

Rivers of Living Water

Numbers 21:14-17 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab. And from thence *they went* to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:

John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

There were many miracles that the Lord performed to lead Israel from Egypt through the desert and into the promise land of Canaan.

When number of people that exited Egypt after the plagues was staggering. The Bible doesn't give an exact count, but we know that the army alone was over 600,000. Certainly, there were over a million and maybe several million that needed to be cared for in the wilderness.

Just to think of the amount **of water** that they would need to survive daily.

Plus all the animals that would need daily water supplies.

We're talking about rivers of water. Huge amount of water.

But the Lord made a way to get them enough water.

That miracle alone would be enough to make you want to sing about it!

Psalms

Psalms 36:8-9 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee *is* **the fountain of life:** in thy light shall we see light.

Psalms 114:7-8 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into **a fountain of waters.**

Rivers have always played a critical part in the survival of mankind.

Puyallup River in Washington

Spiritually, the supply of God's spirit is referred to as a river or spring.

The Lord promises a continual supply of his Spirit to meet our Spiritual needs.

Isaiah 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

Isaiah 12:2-6 Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings

among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

From the New Testament Jesus brought analogy of the supply and importance of water into his message to Israel.

The Book of John gives many details of the visits that Jesus made to Jerusalem. In John chapter 7, Jesus visited Jerusalem for The Feast of Tabernacles.

The Feast of Tabernacles

Celebrated in September/October

This was an eight-day celebration

Called the feast of Tabernacles because of the tents that were set up around the Temple

Many sacrifices were offered to the Lord during this feast.

On the eighth day an offering of water was given.

The priest would draw water out of the pool of Siloam.

The pool of Siloam was fed by spring water brought into the city by a tunnel

The water would then be taken to the temple and poured out before the Lord.

On the last day – the eighth day

The day when the water was draw from the pool of Siloam and brought to the temple

Jesus stood and cried

Come unto me and drink!

JESUS SIAD - If you believe in me – as the scriptures say

The scriptures say that JESUS is **THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE!**

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, **yet shall he live:**

Jesus said – I am come that they might have life and that life more abundantly

John 1:4 In him was life; and **the life** was the light of men.

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have **eternal life.**

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be **in him a well of water** springing up into everlasting life.

He that believeth in me as the scripture hath said

Out of his belly – His innermost being – From the inside out

Shall flow – proceed forth continually

FLOW - move along or out **steadily and continuously** in a current or stream

RIVERS of living WATER

The Gospel writer says – this spake he of **the Spirit!**

The Spirit which he describes as the HOLY Ghost!

The Holy Ghost is a flowing river of LIFE

Jesus said if you want life –

If you are thirsting for LIFE

COME unto me and drink!

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: **and that Rock was Christ.**

The Israelites were fed water in the wilderness from a rock

The Bible says – and the rock was Christ!

Jesus is the fountain of living water

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

John the Baptist

Mark 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Thank God for the HOLY Ghost!

Jesus said – out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water

Let the living waters flow!

The devil wants to stop up the well!

He wants it to dry up and keep it from flowing!

But I don't care what the devil doesn't want _

SPRING UP oh well! Flow River of Life!