

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

**The former heaven and the former earth
had passed away, and the sea was no more.**

**I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

**He will dwell with them and they will be his people and
God himself will always be with them
as their God.**

**He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”**

The one who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new.”

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty

I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts,

and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The Word of the Lord