

**"Many Waters" in the Bible**  
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**A. Literal references**

1. The sea
  - a) Thunderstorm approaching over the Med. Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD [is] upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD [is] upon many waters.
  - b) Psa 77:19 Thy way [is] in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.
  - c) Psa 93:4 The LORD on high [is] mightier than the noise of many waters, [yea, than] the mighty waves of the sea.
  - d) Psa 107:23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
  - e) Eze 27:26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.
  - f) Red sea: Hab 3:15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, [through] the heap of great waters.
2. Abundant water in general
  - a) Song 8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if [a] man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.
  - b) Jer 41:12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that [are] in Gibeon.
  - c) Eze 32:13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.
3. Fruitfulness (probably not the sea!!!)
  - a) Eze 17:5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed [it] by great waters, [and] set it [as] a willow tree.
  - b) Eze 17:8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.
  - c) Eze 19:10 Thy mother [is] like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.
  - d) Eze 31:7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

**B. Place of danger (Israelite fear of the sea)**

1. 2 Sam 22:17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;
2. Psa 18:16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.
3. Psa 32:6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.
4. Psa 144:7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

**C. Loud noise**

1. Psa 93:4 The LORD on high [is] mightier than the noise of many

waters, [yea, than] the mighty waves of the sea.

2. Jer 51:55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when [their] waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:
3. Eze 1:24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.
4. Eze 43:2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice [was] like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.
5. Rev 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
6. Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
7. Rev 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

#### D. Reference to many nations

Perhaps suggested by the literal sense of "sea," since that was what connected the various lands. Suggests that this sense does NOT refer to agricultural or irrigation mechanisms.

1. As adversaries ("other nation" + "place of danger")
  - a) Psa 144:7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;
  - b) Isa 17:13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but [God] shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.
  - c) Jer 51:55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when [their] waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:
  - d) Eze 26:19 For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;
  - e) Eze 31:15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. (cf. v.16, speaking of the nation's response)
2. Extent of a nation's influence over other nations
  - a) Israel: Num 24:7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed [shall be] in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
  - b) Tyre: Isa 23:3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, [is] her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.

- c) Babylon: Jer 51:13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, [and] the measure of thy covetousness.
- d) Babylon: Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: