

*Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.*

**Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)**

*The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east).*

**Ezekiel 47:1 (NIV)**

*Then he led me back to the bank of the river. When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."*

**Ezekiel 47:6-12 (NIV)**

## 1. THE SOURCE OF RISING WATER

*He (the angel) then brought me out through the north gate and led me around to the outside to the outer gate facing east and the water was trickling from the south side.*

**Ezekiel 47:2 (NIV)**

**"God cannot give us joy and happiness apart from Himself because they are not there." (CS Lewis, Mere Christianity)**

**"How completely satisfying it is to turn from our limitations to a God who has none." (AW Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy)**

## 2. THE POWER OF RISING WATER

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

**Philippians 1:6 (NLT)**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16 (NIV)**

## 3. THE PURPOSE OF RISING WATER

*When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows.*

**Ezekiel 47:8-9 (NIV)**

**"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." (Jim Elliott)**

*Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?*

**Mark 4:38 (NLT)**

*Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?*

**Mark 4:40 (NLT)**

*So where the river flows everything will live.*

**Ezekiel 47:9 (NIV)**