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Zechariah 14:8, “*And it shall be in that day, [that] living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.*”

The above verse very possibly refers to the coming of Jesus and the salvation that He would bring mankind. Let’s examine the phrases in this verse and see how they can apply to the church.

1. **That day.** The phrase “that day” refers to a very special day coming. It was so special, it was just called, “that day.” I can’t imagine a day more special than the coming of the LORD. There is no other day that would compare to the LORD’s coming to bring salvation to mankind. It could refer to the day of Jesus’s birth, but perhaps even more so it refers to the day of Jesus’s death and mostly, His resurrection. It was that day, the first day of the week, that the LORD came forth from the grave, breaking the bonds of death, and bringing salvation to mankind.

2. **Living waters.** Water is vital for life. The prophet here is referring to water coming in that day, and not just any water, but living waters. Jesus said to the woman at the well in 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.” The living water would be given to those who obeyed the LORD. The living water would bring everlasting life. A few verses later in verse 14, Jesus told the woman, “*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.*”

3. **Out of Jerusalem.** The living waters would come out of Jerusalem. Jesus was crucified, buried, and arose in Jerusalem. The church was established in Jerusalem. It was in Jerusalem that the gospel was first preached and went into the world. With salvation being so focused in Jerusalem, it’s little wonder that Heaven is called “New Jerusalem.” Revelation 3:12, “. . . *the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem.*” Revelation 21:2, “*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*”

4. **Former sea and hinder sea.** These living waters would flow backwards and forward. The Hebrew word for “former” means “ancient times” and the word for “hinder” means the last. This is talking about the living waters being offered to those who had lived before Jesus’s sacrifice and those who would live in the last times, which would include us. Even those under the Old Testament were forgiven of their sins by the blood of Christ. The blood they offered from bulls and goats could not remove their sins. Hebrews 10:3-4, “³*But in those [sacrifices there is] a remembrance again [made] of sins every year. ⁴For [it is] not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*” Hebrews 9:15, “*And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*” The living waters offered by Jesus flow backward and forward to offer salvation to all mankind.

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News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Lauren Candela, Rick Gibbs and Jerry Reynolds. Sandy Duncan** had hip

replacement surgery Friday. She is doing well and should be home by now. The sister of Erin Davis, **Christine Barrett**, found out that she has not had a reoccurrence of cancer. **Alice Vanderstoep** is going to have kidney stone surgery on March 11. It's the most serious surgery for kidney stone removal and cannot be done locally.

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5. Summer and Winter. It is not uncommon to have water that only flows a certain time of year. Often water supplies dry up in summer and only flow from the snow melt of winter or during the rainy season. Even here, where water is abundant, it can get very dry and water supplies drop.

The living water will always be available. There is no “dry” season. It flows continually for those who desire to partake of it. The only reason for someone not to partake of this living water is by choice.

For the saved, there will forever be a flowing supply of spiritual water. Revelation 22:1, “*And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*” This water in Heaven flows continually from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It is crystal clear and there for the saved.

We can freely partake of this living water. Revelation 21:6, “*And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*” Revelation 22:17, “*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*”

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Sunday, January 7, 2024

Classes	19	Luke 4:1-13
Preaching	33	John 20 (Thomas absent)
Contribution	\$1476.58	
Afternoon	15	Singing (Psalm 1)

Visitors—
Jan 7 (AM) Beverly Gossett, Jonathan & Roberta, Cayden & Jaxon, Nathaniel Lang (Cave City, KY)
Jan 7 (PM) Emma Biggs (Legrande, KY)

Bible Quiz

If you lack what, ask of God?

Last Week's Answer— Silver and gold (Zechariah 13:9)

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The LORD by His sacrifice upon the cross provided living waters for all humanity. It's up to us to partake of it by obeying the LORD. It's the only way we can continually partake of the water of life flowing in Heaven. The living waters provided here will let us partake of the water of life in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)