

## ***Life after Death Part 10***

### ***Revelation Chapters 7-8***

### ***Christ Second Coming - the Tribulation***

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

In ***Revelation 7***, in the midst of the tribulation, God will continue to redeem some people; including the Israelites His people as He promised as we read here, ***“22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.” (Isaiah 66:22 KJV)*** Therefore, He will continue to do that for them even during the period of tribulation. God will change their hearts and will transform them as He promised, ***“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:26 KJV)*** Based on that, then three groups are noted; those saved before the tribulation, those saved during the tribulation, and the third group are the Israelites, those of Israel who come to worship the Lamb during the period of tribulation. He will save them for the sake of the promise of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God will fulfill His promise to His people, Israel, and will work out to save them, even during the period of tribulation. They will be saved during the period of tribulation as they will believe on Jesus and turn toward God in repentance. For the sake of those who will be saved during the tribulation including among them those Israelites who will believe in Jesus, God will hold back and control the turmoil during the tribulation so that His people will be saved. Let us now read and meditate on ***Revelation 7***.

***“1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. (These four angels will stop the winds from blowing on the earth so they will prohibit them from causing death and damages.) 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, (Here this angel sent by God to put seal to mark those who are saved so they will be spared in the coming judgment.) 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. (He was crying to the four angels to withhold judgment from those who will be sealed. He was asking them to wait till he and other angels to finish the process of sealing, as he said, “till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”) 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. (John here heard the number of those who will be saved among the Israelites. Here the Jewish will be given opportunity to be saved during the period of tribulation and they will worship the lamb, Jesus Christ, as we can read in Revelation 15. From all tribes of Israel will be people got saved; 12000 of each tribe up to the complete number of 144000 from the whole twelve tribes and as the following.) 5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of***

***Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. 7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.”*** (If you look again to the tribes that are mentioned, you will notice that one tribe is missing. He mentioned the tribes of Joseph and Manasses because the tribe of Joseph is two tribes, Ephraim and Manasseh. Possible Joseph is for the tribe of Ephraim and Manasses for Manasseh. In such situation there should be thirteen tribes. The missing tribe from the list is the tribe of Dan. Why this tribe is missing from the list? Nothing mentioned here about why it is missing, but there is some clue from the Scriptures about it. In the book of Judges, there is a story about the idols of Micah, who hired a Levite to be his priest. That Levite ultimately hired by the tribe of Dan to be their priest, and he did that using the idols of Micah, and that incidence of idol worship among the Israelites, caused the tribe of Dan, to be separated from the house of God and they were totally in idol worship till the time of exile as we read here, ***“30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.” (Judges 18:30-31 KJV)*** The name of that Levite was ***“Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh”***, and some commentaries suggest that Gershom was the son of Moses and Moses was the grandfather of this Levite. It is remarkable that the ‘nun’, or ‘N’ in Manasseh, is suspended over the other letters in the printed copies of the Hebrew Bible, and so without it, Manasseh may be read ‘Maasseh’ which is pronounced like ‘Moses’. The Jews have the notion that this was done in honor of Moses, and to indicate that he was more like the son of Manasseh than of Moses, and just for the sake of Moses that Levite was not disciplined or suspended. The point that I want to raise from this is how harmful was this act of that Levite who was greedy for gain, who willfully led the tribe of Dan to idol worship. When that tribe was not corrected till the time of exile, they were not having the opportunity to know and live the truth, that is why they were not given chance to repent and come back to God. **In the same way today why we need to break all the strongholds of idol worship, so that the people will have the opportunity to know the truth and to repent and to come back to God. We should not compromise and keep sin when we see idol worship and wrong doings infiltrating the life of the people of God and the church.) 9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. (The tribulation with its events of God’s judgment will result in redeeming people. The redeemed will be worshipping the Lamb, Jesus Christ, as we read in verses 9-10, as well as in verses 13-14. They are great multitude of all nations, peoples and tongues. Those who are redeemed during the tribulation will be worshipping the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, with the ruptured church.) 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.** (The raptured church will worship the Lord in Heaven during the tribulation with the second group that will be redeemed during the tribulation and join them. The following is a further description of the redeemed group during tribulation noted earlier in verses 9-10.) ***13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence***

came they? **14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.** (Here one of the elder asked John about those who were taken out and saved during the period of tribulation, and John answered the elder that he knows, so the Elder proceeded and told him that they are the people who are redeemed during the period of the great tribulation, **“These are they which came out of great tribulation”, “and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”** The robes that they washed and made them white in the blood of Jesus, mean the righteousness of the saints, **“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” (Revelation 19:8 KJV)** The elder explained to John that those had proved themselves to be righteous people, by washing their robes and made them white, being without sins, by the blood of Jesus. They had repented, turned away from sins and persevered to go through the narrow gate into the straightway and were willing to be persecuted and even killed for the sake of Christ’s name. **\* The period of tribulation will be a terrible period; therefore we admonish those believers, and you and we among them should know our limits and behave, repent and come back to God so that we will not pass through the tribulation. \* Although God is merciful, and will still give chance of salvation during this period, but those who believe during this period, their faith will be tested and they need to prove themselves by persecution and be put to death to prove their genuine faith in Christ.** I am speaking here not about the Jewish but about the Gentiles who would enter the period of tribulation and they are not yet saved.) **“15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.”** All those categories after they are raptured, after they proved themselves worthy, they will stand before the throne of God for they proved their stand and commitment toward God and Christ. They will be before the throne of God and they will worship Him and serve Him, and He will dwell with them, and they will be the same with us and those who are redeemed before the period of tribulation. When it says, **“and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them”,** it means that they will not be separated from Christ from now and forever.) **“16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.** (To be in a glorified body, is to be freed from the limitations of the body, which are hunger, thirst, and the effect of temperature of the surrounding atmosphere, as well as we can add to such no more pain, or the effects of the sicknesses, because those are the effects of the mortal bodies since in the rapture we are in glorified bodies. As well as no more tears nor sorrows, and no more fear.) **17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”** (Being in glorified body, means to be satisfied with the presence of Jesus in His throne, the Lamb of God, and that will be our food, and our direction into the living water.) **(Revelation 7:1-17 KJV)** In the vision of the rapture Christ will be in the midst of His people during the period of rapture and tribulation. He is in the midst of the throne, and He had caught away His people and brought them around Him. We will praise Him, and, He will wipe away all tears from our eyes. What we pass through from troubles and tribulations in life will be compensated later on by God, who will wipe all our tears. Once we will meet the Lord on the air He will wipe our tears and we will continue to experience that throughout eternity, as we can read in **Revelation 21** at the time of the new Heaven and the new earth, at the time of the coming down of the Heavenly Jerusalem, of how God will wipe our tears as we can read here, **“1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and**

**the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” (Revelation 21:1-4 KJV)**

During the period of tribulation, the people of the earth will reap from the earth destruction and death. The Lamb, Jesus Christ, is in control of what will happen on the earth during the tribulation as we read in **Revelation 8** and **9**. There will be God’s wrath and there will be wrath from Satan. But God will be in full control. **The purpose of bringing His judgment is not only to punish the wicked but in order to bring those who are willing to repentance.** The destruction and death will be so great, and the power of Christ that releases this judgment will be so great, that it begins with honor and horror, first noted with the silence of Godly fear and awe as the Lamb breaks the seventh seal. Let us read and meditate on **Revelation 8**.

**“1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.** (The instruments of the judgment are seven messenger angels from the Lamb. The trumpets were given to them to announce the judgment of God. God always announces His judgment on the people who disobey Him as a warning to them, and if they will not repent He will send His judgment on them. **Therefore consider this message to you as a warning that you need to repent and turn from your wrong doings.**) **3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.** (The judgment goes along with the prayers of God’s people as an offering to the Lamb on the throne through a messenger angel. In the tabernacle of God, the golden altar was in the holy place, where the priest will offer incense on it, to be smelled by the Lord. **\* God shall answer our prayers and petitions in His proper time as He brings judgment on those who persecuted us and who were showing indifference and contradicting the message that we were delivering to them. \* Every time we evangelize and tell the Word of God and the people resist us, we pray for them; if they will not respond, God will judge them on His second coming. When we preach and teach the Word of God, and people persecute us, we pray for them. We pray for those who ill treat us, and when they will not respond, God will judge them on His second coming. \* Therefore we don’t need to fight nor revenge nor have ill feelings toward those who do us bad, for God is there and He will judge them on His time. What we need to do is to pray for them, to cleanse our hearts and to have no ill feelings toward them.**) **5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.** (As an answer to prayers, the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar of God, the altar of worship, the altar of judgment, and cast it into the earth in the form of thundering, lightnings and earthquake as God’s judgment on the wicked. **Therefore we don’t need to fight or retaliate; God shall do it for us.**) **6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.** (Here the seven angels prepared themselves to bring the judgment of God.) **7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were**



*cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.* (The first angel from Christ when he sounded, hail and fire intermingle with blood burned one third of the trees and the green grass. The same what God did when Pharaoh resisted Him, He sent hail and destroyed the plants and the trees because Pharaoh was disobedient, hard headed and rebellious. God did such in order to force him to obey Him. \* **God will do even the same for you when you disobey Him. He will remove green and good things from your lives to force you to repent and come back to Him. \* Many times you are not observing what God is doing in giving good things to you. You will not be aware of it only when God will remove it from your life. Are you appreciating the green field, the green plants and the trees that God allows and plants around you? God's goodness the purpose of it is to lead you to repentance.**) **8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.** (The second angel from Christ when he sounded the trumpet, great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea and caused the third part of the sea became blood, and the third part of the creatures in the sea died, and the third part of the ships destroyed. Third part of the sea food will be removed, and the third part of the ships destroyed that will affect much the trade and food supply and other goods that is transmitted between different parts of the world. **Do you value the vast food of the sea that God had prepared for you? See the good things that God had prepared for you, consider and earnestly repent.**) **10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.** (As The third angel messenger from Christ begins to sound the trumpet, a burning star came down from Heaven named, **"Wormwood"**, which means bitterness, will turn one-third of earth's rivers and springs into a deadly bitterness that will kill many who will drink it. **Appreciate now that there is Heaven above you and that the stars are hanged there in that place. Appreciate also that you are drinking sweet water and not bitter nor cloudy, nor dirty one.**) **12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.** (The fourth angel messenger from Christ when sounded the trumpet, began the striking of one-third of the sun, moon and stars so that one-third of daylight and night was dark. **Value and thank God for the light of the sun in the day time and the light of the moon and the stars in the night. Without the sun no plant will grow and no food from plants will be reproducing, and life cycle will stop. Without the sun when you wake up morning it is dark, and without the moon and the stars when you walk in the night it is dark.**) **13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"** (An angel messenger declares complete terror will come to the people of the earth as a result of the turmoil on the earth from the Judgment of Lamb by His fifth, sixth and seventh messenger angels to follow. The people of the earth have been ravaged from the earth through the first four messenger angels in chapter 8 and will be further ravaged by the fifth, sixth and seventh angel messengers which will emphasize Satan's destructive work upon the people of the earth. **Appreciate now that when you look to Heaven you are assured with the mercy of God and His good**

**promises to you. Live now in the fear of the Lord. Repent of your sins and your shortcomings and come to the Lord, humbling yourself down and start to serve Him and live your life for Him.) (Revelation 8:1-13 KJV)**

***My dear and beloved:*** Continue to meditate on all what you had received from the message. Appreciate all the good things that God had prepared and you are enjoying from light, warm, food, drink, plants and green. Appreciate His goodness and faithfulness in answering your prayers and in providing all your needs. Appreciate the message, that you receive warning and His invitation for you to repent of all your sins and to amend your ways to be ready for His coming.

It is a high time for you to come out of all your sins, idols, your idol worship, your worldliness, immoralities and wrong practice; to renounce them all, and to be willing to go through the narrow gate and the ways and the plans that God had for you.

If you are passing through suffering and persecution then be encouraged that your labor, suffering and persecution will not be in vain. God shall reward you and God shall deal with those who persecute you and show indifference to the message of God that you are giving to them. Therefore persevere, continue to do such until He will come because you will be richly rewarded.

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 message to me. Lord thank you for all your goodness and all what you provided for me to make my life more beautiful and meaningful. Lord thank you for the warning and the rebuke and the correction that I received in this message. Lord thank you for the encouragement that I received which will push me forward to continue to do the work of yours until you come to take me to Heaven.

*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 you will not be passing into the period of 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 ungratefulness and non faithfulness to God and to His works. Renounce your idols and the sinful traditions that you live and 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, wasting time on the Media, news and games. Renounce your bad stewardship, non willingness to serve God and suffer persecution 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 in holiness and away from sin. Lord I commit myself to do your will and the good plan that you have for me. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to continue to persevere in your service inspite of all rejection and persecution that I may exposed to until you come or until you take me to Heaven. Lord I commit myself to go and preach the gospel and teach your Word and to make disciples of all nations. Lord I commit*

*myself to continue to pray for the lost souls to respond to you and to your Word. Lord uphold me with your grace and mercy, provide for me and protect me from persecution until I achieve your purpose in my life and in the life of the people around me and under my care.*

*Lord thank you for my Brethren and Sisters who are thankful to you and 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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