

**New Testament*****Revelation 21-22***

**9**Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." **10**And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, **11**having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. **12**It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— **13**on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. **14**And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**15**And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. **16**The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. **17**He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. **18**The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. **19**The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, **20**the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. **21**And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

**22**And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. **23**And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. **24**By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, **25**and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. **26**They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. **27**But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**1**Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2**through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3**No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4**They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5**And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**6**And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

**7**"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

**8**I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, **9**but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

**10**And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. **11**Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

**12**"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. **13**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

**14**Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. **15**Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

**16**“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

**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 desires take the water of life without price.

**20**He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**21**The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

## Qur'an

### The river in paradise

#### **Surah 47 (Muhammad)**

١٢- إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْخِلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَتَمَتَّعُونَ وَيَأْكُلُونَ كَمَا تَأْكُلُ الْأَنْعَامُ وَالنَّارُ مَثْوًى لَهُمْ ○

12. Verily God will admit Those who believe and do Righteous deeds, to Gardens Beneath which rivers flow ; While those who reject God Will enjoy (this world) And eat as cattle eat ; And the Fire will Be their abode.

١٣- وَكَأَيِّنْ مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ هِيَ أَشَدُّ قُوَّةً مِنْ قَرْيَتِكَ الَّتِي أَخْرَجْتِكَ أَهْلِكَانَاهُمْ فَلَا نَاصِرَ لَهُمْ ○

13. And how many cities, With more power than Thy city which has Driven thee out, Have We destroyed (For their sins) ? And there was none To aid them.

١٤- أَفَمَنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ بَيْتِهِ مِّن رَّبِّهِ كَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ○

14. Is then one who is On a clear (Path) From his Lord, No better than one To whom the evil Of his conduct seems pleasing, And such as follow Their own lusts ?

١٥- مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وَعِدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِّن مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّن لَّبَنٍ لَّمْ يَتَغَيَّرَ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ خَمْرٍ لَّذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ عَسَلٍ مُّصَفًّى وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ كَمَنْ هُوَ خَالِدٌ فِي النَّارِ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءَهُمْ ○

15. (Here is) a Parable Of the Garden which The righteous are promised : In it are rivers Of water incorruptible : Rivers of milk Of which the taste Never changes ; rivers Of wine, a joy To those who drink; And rivers of honey Pure and clear. In it There are for them All kinds of fruits ; And Grace from their Lord. (Can those in such Bliss) Be compared to such as Shall dwell for ever In the Fire, and be given, To drink, boiling water, So that it cuts up Their bowels (to pieces) ?

#### **Surah 108 (Kauthar)**

١- إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ○

1. To thee have We Granted the Fount (of Abundance).

٢- فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحَرْ ○

2. Therefore to thy Lord. Turn in Prayer and Sacrifice.

٣- إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ ○

3. For he who hateth thee, — He will be cut off (From Future Hope).

*Jalalayn:* We have assuredly given you O Muhammad (s) Abundance — the name of a river in Paradise and his the Prophet's pool around which his community shall gather; al-kawthar also means the abundant good that has been given to the Prophet such as prophethood the Qur'an intercession and the like.

**Bukhari: Narrated Anas:** When the Prophet (ﷺ) was made to ascend to the Heavens, he said (after his return), "I came upon a river the banks of which were made of tents of hollow pearls. I asked Gabriel. What is this (river?) He replied, 'This is the Kauthar.'

**Muslim: Anas reported:** One day the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was sitting amongst us that he dozed off. He then raised his head smilingly. We said: What makes you smile. Messenger of Allah? He said: A Sura has just been revealed to me, and then recited: *In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Verily We have given thee Kauthar (fount of abundance). Therefore turn to thy Lord for prayer and offer sacrifice, and surely thy enemy is cut off (from the good).* Then he (the Holy Prophet) said: Do you know what Kauthar is? We said: Allah and His Messenger know best. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: It (Kauthar) is a canal which my Lord, the Exalted and Glorious has promised me, and there is an abundance of good in it. It is a cistern and my people would come to it on the Day of Resurrection, and tumblers there would be equal to the number of stars. A servant would be turned away from (among the people gathered there). Upon this I would say: My Lord, he is one of my people, and He (the Lord) would say: You do not know that he innovated new things (in Islam) after you. Ibn Hujr made this addition in the hadith: "He (the Holy Prophet) was sitting amongst us in the mosque, and He (Allah) said: (You don't know) what he innovated after you".

## The coming of Jesus

### Surah 43 (Az-Zukhruf)

٦١- وَإِنَّهُ لَعِلْمٌ لِّلسَّاعَةِ فَلَا تَمَتَّرَنَّ بِهَاِ وَاتَّبِعُونِ ۚ هٰذَا صِرَاطٌ مُّسْتَقِيمٌ ۝

61. And (Jesus) shall be A Sign (for the coming Of) the Hour (of Judgment) : Therefore have no doubt About the (Hour), but Follow ye Me : this Is a Straight Way.

**Bukhari: Narrated Abu Huraira:** Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "The Hour will not be established until the son of Mary (i.e. Jesus) descends amongst you as a just ruler, he will break the cross, kill the pigs, and abolish the Jizya tax. Money will be in abundance so that nobody will accept it (as charitable gifts).

**Narrated Abu Huraira:** Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, surely (Jesus,) the son of Mary will soon descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly (as a Just Ruler); he will break the Cross and kill the pigs and there will be no Jizya (i.e. taxation taken from non Muslims). Money will be in abundance so that nobody will accept it, and a single prostration to Allah (in prayer) will be better than the whole world and whatever is in it." Abu Huraira added "If you wish, you can recite (this verse of the Holy Book): -- 'And there is none Of the people of the Scriptures (Jews and Christians) But must believe in him (i.e Jesus as an Apostle of Allah and a human being) Before his death. And on the Day of Judgment He will be a witness Against them.'" (4.159)

### Surah 5 (al-Ma'idah)

١١٦- وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ اأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمَّيَّ إِلَهَيْنِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ۗ قَالَ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقٍّ ۗ إِنْ كُنْتُ فَلْتُهُ فَقَدْ عَلِمْتَهُ ۗ تَعَلَّمَ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِكَ ۗ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ۝

116. And behold! God will say "O Jesus the son of Mary! didst thou say unto men `worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of God"? He will say: "Glory to Thee! never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing Thou wouldst indeed have known it. Thou knowest what is in my heart though I know not what is in Thine. For Thou knowest in full all that is hidden.

١١٧- مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ أَنْ اْعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ ۗ وَكُنْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ ۗ فَلَمَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنْتُ أَنْتَ الرَّقِيبَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۗ وَأَنْتَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ۝

117. "Never said I to them aught except what Thou didst command me to say to wit `Worship God my Lord and your Lord'; and I was a witness over them whilst I dwelt amongst them; when Thou didst take me up thou wast the Watcher over them and Thou art a Witness to all things.

١١٨- إِنْ تُعَذِّبُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ عِبَادُكَ ۗ وَإِنْ تَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ فإِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۝

118. "If Thou dost punish them they are Thy servants: if Thou dost forgive them Thou art the Exalted the Wise.

١١٩- قَالَ اللَّهُ هَذَا يَوْمٌ يَنْفَعُ الصَّادِقِينَ صِدْقُهُمْ ۗ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۗ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ۗ ذَلِكَ الْقَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ○

119. God will say: "This is a day on which the truthful will profit from their truth: theirs are Gardens with rivers flowing beneath their eternal home: God well-pleased with them and they with God: that is the great Salvation (the fulfillment of all desires).

١٢٠- لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا فِيهِنَّ ۗ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ○

120. To God doth belong the dominion of the heavens and the earth and all that is therein and it is He who hath power over all things.

*Bukhari: Narrated Ibn `Abbas:* The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "You will be gathered (on the Day of Resurrection) and some people will be driven (by the angels) to the left side (and taken to Hell) whereupon I will say as the pious slave (Jesus) said:- - "And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them...the ALMIGHTY, the All Wise." (5.117-118)

## Surah 1 (al-Fatihah)

١. بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ○

1. In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

٢. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ○

2. Praise be to God, The Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds ;

٣. الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ○

3. Most Gracious, Most Merciful ;

٤. مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ○

4. Master of the Day of Judgment.

٥. إِلَهِكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ○

5. Thee do we worship, And Thine aid we seek.

٦. أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ○

6. Show us the straight way,

٧. صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ○

7. The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace,  
Those whose (portion) Is not wrath,  
And who go not astray.