

**The figurative water, spring, &  
river  
for the Lamb in the center of  
the throne will be their  
shepherd, and will guide  
them to springs of the water  
of life; and God will wipe**

**every tear from their eyes.”**

**Rv 7:17**

## **Figurative water**

- Just as the rain pours down from heaven to give life to the world, God sends the living water of His word to nourish our spirits.
- *Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as the droplets*

*on the fresh grass and as the showers on  
the herb. (Dt 32:2)*

- Similarly, just as we wash filth from our flesh with water, we wash the corruption from our spirits with God's word.

Clouds **Spirit**

Rain **Open word**



# Figurative clouds

- Clouds are a symbol for the invisible spirit/spiritual world (Ex 13:21).

Clouds Rain

Spirit

Open word

**Figurative**

- Just as rain comes down from the clouds, it is only the spirit that can give understanding of God's word of life (1 Cor 2:10-13).

**springs**• Just as

rain gathers in

Well/Spring



Flesh



springs, which are specific parts of the land with lots of water, God's spirit can fill specific hearts with

understanding of His word. ●

*The mouth of the righteous is a*

*fountain of life, but the mouth of  
the wicked conceals violence.* (Prv 10:11)

Clouds Rain

**rivers**• Just as

Open word

Spirit

Figurative

water flows through

Well/Spring



Flesh

Trees



Grass  
River

the land in rivers to nourish its  
plants and animals, God uses the  
flesh of evangelists as channels to

deliver His

word to those who need it. • *He  
who believes in Me, as the  
Scripture said, "From his innermost  
being will flow rivers of living  
water."* (Jn 7:38)

**How blessed is the man who does not walk  
in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in  
the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of  
scoffers! But his  
delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His**

**law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers. Ps 1:1-3**

**Water in biblical history - Drink to live**

- *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you*

*some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall **strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.**” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. (Ex 17:5-6)*

# **Water in biblical history - Wash or die**

- *You shall also make a **laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing**; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it; (Ex 30:18-19)*

**For My people have committed**

**two evils: they have forsaken  
Me, the fountain of living  
waters, to hew for themselves  
cisterns, broken cisterns that  
can hold no water.**

**Jer 2:13**

**Water in the OT prophecies**

- In Is 5, God compared Israel to a vineyard He had planted with the best vines but that produced only bad grapes. Thus, God said He would no longer protect His vineyard and would command the clouds not to rain on it (Is 5:1-6).
- God said He would send spiritual famine and drought upon Israel such that no matter how much people may seek food and water, they will not be able to find it (Am 8:11-12).

**“Behold, days are coming,” declares the**

**Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of the Lord. “People will stagger from sea to sea and from the north even to the east; they will go to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.**

**Am 8:11-12**

# Water in the OT prophecies

- *In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity. (Zec 13:1)*
- *Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. (Is 55:1-2)*

# Fulfillment at the 1st coming



- *The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered*

*around Him when they had come from Jerusalem, and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all*

*the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands,*

*thus observing the traditions of the elders; and when they*

*come from the market place,  
they do not eat unless they  
cleanse themselves; and there*

*are many other things which  
they have received in order to  
observe, such as the washing*

Drought→ Death  
*of cups and pitchers and  
copper pots.) (Mk 7:1-4)*

## **Fulfillment at the 1st coming**



- *The  
Pharisees  
and the  
scribes asked  
Him, “Why do*

*Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?”*

*And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of*

*you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors*

*Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. ‘But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’*

*Neglecting the commandment of*

*Drought→ Death*

*God, you hold to the tradition of men.” (Mk 7:5-8)*

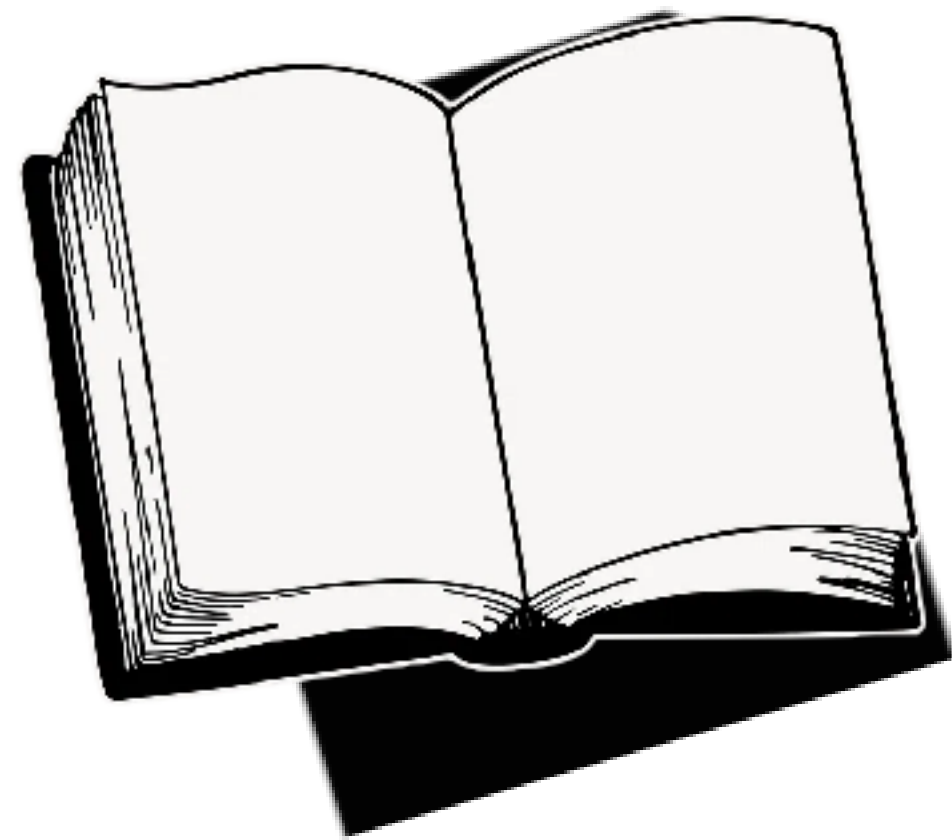
# 1st coming Spirit

Mk 7:1-4, 5-8

Jn 17:8 Jesus

## Fulfillment at the

*water*



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- *... but  
whoever  
drinks of the*

*that I will give him shall  
never*

*thirst; but the  
water that I will*

Jn 4:14

*give him will*

*become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” (Jn 4:14)*

Spring = Pastor

Drought→Death

Spirit

Mk 7:1-4, 5-8

**Fulfillment at the  
1st coming** 12 disciples

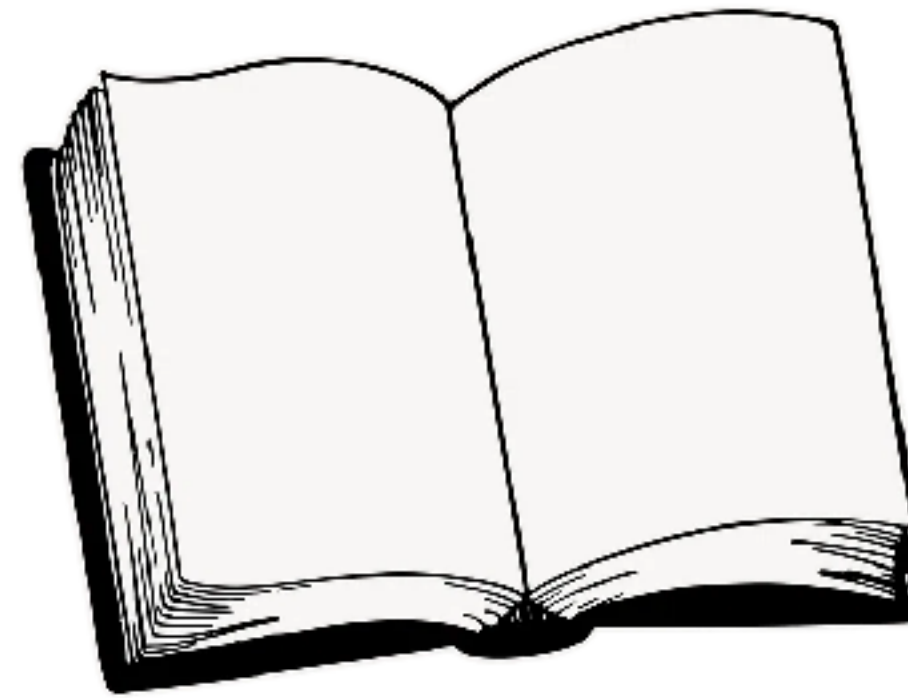
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Jn 7:38

Drought→Death



*innermost  
being will*

Spring = Pastor

Rivers =

Jesus

*believes in  
Me, as the Scripture*

• *He  
who*

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*said, 'From his  
flow rivers of (Jn 7:38)  
living water.'"*

Evangelists

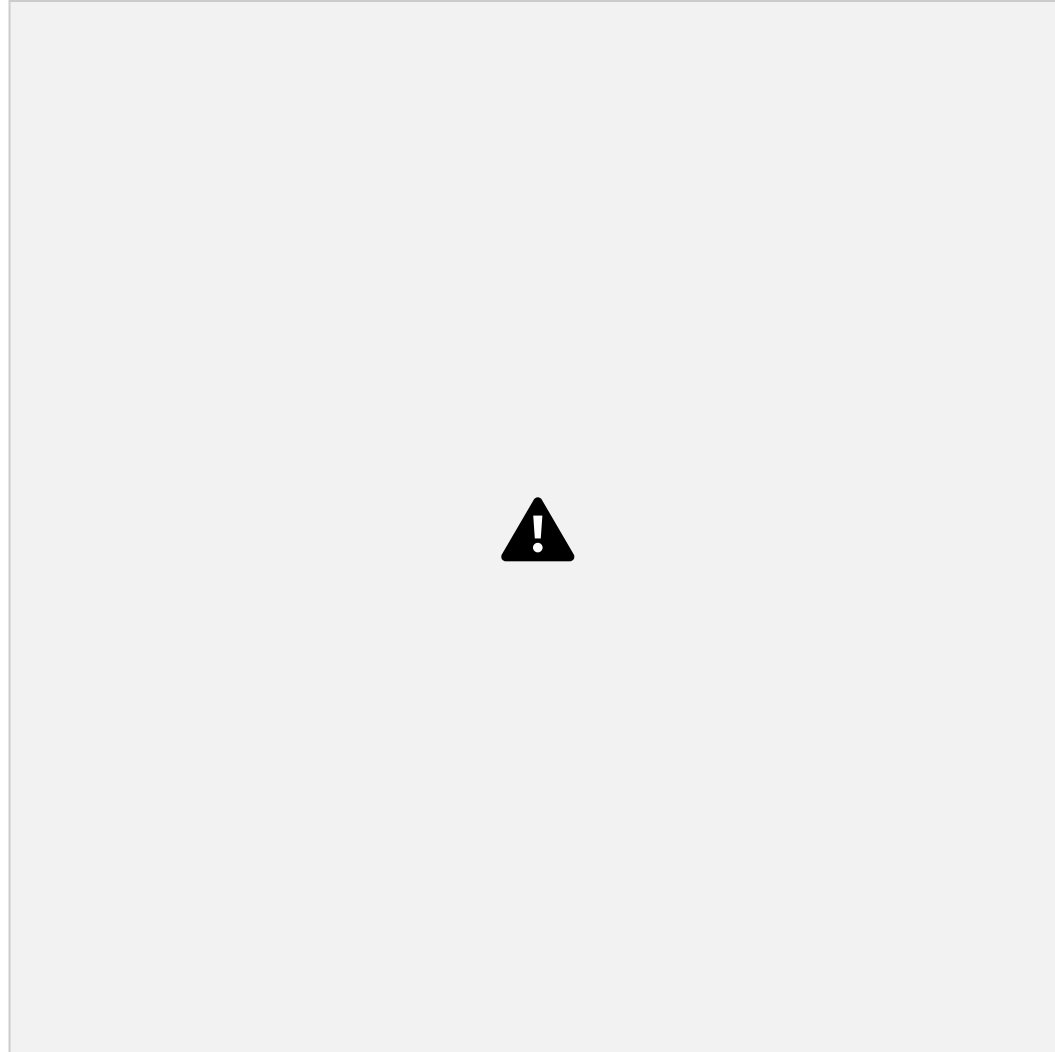
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## Fulfillment at

Believers



Jn  
17:8

Spirit

Jesus

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Jn 4:14

Jn 7:38

Jn 15:3

Spring = Pastor

Rivers = Evangelists

Cleansed, True Baptism

Drought→Death

**Fulfillment at the 2nd**

**coming** Drought→Death

Rv 5:1-3, Mt 24:7

*will rise against nation, and kingdom*

*against kingdom, and in*

- *For nation various places there will be famines and*

*earthquakes. (Mt*

*24:7)*

- *These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black*

*darkness has been*

*reserved. (2 Pt 2:17)*

Springs without  
water (2 Pt  
2:17)

Drought→ Death Rv 5:1-3, Mt 24:7

**Fulfillment at the 2nd<sup>o</sup>** *for the Lamb in the center of*  
**coming** *the*

Spirit

7:17 Jesus's

Messenger

*throne will be their  
shepherd, and will*

Rv



*guide them to **springs** and God will wipe  
of the water of life; every tear from  
7:17)*

Open Book *their eyes.” (Rv*

Rv 21:6

Rv 22:17

• *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 wishes*

*take the*

Springs without water (2 Pt 2:17)

Spring = Pastor

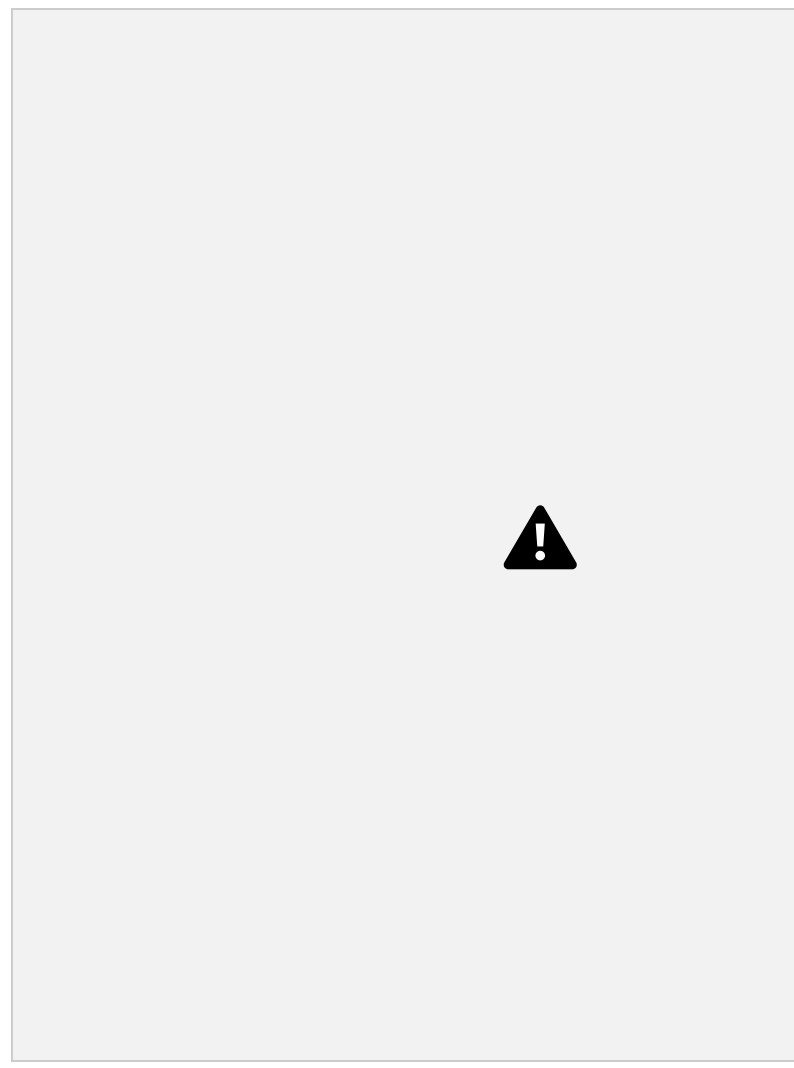
*water of life without  
cost. (Rv 22:17)*

**2nd coming** Spirit

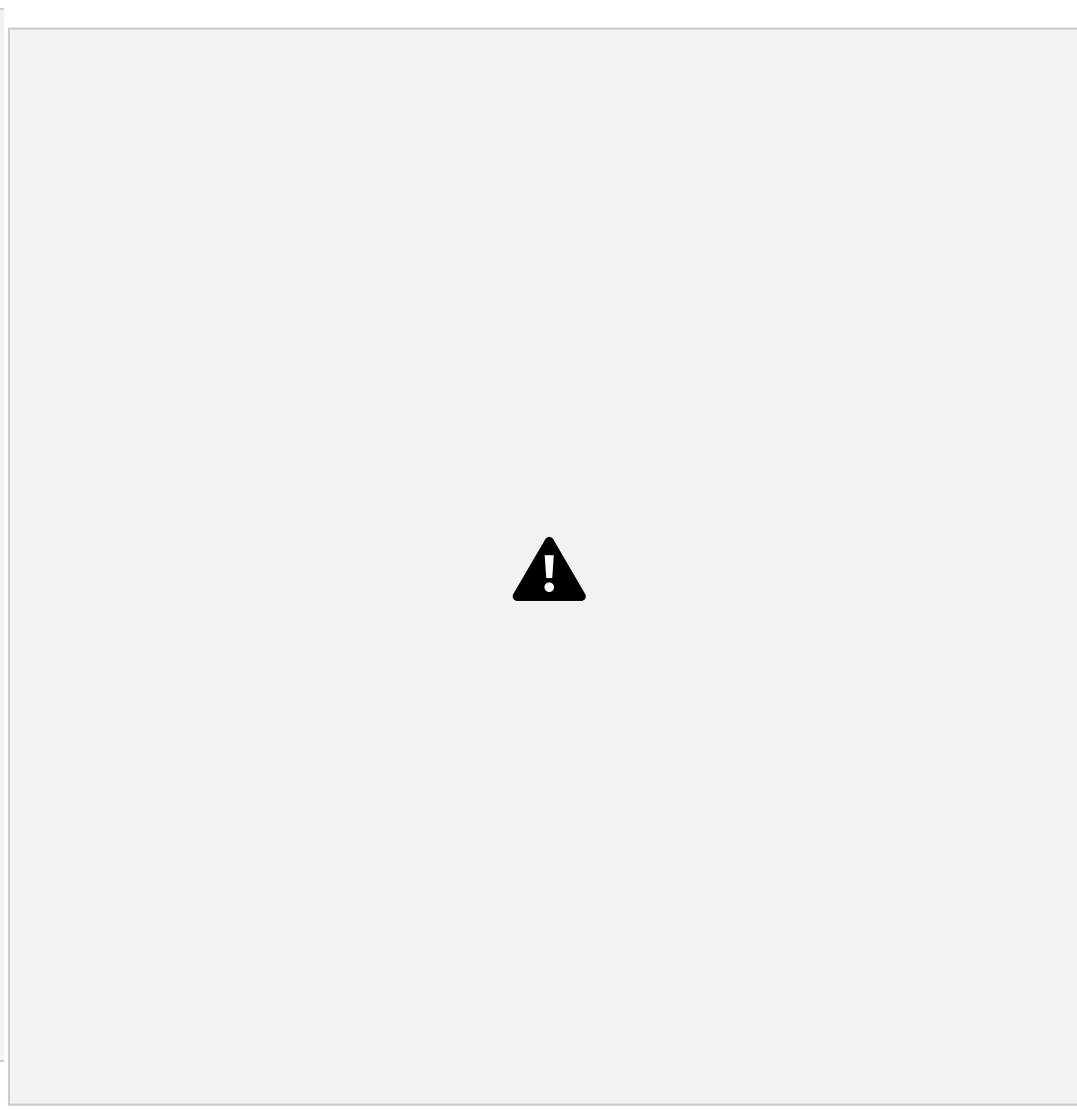
Drought → Death Rv 5:1-3, Mt 24:7

**Fulfillment at the**

Rv 7:17



Jesus's



Messenger

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Rv 21:6

Rv 22:17

Rv 22:1-2

Spring = Pastor

Rivers = Evangelists

Healing all the nations

Springs without water (2 Pt 2:17)

**Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit,**

**yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

**Rv 22:1-2**

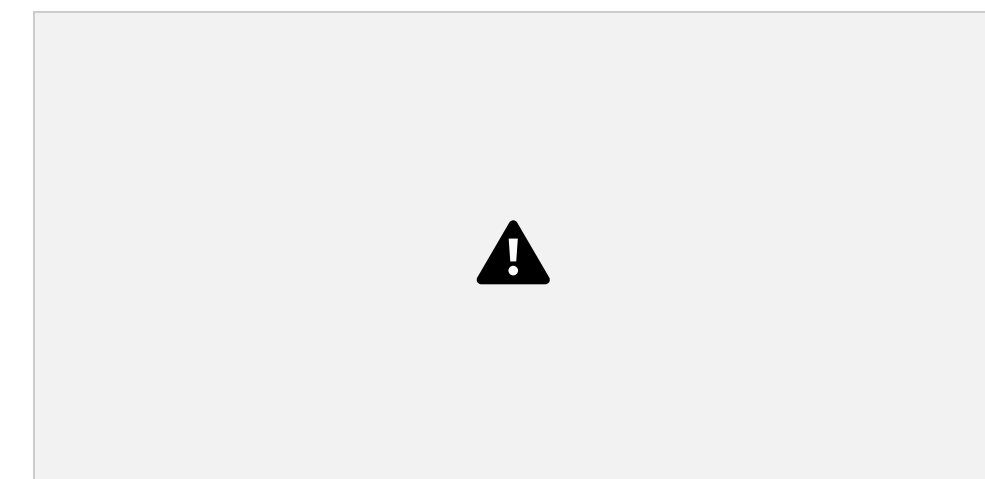
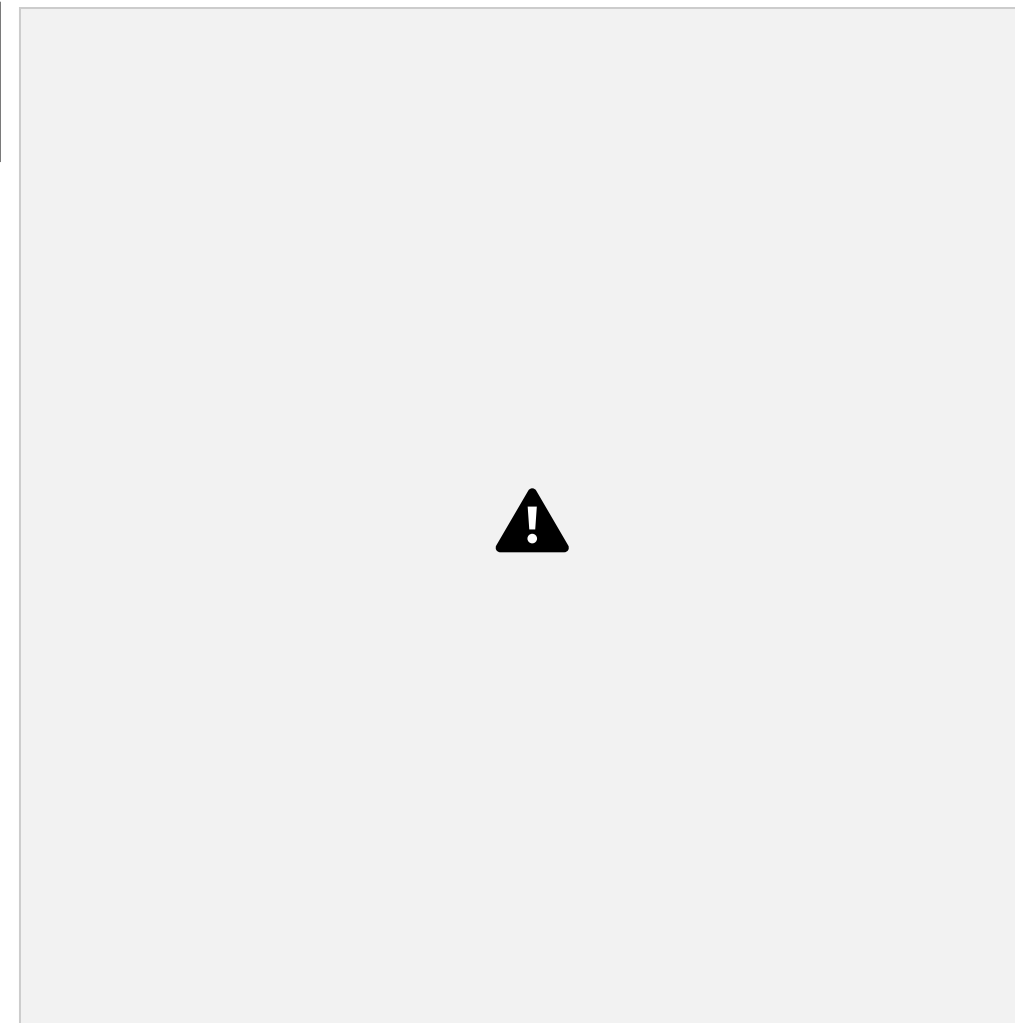
**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall**

# be satisfied.

## Mt 5:6

### Summary and conclusion

- Before the fulfillment, God's people are in a state of drought and famine.
- At the time of the fulfillment, just as the



clouds finally open to send life-giving rain to the earth, the spirit finally grants understanding of the open word.

- Just as the water fills a spring before flowing out through rivers to water the land, God fills the heart of a messenger with His open word before it passes through the hearts of evangelists to give life to others.



Let's pray

