

1. Leaves for the Healing of the Nations (Revelation 22.1-13)



# Rooted in God's Earth: Trees in Scripture

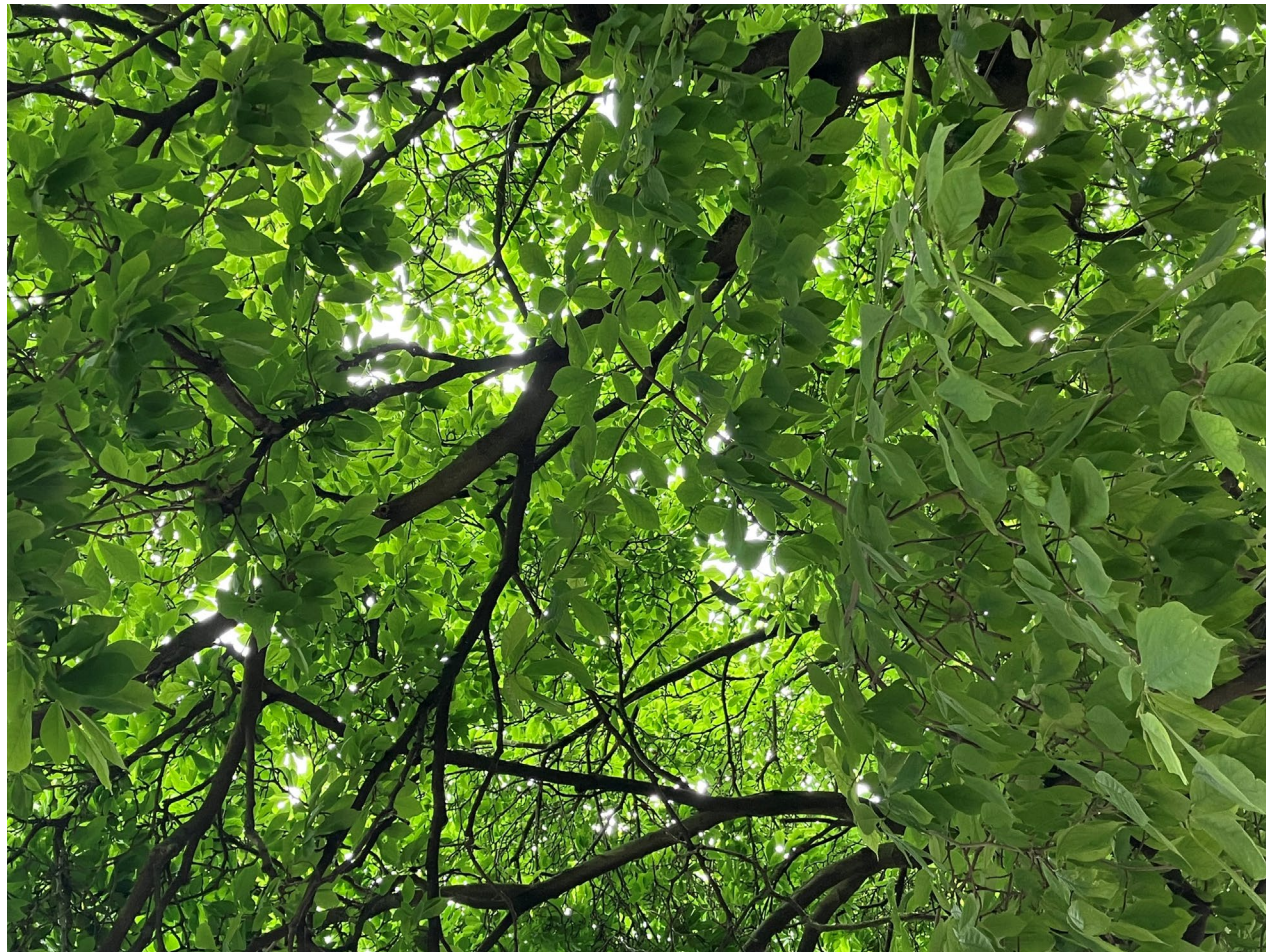


## **PART 2, SESSION 8**

**Leaves for the  
Healing of the Nations**

**Monday 28 October 2024**





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# Scripture and Our Lives...

**Heart** – intuition, feeling, openness, contemplative

**Head** – thinking, studying, questioning, curious

**Feet** – movement, determination, commitment, energetic



*'Beyond all that we can ask or imagine'*

*'Imagine the world to be different'*

*'We live, and move, and have our being in God's presence, here and now'*

## Revelation 22.1-13

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more.

But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants<sup>\*</sup> what must soon take place.'

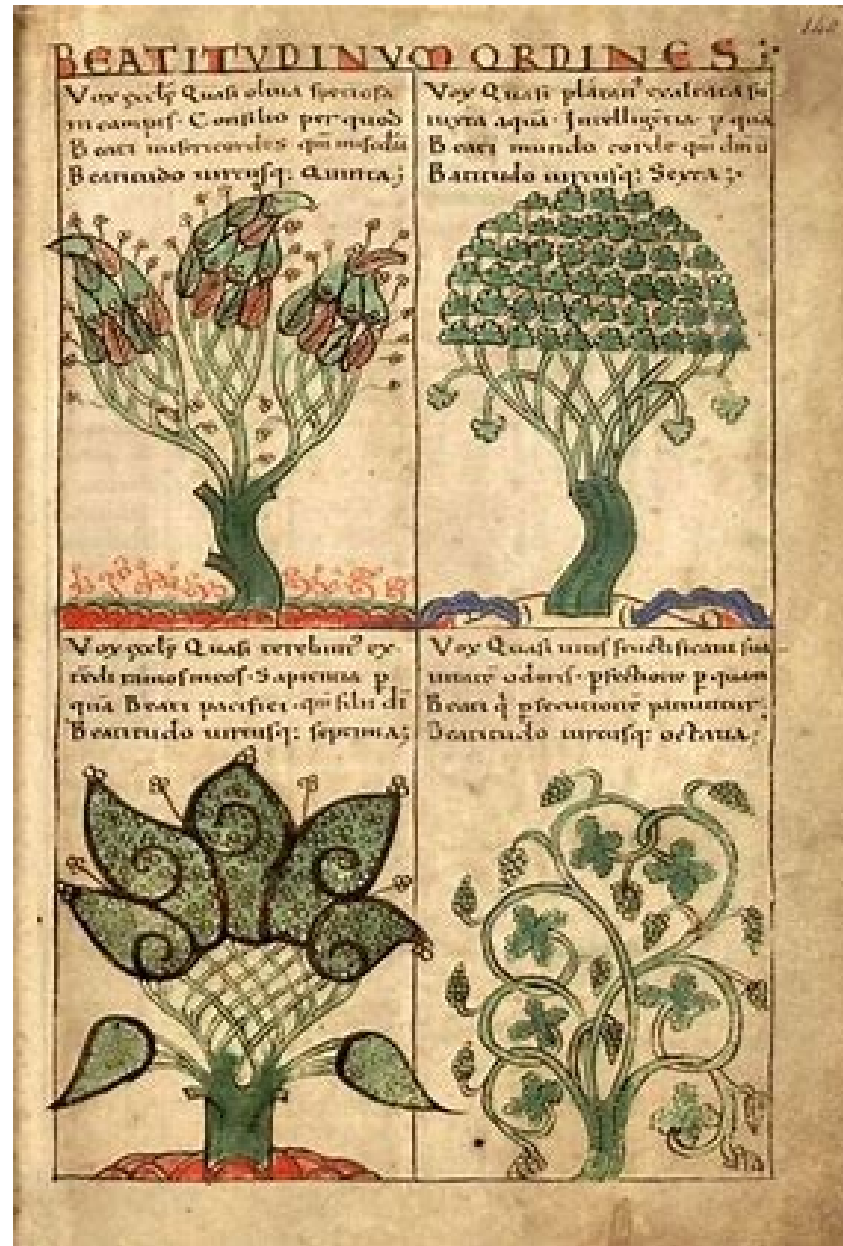
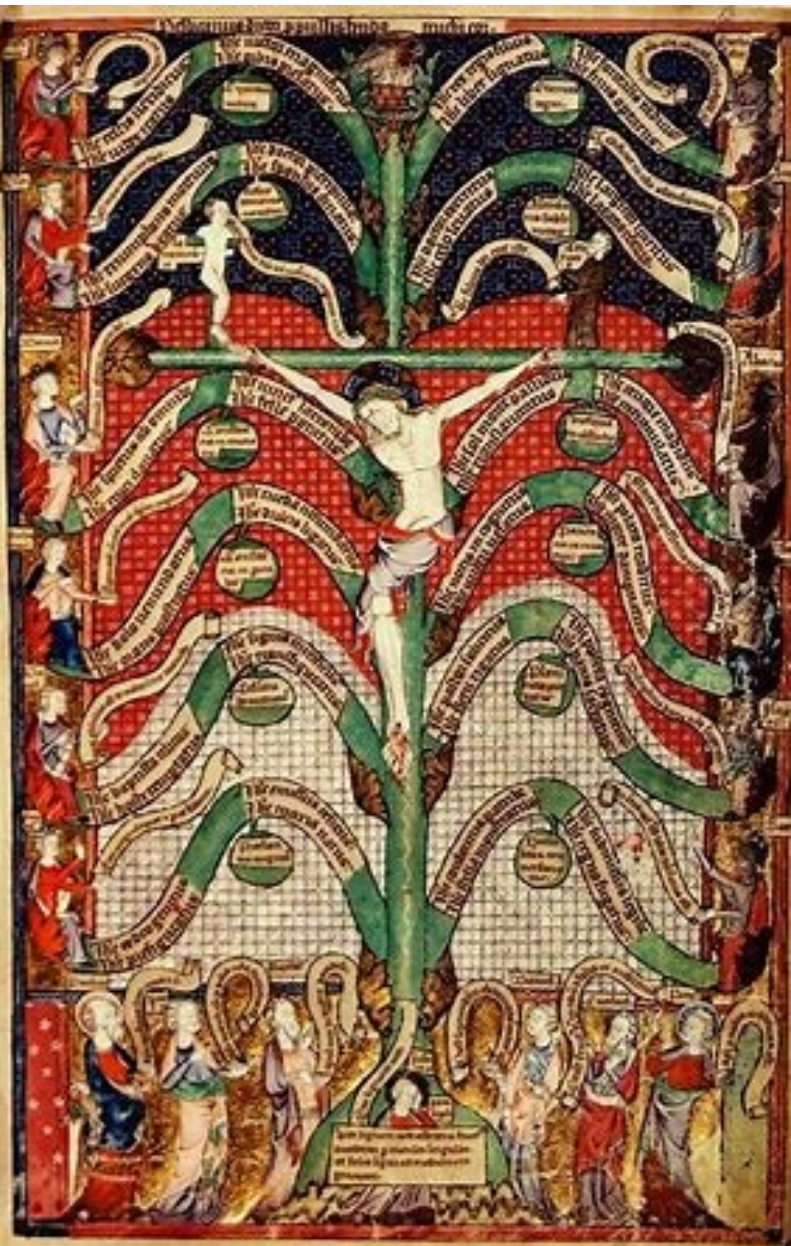
7 'See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.'

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant<sup>\*</sup> with you and your comrades<sup>\*</sup> the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!'

10 And he said to me, 'Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.'

12 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

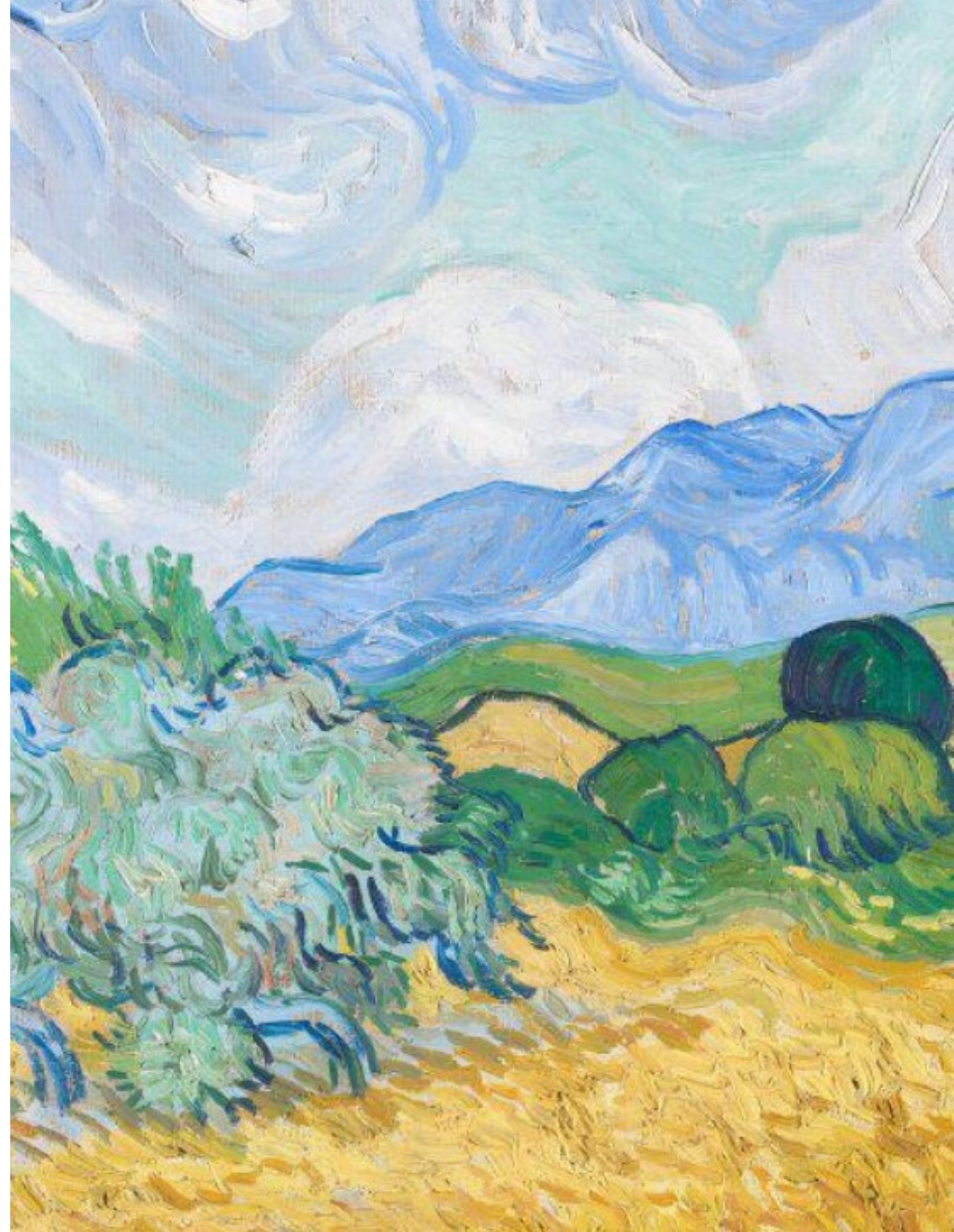




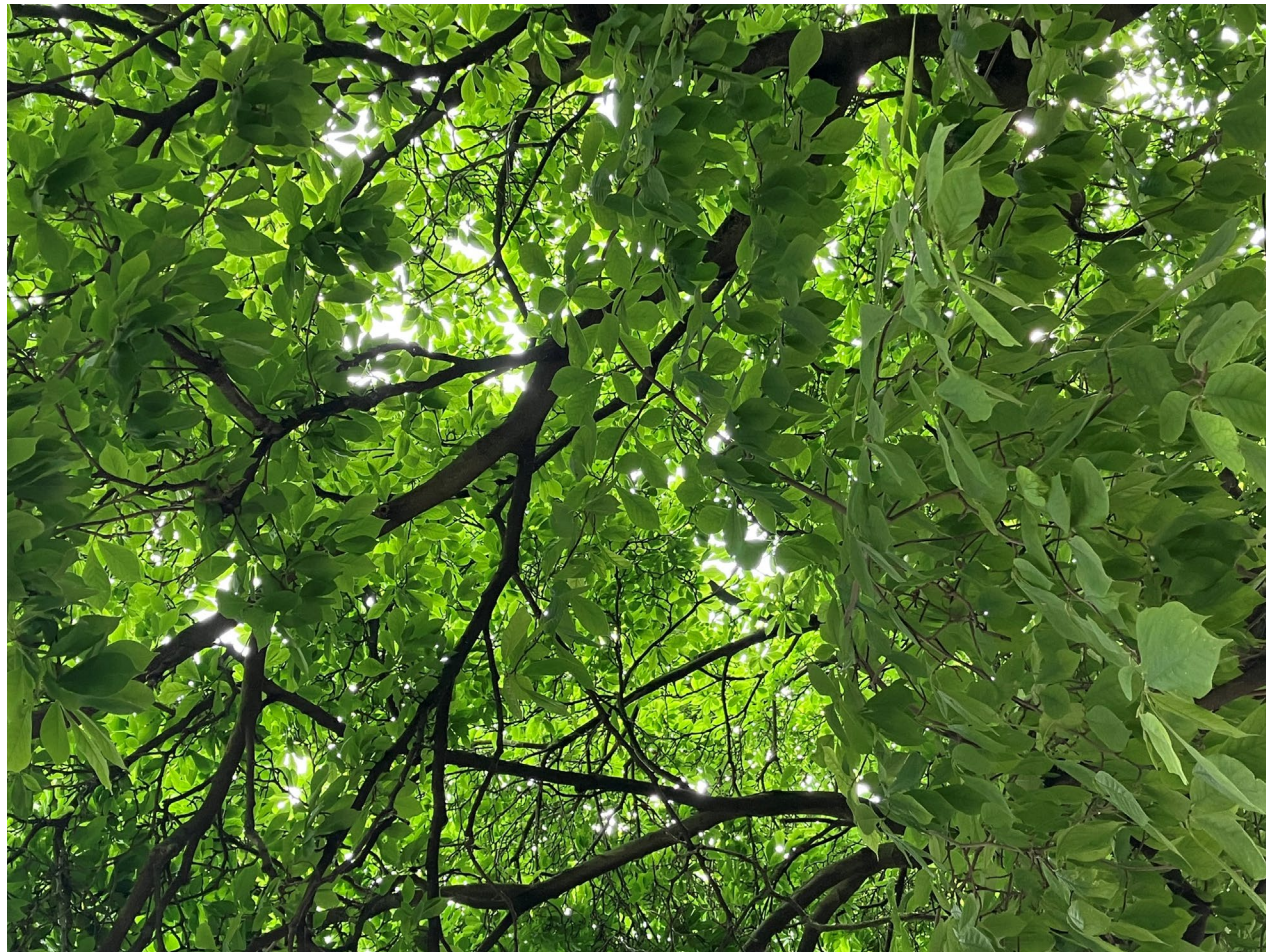


## **PAUSE, DISCUSS, EXPLORE**

- **What might the words 'healing' and 'nations' mean in this context?**
- **What might these words mean for you, for the Church, and for the world?**







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