

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I 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.”
Then he said, “Write these words down,
for they are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me, “They are accomplished.

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.