to make the expanse and to make a division between the **waters** that should be beneath the expanse and the waters that should be above the expanse. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:7)**
- **And God began to call the expanse Heaven. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a second day. (Genesis 1:8)**
- **In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on this day all the springs of the vast **watery** deep were broken open and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. (Genesis 7:11)**
- **And the deluge went on for forty days upon the earth, and the **waters** kept increasing and began carrying the ark and it was floating high above the earth. (Genesis 7:17)**
- **And the **waters** became overwhelming and kept increasing greatly upon the earth, but the ark kept going on the surface of the waters. (Genesis 7:18)**
- **And the **waters** overwhelmed the earth so greatly that all the tall mountains that were under the whole heavens came to be covered. (Genesis 7:19)**
- **Up to fifteen cubits the **waters** overwhelmed them and the mountains became covered. (Genesis 7:20)**
- **So all flesh that was moving upon the earth expired, among the flying creatures and among the domestic animals and among the wild beasts and among all the swarms that were swarming upon the earth, and all mankind. (Genesis 7:21)**
- **Everything in which the breath of the force of life was active in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died. (Genesis 7:22)**

- Thus he wiped out every existing thing that was on the surface of the ground, from man to beast, to moving animal and to flying creature of the heavens, and they were wiped off the earth, and only Noah and those who were with him in the ark kept on surviving. ([Genesis 7:23](#))
- And the **waters** continued overwhelming the earth a hundred and fifty days. ([Genesis 7:24](#))
- This is just as the days of Noah to me. Just as I have sworn that the **waters** of Noah shall no more pass over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not become indignant toward you nor rebuke you. ([Isaiah 54:9](#))

See Also CLOUD

See Also MIST

See Also RAIN

- The Law given at Mount Sinai prohibited making images of things in the **waters** under the earth, apparently meaning aquatic creatures in earth's **waters**, which are below the level of the land. This would include rivers, lakes, seas, and subterranean **waters**.
- You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the **waters** under the earth. ([Exodus 20:4](#))
- And you must take good care of your souls, because you did not see any form on the day of Yehowah's speaking to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire. ([Deuteronomy 4:15](#))
- That you may not act ruinously and may not really make for yourselves a carved image, the form of any symbol, the representation of male or female. ([Deuteronomy 4:16](#))
- The representation of any beast that is in the earth, the representation of any winged bird that flies in the heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:17](#))
- The representation of anything moving on the ground, the representation of any fish that is in the **waters** under the earth. ([Deuteronomy 4:18](#))

- You must not make for yourself a carved image, any form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the **waters** under the earth. (Deuteronomy 5:8)

• Illustrative And Figurative Uses

- There are numerous illustrative and figurative references to **water** in the Scriptures. People, especially the restless masses alienated from God, are symbolized by waters.
- Babylon the Great, in her earth-wide domination, is said to sit **on many waters**. These **waters** are explained in John's vision of the great harlot to mean **peoples and crowds and nations and tongues**.
- And one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying; Come, I will show you the judgment upon the great harlot who sits on many **waters**. (Revelation 17:1)
- And he says to me; The **waters** that you saw, where the harlot is sitting, mean peoples and crowds and nations and tongues. (Revelation 17:15)
- But the wicked are like the sea that is being tossed, when it is unable to calm down, the **waters** of which keep tossing up seaweed and mire. (Isaiah 57:20)
- Because of the power of **water** as a destructive agent, causing drowning, washing away, or similar effects, it is often employed as a symbol of some destructive force. It is used of a military force at;
- This is what Yehowah has said; Look! **Waters** are coming up from the north and have become a flooding torrent. And they will flood the land and what fills it, the city and those inhabiting it. And the men will certainly cry out, and everyone dwelling in the land must howl. (Jeremiah 47:2)
- Save me, O God, for the **waters** have come clear to the soul. (Psalms 69:1)
- I have sunk down in deep mire, where there is no standing

- ground. I have come into profound **waters**, and a flowing stream itself has washed me away. (**Psalms 69:2**)
- Deliver me from the mire, that I may not sink down. O may I be delivered from those hating me and from the deep **waters**. (**Psalms 69:14**)
 - O may not the flowing stream of **waters** wash me away, nor the depth swallow me up, nor the well close its mouth over me. (**Psalms 69:15**)
 - Thrust your hands out from the height, set me free and deliver me from the many **waters**, from the hand of the foreigners. (**Psalms 144:7**)
 - Whose mouth has spoken what is untrue and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. (**Psalms 144:8**)
 - **Water** was used at the tabernacle both for physical cleanness and in a symbolic way. At the installation of the priesthood, the priests were washed with water, and symbolically, sin-cleansing **water** was spattered on the Levites.
 - And you will present Aaron and his sons at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and you must wash them with **water**. (**Exodus 29:4**)
 - And you will present Aaron and his sons at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and you must wash them with **water**. (**Exodus 29:4**)
 - And this is what you should do to them to cleanse them. Spatter sin-cleansing **water** upon them, and they must have a razor pass over all their flesh and must wash their garments and cleanse themselves. (**Numbers 8:7**)
 - Priests washed before ministering at Yehowah's sanctuary and before approaching the altar of burnt offering.
 - Then he placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put **water** in it for washing. (**Exodus 40:30**)
 - And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet at it. (**Exodus 40:31**)

- When they went into the tent of meeting and when they went near to the altar they would wash, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Exodus 40:32**)
- **Water** was employed to wash sacrifices.
- And its intestines and its shanks will be washed with **water**, and the priest must make all of it smoke on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering made by fire of a restful odor to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 1:9**)
- And in ceremonial purifications.
- And the priest must give command, and the one bird must be killed in an earthenware vessel over running **water**. (**Leviticus 14:5**)
- As for the living bird, he should take it and the cedar wood and the coccus scarlet material and the hyssop, and he must dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running **water**. (**Leviticus 14:6**)
- Then he must spatter it seven times upon the one cleansing himself from the leprosy and he must pronounce him clean, and he must send away the living bird over the open field. (**Leviticus 14:7**)
- And the one cleansing himself must wash his garments and shave off all his hair and bathe in **water** and must be clean, and afterward he may come into the camp. And he must dwell outside his tent seven days. (**Leviticus 14:8**)
- And it must occur on the seventh day that he should shave off all his hair on his head and his chin and his eyebrows. Yes, he should shave off all his hair, and he must wash his garments and bathe his flesh in **water**, and he must be clean. (**Leviticus 14:9**)
- And he must kill the one bird in an earthenware vessel over running **water**. (**Leviticus 14:50**)
- And he must take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the coccus scarlet material and the live bird and dip them in the blood of the bird that was killed and in the running **water**, and he must

spatter it toward the house seven times. (**Leviticus 14:51**)

- And he must purify the house from sin with the blood of the bird and the running **water** and the live bird and the cedar wood and the hyssop and the coccus scarlet material. (**Leviticus 14:52**)
- Any bed upon which the one having a running discharge may lie down will be unclean, and any article upon which he may sit will be unclean. (**Leviticus 15:4**)
- And a man who may touch his bed should wash his garments, and he must bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:5**)
- And whoever sits upon the article upon which the one having a running discharge was sitting should wash his garments, and he must bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:6**)
- And whoever touches the flesh of the one having a running discharge should wash his garments, and he must bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:7**)
- And in the case of the one who has a running discharge spitting upon someone clean, he must in that case wash his garments and bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:8**)
- And any saddle upon which the one having a running discharge was riding will be unclean. (**Leviticus 15:9**)
- And anyone touching anything that happens to be under him will be unclean until the evening, and he who carries them will wash his garments, and he must bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:10**)
- And anyone whom the one having a running discharge might touch when he has not rinsed his hands in **water** must then wash his garments and bathe in water and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:11**)
- And an earthenware vessel that the one having a running discharge might touch should be smashed, and any wooden vessel should be rinsed with **water**. (**Leviticus 15:12**)

- Now in case the one having a running discharge would become clean from his running discharge, he must then count for himself seven days for his purification, and he must wash his garments and bathe his flesh in running **water**, and he must be clean. (**Leviticus 15:13**)
- And on the eighth day he should take for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and he must come before Yehowah to the entrance of the tent of meeting and give them to the priest. (**Leviticus 15:14**)
- And the priest must offer them, the one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, and the priest must make atonement for him before Yehowah concerning his running discharge. (**Leviticus 15:15**)
- Now in case a man has an emission of semen go out from him, he must then bathe all his flesh in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:16**)
- And any garment and any skin upon which the emission of semen gets to be must be washed with **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:17**)
- As for a woman with whom a man may lie down with an emission of semen, they must bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:18**)
- And in case a woman is having a running discharge, and her running discharge in her flesh proves to be blood, she should continue seven days in her menstrual impurity, and anyone touching her will be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:19**)
- And anything upon which she may lie down in her menstrual impurity will be unclean, and everything upon which she may sit will be unclean. (**Leviticus 15:20**)
- And anyone touching her bed should wash his garments, and he must bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:21**)
- And anyone touching any article upon which she was sitting should wash his garments, and he must bathe in **water** and be

unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:22**)

- And if it was upon the bed or upon another article that she was sitting, by his touching it he will be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:23**)
- And if a man lies down with her at all and her menstrual impurity comes to be upon him, he must then be unclean seven days, and any bed upon which he might lie down will be unclean. (**Leviticus 15:24**)
- As for a woman, in case the running discharge of her blood should be flowing many days when it is not the regular time of her menstrual impurity, or in case she should have a flow longer than her menstrual impurity, all the days of her unclean running discharge will prove as in the days of her menstrual impurity. She is unclean. (**Leviticus 15:25**)
- Any bed upon which she may lie any of the days of her running discharge will become for her as the bed of her menstrual impurity, and any article upon which she may sit will become unclean like the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. (**Leviticus 15:26**)
- And anyone touching them will be unclean, and he must wash his garments and bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening. (**Leviticus 15:27**)
- As for any soul that eats a body already dead or something torn by a wild beast, whether a native or an alien resident, he must in that case wash his garments and bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening, and he must be clean. (**Leviticus 17:15**)
- As for any soul that eats a body already dead or something torn by a wild beast, whether a native or an alien resident, he must in that case wash his garments and bathe in **water** and be unclean until the evening, and he must be clean. (**Leviticus 17:15**)
- But if he will not wash them and will not bathe his flesh, he must then answer for his error. (**Leviticus 17:16**)
- And Yehowah continued to speak to Moses, saying; (**Leviticus 18:1**)

- **Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them, I am Yehowah your God. (Leviticus 18:2)**
- **The way the land of Egypt does, in which you dwelt, you must not do, and the way the land of Canaan does, into which I am bringing you, you must not do, and in their statutes you must not walk. (Leviticus 18:3)**
- **My judicial decisions you should carry out, and my statutes you should keep so as to walk in them. I am Yehowah your God. (Leviticus 18:4)**
- **And you must keep my statutes and my judicial decisions, which if a man will do, he must also live by means of them. I am Yehowah. (Leviticus 18:5)**
- **You people must not come near, any man of you, to any close fleshly relative of his to lay bare nakedness. I am Yehowah. (Leviticus 18:6)**
- **The nakedness of your father and the nakedness of your mother you must not lay bare. She is your mother. You must not lay bare her nakedness. (Leviticus 18:7)**
- **The nakedness of your father's wife you must not lay bare. It is your fathers nakedness. (Leviticus 18:8)**
- **As for the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or the daughter of your mother, whether born in the same household or born outside it, you must not lay bare their nakedness. (Leviticus 18:9)**
- **As for the nakedness of the daughter of your son or the daughter of your daughter, you must not lay bare their nakedness, because they are your nakedness. (Leviticus 18:10)**
- **As for the nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife, the offspring of your father, she being your sister, you must not lay bare her nakedness. (Leviticus 18:11)**
- **The nakedness of your father's sister you must not lay bare. She is the blood relation of your father. (Leviticus 18:12)**
- **The nakedness of your mother's sister you must not lay bare,**

because she is a blood relation of your mother. (**Leviticus 18:13**)

- The nakedness of your father's brother you must not lay bare. You must not come near his wife. She is your aunt. (**Leviticus 18:14**)
- The nakedness of your daughter-in-law you must not lay bare. She is your sons wife. You must not lay her nakedness bare. (**Leviticus 18:15**)
- The nakedness of your brother's wife you must not lay bare. It is your brothers nakedness. (**Leviticus 18:16**)
- The nakedness of a woman and her daughter you must not lay bare. The daughter of her son and the daughter of her daughter you must not take in order to lay her nakedness bare. They are cases of blood relationship. It is loose conduct. (**Leviticus 18:17**)
- And you must not take a woman in addition to her sister as a rival to uncover her nakedness, that is, besides her during her lifetime. (**Leviticus 18:18**)
- And you must not come near a woman during the menstruation of her impurity to lay her nakedness bare. (**Leviticus 18:19**)
- The **holy water** used in the case of jealousy, where a wife was suspected of adultery, evidently was pure, fresh water, into which dust from the tabernacle was put before she drank it.
- And you must not come near a woman during the menstruation of her impurity to lay her nakedness bare. (**Leviticus 18:19**)
- And you must not give your emission as semen to the wife of your associate to become unclean by it. (**Leviticus 18:20**)
- And you must not allow the devoting of any of your offspring to Molech. You must not profane the name of your God that way. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 18:21**)
- And you must not lie down with a male the same as you lie down with a woman. It is a detestable thing. (**Leviticus 18:22**)
- And you must not give your emission to any beast to become unclean by it, and a woman should not stand before a beast to

have connection with it. It is a violation of what is natural.
(**Leviticus 18:23**)

- Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, because by all these things the nations whom I am sending out from before you have made themselves unclean. (**Leviticus 18:24**)
- Consequently the land is unclean, and I shall bring punishment for its error upon it, and the land will vomit its inhabitants out. (**Leviticus 18:25**)
- And you yourselves must keep my statutes and my judicial decisions, and you must not do any of all these detestable things, whether a native or an alien resident who is residing as an alien in your midst. (**Leviticus 18:26**)

See Also CLEAN, CLEANNESS

· Life-Giving Water

- Yehowah is **the source of living water**. Only from him and through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Chief Agent of life, can men receive everlasting life.
- Because there are two bad things that my people have done. They have left even me, the source of living **water**, in order to hew out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that cannot contain the water. (**Jeremiah 2:13**)
- Jesus spoke these things, and, raising his eyes to heaven, he said; Father, the hour has come. Glorify your son, that your son may glorify you. (**John 17:1**)
- This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ. (**John 17:3**)
- Jesus told a Samaritan woman at a well near Sychar that the **water** he would give would become in its receiver **a fountain of water** bubbling up **to impart everlasting life**.
- A woman of Samaria came to draw **water**. Jesus said to her; Give me a **drink**. (**John 4:7**)

- For his disciples had gone off into the city to buy foodstuffs. (John 4:8)
- Therefore the Samaritan woman said to him; How is it that you, despite being a Jew, ask me for a drink, when I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. (John 4:9)
- In answer Jesus said to her; If you had known the free gift of God and who it is that says to you, Give me a **drink**, you would have asked him, and he would have given you **living water**. (John 4:10)
- She said to him; Sir, you have not even a bucket for drawing **water**, and the well is deep. From what source, therefore, do you have this living water? (John 4:11)
- You are not greater than our forefather Jacob, who gave us the well and who himself together with his sons and his cattle drank out of it, are you? (John 4:12)
- In answer Jesus said to her; Everyone drinking from this **water** will get thirsty again. (John 4:13)
- Whoever drinks from the **water** that I will give him will never get thirsty at all, but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water bubbling up to impart everlasting life. (John 4:14)
- The woman said to him; Sir, give me this **water**, so that I may neither thirst nor keep coming over to this place to draw water. (John 4:15)
- The apostle John records his vision of a new heaven and a new earth in which he saw flowing out from the throne of God a river of **water of life**. On each side of this river there were trees producing fruit, the leaves of the trees being used for the curing of the nations.
- And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. (Revelation 21:1)
- And he showed me a river of **water of life**, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Revelation 22:1)

- Down the middle of its broad way. And on this side of the river and on that side there were trees of life producing twelve crops of fruit, yielding their fruits each month. And the leaves of the trees were for the curing of the nations. ([Revelation 22:2](#))
- After this feature of the vision was completed, Jesus spoke to John about his purpose in sending his angel with the vision. Then John heard the proclamation;
- Come! And let anyone hearing say; Come! And let anyone thirsting come. Let anyone that wishes take **life's water free**. Evidently this invitation would be extended by God's servants for thirsty ones to **begin** drinking of God's provisions for gaining eternal life through the Lamb of God.
- The next day he beheld Jesus coming toward him, and he said; See, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world! ([John 1:29](#))
- They could get what is now available of this **water of life**. The invitation is to be extended to everyone who can be reached, not for the purpose of commercial gain by selling the water, but free to all desiring it.
- And the spirit and the bride keep on saying; Come! And let anyone hearing say; Come! And let anyone thirsting come, let anyone that wishes take **lives water free**. ([Revelation 22:17](#))
- Before Jesus death and resurrection, he spoke of his followers who would receive Holy Spirit, beginning at **Pentecost 33 C.E**, saying that out from their inmost parts **streams of living water will flow**.
- Now on the last day, the great day of the festival, Jesus was standing up and he cried out, saying; If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and **drink**. ([John 7:37](#))
- He that puts faith in me, just as the Scripture has said; Out from his inmost part **streams of living water will flow**. ([John 7:38](#))
- However, he said this concerning the spirit which those who put faith in him were about to receive, for as yet there was no spirit, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. ([John 7:39](#))

- The record in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** provides abundant evidence that, impelled by the activating force of God's spirit, the apostles and disciples accomplished marvels in bringing **life-giving waters** to other people, starting from Jerusalem and expanding throughout the then known world.

•• **Nourishing The Implanted Word**

- Using a different figure in writing to the congregation at Corinth, the apostle Paul likened the work of the Christian minister to that of a farmer, who first plants the seed, **waters** and cultivates it, then waits for God to make the plant grow to maturity.
- Paul brought the Good News of the Kingdom to the Corinthians, planting seed in the Corinthian **field**. Apollos came afterward and by his further teaching nourished and cultivated the seed sown, but God, by his spirit, brought growth.
- Paul used this illustration to emphasize the fact that no individual human is important in himself, but all are ministers, working together as God's workmen. God is the important One, and he blesses such unselfish, unified work.
- What, then, is Apollos? Yes, what is Paul? Ministers through whom you became believers, even as the Lord granted each one. (**1 Corinthians 3:5**)
- I planted, Apollos **watered**, but God kept making it grow. (**1 Corinthians 3:6**)
- So that neither is he that plants anything nor is he that **waters**, but God who makes it grow. (**1 Corinthians 3:7**)
- Now he that plants and he that **waters** are one, but each person will receive his own reward according to his own labor. (**1 Corinthians 3:8**)
- For we are God's fellow workers. You people are God's field under cultivation, God's building. (**1 Corinthians 3:9**)

•• **God's Word Of Truth**

- God's word of truth is likened to **water** that cleanses. The Christian congregation is clean in the sight of God, like a chaste bride

for Christ, who cleansed it **with the bath of water by means of the word.**

- Husbands, continue loving your wives, just as the Christ also loved the congregation and delivered up himself for it. **(Ephesians 5:25)**
- That he might sanctify it, cleansing it with the bath of **water** by means of the word. **(Ephesians 5:26)**
- That he might present the congregation to himself in its splendor, not having a spot or a wrinkle or any of such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish. **(Ephesians 5:27)**
- In a similar usage, Paul speaks to his fellow Christians who have the hope of being underpriests of Christ in the heavens. Referring back to the tabernacle and the requirement that the priests wash in **water** before entering the sanctuary to serve, he says;
- And since we have a great priest over the house of God. **(Hebrews 10:21)**
- Let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies bathed with clean **water**. **(Hebrews 10:22)**
- This cleansing involves not only the knowledge of God's word but also its application in their daily lives.

.. The Water Of Baptism

- Jesus explained to Nicodemus:
- Jesus answered; Most truly I say to you, unless anyone is born from **water and spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **(John 3:5)**
- Jesus was speaking of the **water of birth**, when a person is born from a sac of **water** which surrounds every child. At the moment of birth this breaks thereby lubricating the birth. All humans are born in this manner including Jesus himself.
- One body there is, and one spirit, even as you were called in the one hope to which you were called. **(Ephesians 4:4)**

- One Lord, one faith, one baptism. (**Ephesians 4:5**)
- Which speaks of the one baptism.
- The apostle John later wrote.
- Who is the one that conquers the world but he who has faith that Jesus is the Son of God? (**1 John 5:5**)
- This is he that came by means of **water** and blood, Jesus Christ. Not with the **water** only, but with the **water** and with the blood. And the spirit is that which is bearing witness, because the spirit is the truth. (**1 John 5:6**)
- For there are three witness bearers. (**1 John 5:7**)
- The spirit and the **water** and the blood, and the three are in agreement. (**1 John 5:8**)
- When Jesus came into the world, that is, when he began his ministerial and sacrificial course as God's Messiah, he came to John the Baptizer to be immersed in **water**, not in repentance for sins, but in presentation of himself to God, to carry out God's will for him.
- Hence when he comes into the world he says; Sacrifice and offering you did not want, but you prepared a body for me. (**Hebrews 10:5**)
- You did not approve of whole burnt offerings and sin offering. (**Hebrews 10:6**)
- Then I said; Look! I am come, in the roll of the book it is written about me, to do your will, O God. (**Hebrews 10:7**)
- After this, God's spirit came down upon him, a testimony that he was God's Son and the Messiah.
- Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized and, as he was praying, the heaven was opened up. (**Luke 3:21**)
- And the Holy Spirit in bodily shape like a dove came down upon him, and a voice came out of heaven; You are my Son, the beloved. I have approved you. (**Luke 3:22**)

- It is the **water** of his baptism that is in harmony with the blood of his sacrifice and with God's spirit in unanimously testifying to this great Messianic truth.

•• Other Figurative Uses

- David said concerning the wicked; May they dissolve as into **waters** that go their way.
- May they dissolve as into **waters** that go their way, may he bend the bow for his arrows as they collapse. (**Psalms 58:7**)
- David may have had in mind the torrent valleys common in Palestine, many of which are filled with a swelling, threatening torrent during a flash flood. But the **water** quickly runs off and disappears, leaving the valley dry.
- When attacking the city of Ai, the Israelites sent out a small force that was defeated. This had a demoralizing effect on the Israelites, for the account says that the hearts of the people of Israel began to melt **and became as water**, meaning that they sensed they had somehow incurred Yehowah's displeasure and were without his help.
- Joshua was very upset, evidently because Israel, the army of Yehowah, had fled in fear before their enemies, thus bringing reproach upon Yehowah's name.
- And the men of Ai got to strike down about thirty-six men of them, and they went pursuing them from before the gate as far as Shebarim and continued striking them down on the descent. Consequently the heart of the people began to melt and became as **water**. (**Joshua 7:5**)
- At this Joshua ripped his mantles and fell upon his face to the earth before the ark of Yehowah until the evening, he and the older men of Israel, and they kept putting dust upon their heads. (**Joshua 7:6**)
- And Joshua went on to say; Alas, Sovereign Lord Yehowah, why did you bring this people all the way across the Jordan, just to give us into the hand of the Amorites for them to destroy us? And if only we had taken it upon ourselves and continued dwelling on the other side of the Jordan! (**Joshua 7:7**)

- **Excuse me, O Yehowah, but what can I say after Israel has turned his back before his enemies? (Joshua 7:8)**
- **And the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will certainly surround us and cut our name off from the earth, and what will you do for your great name? (Joshua 7:9)**