

Life after Death Part 9

Revelation Chapters 5-6

Christ Second Coming - the Tribulation

We will continue further our discussion about life after death and the events at the second coming of Christ from the book of Revelation.

In ***Revelation 5*** we can recognize that Jesus, God the Son is in the throne as a lamb who was slain. ***“1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*** (This book in the right hand of the one in the throne is the book of the judgment of God, written in it the details of what God will be going to do. The writing in the book was written on both the inside and on the backside the details of the judgment of God. During the tribulation period God will pour out His programmed judgment on the wicked. About the seven seals notice that the judgment has a chronological sequence, but the purpose of the seven seals is not to reveal a chronological sequence of events but the nature of them and what great affliction God will bring on the life of the wicked people. Some of the seals might reflect the sequence of the judgment. However, the purpose of the seals is to emphasize certain themes about the judgment and the manner in which the judgment will take place when Jesus Christ is revealed. ***Therefore we need to live such a kind of life in holiness to avoid such a kind of judgment that will take place during the period of tribulation, because we agreed with the Scripture that the tribulation will start on the earth after the rapture, when we are already with the Lord in Heaven.***) ***2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*** (God is just, and He will give the judgment to the worthy one who meet the criteria and who did what was in the mind and in the will of God. ***The tribulation after the rapture is a court case, in which God is calling a court to judge the inhabitants of the earth who did not comply with His will, rejected His Word and His Christ.***) ***3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.*** (No one was worthy to lead the judgment of God during this period, for all have sinned and fell short of the glory of God. There was no man worthy to open the book or to look thereon inside it of what God will bring of judgment on those who are disobedient.) ***4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*** (John wept because there was no one there who was worthy; neither to open the book, nor to read it, nor to look in it. It is like a court of judgment in Heaven and a worthy judge needed to be there to preside the court. Alas we are undone without the mercy of God on us through Jesus Christ our Lord.) ***5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*** (Here is the good news comes: One of the elders announced the victory and informed John about it. He told him ***“Weep not”***, that is not to mourn because the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of David triumphed and He is worthy and prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals and start the events of God’s judgment. ***Weep not sinners, for these is still hope for you today to repent now and come back to God and walk in His ways so when Christ would come, you will be escaping the tribulations.***) ***6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the***

earth. (Apostle John looked again into the throne of God with fresh eyes and now sees Christ. He saw in the middle of the throne, a new thing that he did not see before. In the middle of the four beasts, in the middle of the elders, in the middle of the Church, he saw Jesus, the Son of God who had shed His blood on the cross for our sins, the one who is, being the Lamb of God, fulfilled the promise of God for Israel. Christ was seen here with new focus as the one ready to dispense the judgment because He slain for our sins. He is standing as we read, ***“stood a Lamb”***, ready to begin the judgment. John the Baptist told about Jesus, that He is the Lamb of God as we read here, ***“29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”*** (***John 1:29 KJV***) So Jesus here showed clearly that He Himself was the Lamb of God, in the midst of the throne, and John also saw Him, ***“having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”*** That mean the slain Lamb, Jesus Christ, having perfect power represented by the ***“seven horns”***; and is a searching Spirit powerfully finding and having perfect perception represented by the ***“seven eyes”***, to reveal what is hidden, which are the perfection of the Spirit represented by ***“the seven Spirits of God”***, that had sent to dispense the judgment of God.) ***7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.*** (This slain Lamb being worthy went ahead and took the book to initiate the judgment of God on the disobedient during the period of tribulation. That action of the slain lamb is to demonstrate that He is worthy to take the book and open the seal because He was slain and paid the price of the whole world sin.) ***8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*** (The four beasts and the twenty four elders fell down before the lamb worshipping Him, celebrating and commemorating His victory on the cross. They were having harps for singing and vials full of odours which are the prayers of saints that they will offer to God. ***Our prayers and supplication are valuable and it will be collected and they will be answered and come true in God’s perfect time; if not now and then, even at the time of rapture and tribulation, God will fulfill them and bring judgment on those who afflicted us, His church and His saints.***) ***9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*** (They celebrated the victory of Jesus with new song. The new song to Jesus because what He promised He fulfilled, and the saints and we among them at the rapture will celebrate what God had promised us, proclaiming His victory on the cross that initiate our redemption and the purchase of men by the blood of Jesus from every kindred, tongue, people and nation.) ***10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*** (***Through Christ we became the children of God, and so we are the children of the King, and so we are kings to reign and rule with Him, and we are royal priests to serve Him and stand and minister before Him to His people.***) ***11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*** (Those are the angels of God, numbering millions around the throne to celebrate His victory and to be ready to obey His biddings in executing His judgment on the wicked.) ***12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*** (Singing, with us, the song that announces His victory and His worth of receiving power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing, upon His victory. ***As we live in holiness, serving God worshipping Him and singing to Him, and as we continue in such, the day will come that we***

will do that in Heaven in the presence of God when He comes to take us. Therefore from that perspective let us continue to sing to God, Jesus Christ, a new song and continue to worship Him and serve Him.) **13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.** (“**And every creature which is in heaven**”, which means whether animate, inanimate, angels, the spirit of just men, sun, moon, etc, “**and on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them**”, which means whether human, beast, mountains, plants, etc. The inanimate as the sun, the moon, the stars the mountains, the rivers they are created by God and they have their glory as we can read here: “**39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.**” (1 Corinthians 15:39-41 KJV) At the song that the angels sang, then every creature started to sing the same song, confirming all what was said about the Lamb of God as we read here: “**heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.**” John heard them singing and saying that blessing, honor, glory and power is due to the Lamb. The Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord has the supreme power and authority during the period of tribulation and He will overpower all creatures, those who are with Him and even those who are against Him.) **14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.**” (The four beasts ratified the content of the song and the twenty four elders ratified that also, that Jesus is worthy and He will live forever, when they fell down worshipping the Lord.) (Revelation 5:1-14 KJV)

Before we move to **Revelation 6**, let us be reminded about the seven seals that we read in **Revelation 5:1**, “**And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.**” That the judgment in the seven seals has a chronological sequence, but the purpose of the seven seals is not to reveal a chronological sequence of events. Some of the seals reflect the sequence of the judgment. However, the purpose of the seals is to emphasize certain themes about the judgment and the manner in which the judgment reveals Jesus Christ. So in all His judgment Jesus is revealing Himself to the world during the period of tribulation.

Let us now read and meditate on **Revelation 6**, “**1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.**” (“**Come and see**”, said by one of the four beasts, is repeated here in this chapter; “**Come and see**”, is to encourage us today to watch the truthful things to increase our knowledge and our faith in God. God wants us to see and learn from the events of life and from what God’s Word tells us. Christ wants us to know to increase our faith, faithfulness and forward the message, that He is the Beginning and the End. The End begins with the opening of the Word of God’s Judgment by Christ the Living Word. “**and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder,**” means a great sound occurs like a thunder. One of the beasts calls to John “**Come and see**”, to observe carefully as John is about to see for the first time the judgment that will follow. What follows is an overall look of the critical

elements of the judgment that will follow. The four horses and horsemen, the altar and the great earthquake in the next verses, describe powerful aspects of the time of tribulation.) **2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.** (The judgment will be a time of conquering, depicted by a white horse is seen representing mighty conquering. The rider has a bow, an advanced weapon of destruction. The rider has a crown given to him, meaning that he will ride with authority granted to him. The extent of the conquering will be great as the horse is advancing and moving over a big distance of land. The riders on this horse and in the other horses do not represent a timeline as much as they represent dominant kinds of events that will happen over and over at various stages of the tribulation. There is a sequence to the tribulation and events before and after. However, conquering, death from warfare, economic turmoil, and death from many reasons occurs at various periods during the tribulation.) **3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.** (Here the judgment from this second seal will be a time of great death from warfare, illustrated by a rider on a red horse who was given power to take the peace from the earth and cause the people to kill one another. He was given a sword that will bring the judgment of death on the wicked people who left behind.) **5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.** (During this third seal illustrated by the black horse will be a time of commercial upheaval and controls; there will be economical collapses and people will eat by rations.) **6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.** (The amount of food eaten will be under control and measure because of economic failures.) **7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.** (During this fourth seal illustrated by the pale horse it will be a time of death from many sources. The name of the one sat on the pale horse is “**Death, and Hell followed with him**”, to receive the dead. The rider of the pale horse was given power to kill with sword, hunger, plagues and with the beasts of the earth which are the pandemics which will be sent to ravage men. One fourth of the earth will be destroyed and ravaged under His power.) **9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:** (This seal emphasized that there must be a time of perseverance for the martyred saints, from before the period of tribulation. Here there is no call from one of the beast to “**Come and See.**” This seal shows here the martyred saints that were put to death before the period of tribulation. Their souls were alive and they were kept under the altar to represent that they had offered their lives to God as living sacrifices; similar to the animals that are slaughtered to be offered on God’s altar. They were put to death for the Word of God. They were not willing to break the Word of God and the commands of God and kept their lives living in a good testimony for Jesus’ sake. **In the same way we need to persevere to do God’s will and to bear persecution in order to keep living with God’s Word.**) **10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?** (They were waiting for the event of rapture so they will be with Christ in glorified

bodies. In the same way we need to persevere during persecution so when Christ will come He will take us and we will be with Him.) **11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.** (The white robes represent the robes of righteousness, the good works of the saints that we too need to continue in doing the good works of God. And they were instructed to wait patiently for the event of rapture for their number was not yet complete, because there will be others who will be willing to pass suffering and they will be killed for Christ's sake. * The time of tribulation is the time of setting up the court of God and announces the judgment of God on the wicked that disobeyed God and now they deserve His judgment. * The slain saints under the altar are a clear witness that justifies God's judgment on the wicked. * As well as it gave to John, and to the churches, that the message sent to them, and to those who read the book of Revelation, and to us today, the importance of suffering and the perseverance in suffering and bearing the persecution till Christ will come and take us with Him.) **12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;** (At the time of tribulation there will be times of upheaval and there will be changes in Heaven and on the earth. God will shake everything to judge the wicked and to let them pay back for their wickedness. There will be earthquakes; the sun will be black and the moon as blood; so great tribulation events will take place during the period of tribulation as follows.) **13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.** (The stars of Heaven will fall unto the earth like figs from the fig tree.) **14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.** (Heaven will be shaken and will move like a scroll when you close it; even mountains and islands will move out from their places during the period of tribulation.) **15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;** (Those events will cause all the inhabitants of the earth to be troubled; from their kings to their free men and slaves; to be frightened and to go and hid themselves. Even the kings of the earth who are the highest authority with all their resources they will not be able to stand the judgment of God.) **16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:** Jesus when they were taken him to crucify him, He said that to the woman, **"28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. 29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. 30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us."** (Luke 23:28-30 KJV) This Scripture is taken from the book of Hosea, **"8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us."** (Hosea 10:8 KJV) That will be fulfilled at the time and the events of the tribulation; they will chose death instead of life just to be hidden from the face of Jesus and His judgment on earth, because great is the wrath of God during the period of tribulation, and they will not be able to stand.) **17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?** (It will be a time of great wrath of God. **Therefore our message today as a church is to sound the alarm**

to warn the people, and ourselves to be warned, to live a life worthy to the one who call us so that we will be spared from passing through this period of tribulation.)" (Revelation 6:1-17 KJV)

My dear and beloved: Let us continue to meditate on all what we had read from Scripture and the explanation of what will be taken place in the future, and let us live our lives in holiness and in the fear of God, so we will be taken by the Lord at His second coming and escaping the tribulation that will be taken place then after. Let us take this message and spread it and warn those whom we are reaching out about what will take place at the coming of the Lord, so they can prepare themselves by repenting and amending their ways.

Let us pray ...

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your warning message from your Word about what will be taken place at the tribulation period at the coming of Jesus.

Confess and renounce all your sins, so that you will be ready and will be taken at the rapture when Christ will come to take us with Him to Heaven, and in such you escape the tribulation. Renounce your sins of worldliness, love of material things, pleasure and fame. Renounce the lust of your eyes and the lust of your heart. Renounce your idol worship and the things that you love and honor more than God. Renounce your immoralities, lies, stealing, laziness, and selfishness. Renounce your doubts, lack of faith, yoked with non believers, setting bad examples to others, your bad stewardship, non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him, your stubbornness and your delayed obedience.

Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to live my life for you, doing your will and the good plan that you have for me. Lord I commit myself to live in holiness and to preach your Word and your return to the people around me, and warn them about the period of tribulation. Lord uphold me with your grace and mercy, provide for me and protect me from persecution until I achieve your purpose in my life.

Lord thank you for my Brethren and Sisters who committed their lives to live for you and to serve you in proclaiming your Word and your will. Lord protect them and provide for them and refill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the spiritual gifts that they need in their lives to go on and serve you.

Lord bless us as your church as we commit ourselves to live our lives for you and to serve you. Lord protect us and lead us with your Holy Spirit to teach your Word and your second coming to the people around us and to our children and disciples. Lord enable us to reach to new people with the gospel of Jesus and to make new disciples. Lord lead us to train new workers and to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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