

## A reading from the book of Revelation

Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water,  
sparkling like crystal,  
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb  
down the middle of its street.

On either side of the river grew the tree of life  
that produces fruit twelve times a year,  
once each month;  
the leaves of the trees  
serve as medicine for the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there anymore.  
The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,  
and his servants will worship him.

They will look upon his face,  
and his name will be on their foreheads.

Night will be no more,  
nor will they need light from lamp or sun,  
for the Lord God shall give them light,  
and they shall reign forever and ever.

And he said to me,

“These words are trustworthy and true,  
and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits,  
sent his angel to show his servants  
what must happen soon.”

“Behold, I am coming soon.”

Blessed is the one who keeps  
the prophetic message of this book.

**The Word of the Lord**