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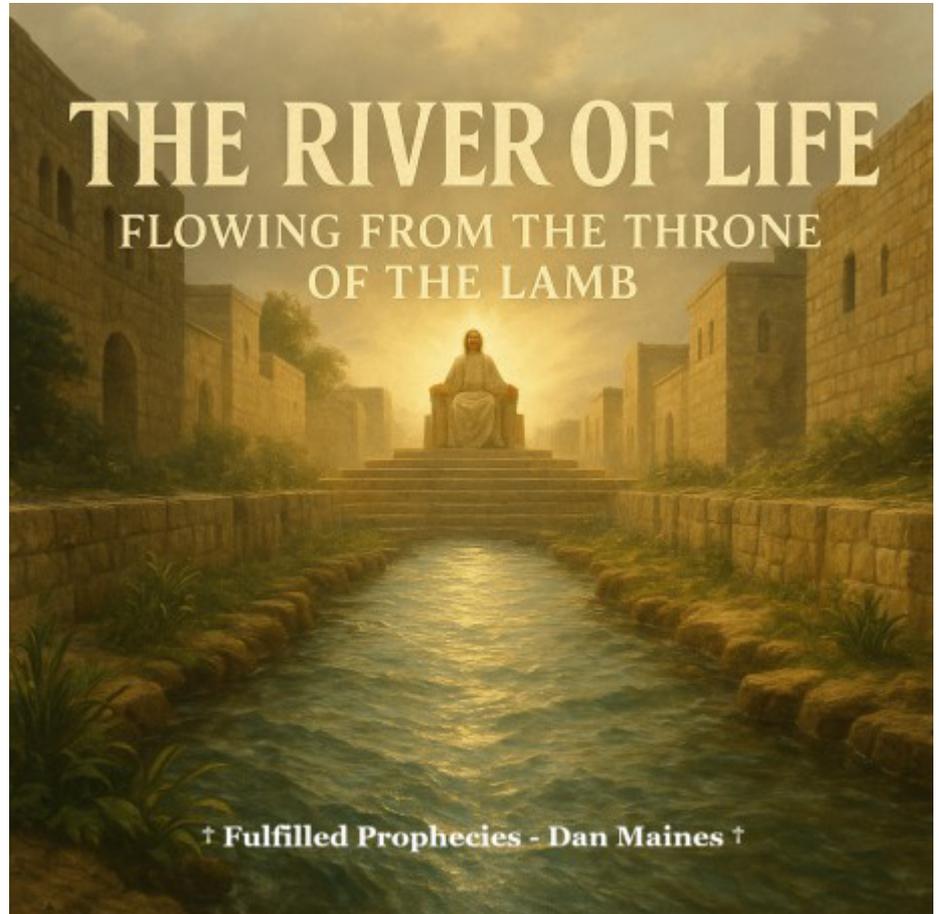
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## The River of Life: Flowing from the Throne of the Lamb



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### Ezekiel 47:1-2

Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar. He brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate by way of the gate that faces east. And behold, water was trickling from the south

side.

† Ezekiel's vision of water flowing from the temple foreshadowed the life that would come from Christ, the true temple.

† The water began as a trickle, symbolizing the gospel's beginning, and grew into a mighty river spreading to all nations.

† The eastward flow represents life moving toward the rising sun, the dawn of the new covenant.

† This was not a literal river but a prophetic image of the Spirit flowing from God's presence to the world.

### **Ezekiel 47:8-9**

Then he said to me, "These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah; then they go toward the sea, being made to flow into the sea, and the waters of the sea become fresh. It will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes."

† The sea becoming fresh represents the transformation of the nations once dead in sin.

† Every living thing where the river flows lives again, symbolizing the world renewed through the Spirit.

† The multitude of fish represents the abundance of souls drawn into Christ's kingdom.

† This prophecy finds its fulfillment not in a future millennium but in the living kingdom now flowing with life.

### **John 7:37-39**

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not

yet glorified.

† Jesus identified Himself as the source of Ezekiel's river, the true temple from which living water flows.

† The Spirit was the promised river that would flow once He was glorified, beginning at Pentecost.

† The invitation "come and drink" fulfills the call of Isaiah 55, offering life freely to all.

† The river within believers signifies the continual flow of life that never ceases in the new covenant.

### **Revelation 22:1-2**

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

† John's vision completes what Ezekiel began, the river now flows from the throne of the Lamb, not from a temple made by hands.

† This represents the fullness of the Spirit flowing from Christ's completed work, filling the new creation.

† The tree of life on both sides of the river shows the unity of heaven and earth, all sustained by the same source.

† The healing of the nations is ongoing, not future, as the gospel continues to bring reconciliation and peace.

### **Revelation 22:17**

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 wishes take the water of life without cost.

† The invitation continues forever, the water of life is freely available to all who thirst.

† The Spirit and the bride speak in harmony, showing that the Church is the living vessel of this invitation.

† The water of life flows endlessly, proving that redemption is complete and eternally available.

† There is no waiting for a future age; the river is flowing now through the kingdom of God.

### **Isaiah 55:1**

Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

† The call of Isaiah finds its answer in Christ's living water.

† The invitation is to life that cannot be purchased, a gift flowing from the throne of grace.

† The abundance of the river shows the fullness of God's provision in the new creation.

† All are invited to partake freely, for the Lamb has already paid the price.

### **How it applies to us today**

† The river of life is not coming, it's flowing now from the throne of the Lamb through His people.

† Wherever the Spirit flows, life replaces death, and healing replaces division.

† We are called to be channels of that river, carrying His life into every place we go.

† The nations are still being healed by this same eternal flow.

† The living water within us is proof that God's kingdom is complete and everlasting.

### **† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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† Ezekiel 47:1-9; John 7:37-39; Revelation 22:1-2, 17; Isaiah 55:1

† Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book 5

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