

## ***Life after Death Part 11***

### ***Revelation Chapters 9-10***

### ***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 9***, we will come across the work of Satan during the tribulation period. The messenger angels from the Lamb continued; with the fifth and sixth messenger angels releasing Satan and the powers of hell on earth. So they are angels from God, that will release the power of hell and Satan; it means God is in full control and under His permission and power allowing the power of darkness to achieve a certain purpose in His mind: ***“1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.*** (The fifth messenger angel from the Lamb released demons which in turn releases the powers of hell for death and destruction. The bottomless pit is a pit that contains demons, the fallen angels. This pit is bottomless. When you fall in a pit you will reach the bottom. But that pit has no bottom, that when things fall in it, will not reach to an end. The angel having the key for the bottomless pit enabled him to open the bottomless pit and released demons who were there, and in this way released the power of darkness. **Do you value that God is controlling the power of darkness and hell to protect you and not to be harmed?** When the power of darkness released, there will be darkness in the day and in the night. Here in the period of tribulation the powers of hell are released to work havoc upon the earth and bring scorpion like torment to those who are not redeemed by the Lamb.) ***3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*** (The Locusts were the demons who were in the bottomless pit, and has destructive power, as the locusts that can eat everything green available in front of it. **Do you value that God is not allowing devourers and calamities to come across your life and take God’s entire blessing from in front of you? Are you not thankful that God is not allowing Satan and demons to attack you and harm you? Now if God is in full control to protect then you need to value that and repent early before you are finding yourselves in the period of tribulation. Do not take advantage of God and His patience and mercy. Repent soon so you will be spared the period of tribulation.**) ***4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.*** (The locusts with scorpions power, who were demons released from the bottomless pit were commanded not to destroy neither the grass nor the tree, but only those who have not the seal of God on their foreheads. The seal of God is the approval that those who have that are belong to God and are His servants. The seal is what we had read in chapter 7 as we read here, ***“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, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”*** (Revelation 7:2-3 KJV), ***5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a***

***scorpion, when he striketh a man.*** (They were not given the power to put to death but to torment. The purpose of pain and torment is to bring mankind to repentance. **There is certain time the Lord is allowing pain and sufferings into your life in order to bring you to repentance.**) ***6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.*** (People at the time of tribulation they will seek and desire death just to escape the torment of demons and the pain of the affliction and suffering. But in vain! Because death will not bring them relief; for after death and without repentance they will be founding themselves in hell where the demons will continue to torment them there. **Therefore, how much more now you need to be earnest and repent and change your ways and come back to God before the period of tribulation to come.**) ***7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.*** (Here those power of darkness, represented by the locusts, which were demons, were the power of hell and will be purposefully prepared for the battle. Their powers will be unstoppable represented by horses; they are like horses to run the battle field. Horses are unstoppable during the battle for they will not be afraid of the weapons of the enemies because they have great power. Appeared with faces like humanity and having crowns as dignity for their ranks.) ***8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*** (They have beauty represented by hair of women. They have teeth as teeth of lions to crush and destroy.) ***9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.*** (They had breastplates of iron to be protected while they will be attacking. The sound of their wings was to strike fear in others.) ***10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.*** (The stings in their tails were as the scorpions which will strike while others are unaware; the same as the danger of scorpion, is that when will attack no one is aware of it. The effect of the powers of hell upon humanity will last for five months, knowing that the whole tribulation period approximately seven years.) ***11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*** (They had a leader over them. Satan has ranks and leaders to lead his battle. ***“Abaddon”*** and ***“Apollyon”*** means destruction.) ***12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.*** (The destruction released from hell itself is only the beginning of torment. That was one woe only and it will be followed by another two woes, to keep the destruction persistent.) ***13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,*** (Here the six angel sounded the trumpet, and John heard a voice from the golden altar, probably that was the voice of God.) ***14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*** (The voice of the Word of God instructed the sixth messenger angel of the Lamb to release four other angels that were present at the river Euphrates which were bound and located in the Middle East.) ***15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.*** (The four messenger angels from Euphrates were prepared for a certain time and released on that particular time to kill one third of humanity. They were released to promote wickedness and add more to the works of Satan and the power of darkness that previously started upon the release of the locusts from the bottomless pit.) ***16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.*** (The four messenger angels that released in the region of Euphrates used an army of 200 million horsemen.) ***17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and***

*of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.* (John saw their horses in the vision and their horsemen having breastplates of fire, jacinth and brimstone. Such breastplates that emit fire cannot be tolerated by ordinary human being horsemen. But most likely they were abnormal human beings that were reproduced perhaps by genetical mutations; that would reproduce men of certain flesh; that were set for constant attack and were protected from fire and by fire. *“and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.”* Those horses also most likely reproduced by genetical mutations, and were set to fight to kill human being by the smoke, fire and the brimstone that will be issued from their mouths.) *18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.* (By those fire, smoke and brimstone that were going out from the mouths of those horses, one third of men were to be killed.) *19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.* (The powers of those horses were in their mouths as we explained in the previous verse, and in their tails which were like snakes that had heads that they use to hurt. The purpose of God to release the power of hell and those 200 millions horses with their horsemen with the hurt will reproduce on those who are left behind perhaps to bring them to repentance, but they did not as we can read the following:) *20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”* (Revelation 9:1-21 KJV) The remaining two thirds of humanity who were not killed by the fire, smoke and brimstone, did not repent of their murders, sorceries, fornication and thefts, but continued to worship the devils, and continued to worship material things; becoming their idols, made of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood.

Let us move now to **Revelation 10**. After God's wrath was poured out on the inhabitants of the earth, and after Satan wrath that poured on earth from hell and the bottomless pit, here in this chapter, **Revelation 10**, God is declaring His sovereignty through His Word that needed to be preached to everyone during that period of tribulation. God through the seventh angel would confirm what He had declared His Word through His servants the prophets. **Revelation 10** is to tell everyone that Christ is revealed as the One who will completely change Heaven and earth with the revelation of who He is, being the beginning and the end. In **Revelation 10**, God is declaring His love and His peace to those who left behind, and He is inviting them once again to receive the salvation of Christ.

After the six messengers' angels of chapters 8-9, Christ is revealed as the One who will have witnesses of Himself during the period of tribulation. No matter how great the horror of judgment or the evil upon the earth during the time of the tribulation, Christ will have a witness. That witness was John, and the Book of Revelation was written that we may be witnesses of Christ, of who He is, and especially in the light of the end of all things to come; the new Heaven and new earth that are to come. In spite of all rejection and the hatred toward God the Lord still want to declare His true love to the world and the love of Jesus who died on the cross for the sins of the world.

**Revelation 10** is a reminder that the purpose of the Book of Revelation is that Christ may be revealed and that John and we must not hide the message of Revelation but warn others. Therefore we are the center of God to reveal Christ to the people around us and to the whole world. Let us now read and meditate on In **Revelation 10**.

*“1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: (That angel was mighty in power and with great authority, being coming from Heaven, clothed with a cloud, arrayed with rainbow on his head, in which we are reminded of God's covenant, that He will not allow the earth to be flooded with water as in the day of Noah as we read here: “12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.”* (Genesis 9:12-17 KJV) God used the rainbow, the bow in the cloud, as a covenant between God and the earth, for this reason the angel was *“clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head”*. Based on this covenant of God with man, that is why God will send His wrath at the time of tribulation in other forms of calamities and not as flood as He did in the days of Noah. The rainbow in this period of tribulation as if God still sending peace as He is sending His Word, the Gospel, even in this terrible time of tribulation, telling that those who believe, they will be saved. The face of the angel was shining like the brightness of the sun, confirming that he is sent by God to bring light to those who believe. The angel was clothed with a cloud and rainbow crowned His head. His feet were pillars of fire; so He is reaching everywhere bringing the message of God and bringing His judgment to every place. He can be no one but the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the prince of peace, in His second coming of the ruling King, who will bring the salvation of God to those who believe and God's judgment to those who disobey. The Angel was mighty and looked lovely for the message and His mission was great and wonderful. The wrath of God that we had seen in chapter 8 and 9 was to humble those who left behind to prepare them to receive the gospel.) *2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,* (The seventh angel was sent with a booklet from God, conveying the message of God to John, commissioning him to receive it. John received the revelation of God and wrote it, and here what John wrote is today in our hands. The angel's feet were pillars of fire, standing on the earth and the sea; perhaps may mean it will bring God's Word everywhere, on earth and in the sea, and to bring His judgment on those who disobey Him and move away from His will, in refusing the Word of God and their non willingness to believe and got changed. The messenger angel brought the revelation of Christ in a little book to John; *“a little book open”*; *“a little book”*, means the message is not hard; *“book open”*, means the message must be communicated. One feet of the angel in the sea and the other in the earth may indicate the ability of the angel to reach any place whether on earth or in the sea. The messenger angel, *“set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth”*, to indicate that the message must be communicated everywhere.) *3 And cried with a loud voice, as*

*when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.* (The voice of the messenger angel did not convey words, because the words were in the book. But, the force, urgency and character of the message were conveyed; the crying voice of the angel was loud for the message must be clearly heard; the voice was as the roar of the lion because it was a powerful warning message. Lions crush those whom they face; the message crush wickedness and the powers of darkness. Crying as lion roar is symbolizing the power of God's voice when He speaks His Word or when He is sending His wrath on earth. Seven thunders were heard simultaneously with the roar of the messenger angel, amplifying the power and swiftness of the message about the revelation of Jesus Christ. **Therefore, we too, need to proclaim the message clearly, with powerful clear warning, and the message to be amplified to reach everywhere to the end of the world.**) *4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.* (When the angel cried seven thunders uttered their voices reflecting the voice of God, which was sent, commissioning Apostle John, and His churches, as well as, we today to speak His Word to everyone everywhere. A voice from Heaven tells John to **"Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not"**, means not to alter the message but convey it as it is.) *5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,* (After the voice of the thunders that John heard, he saw the angel who was standing on the earth and the sea, had lifted his hand.) *6 And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.* (The angel swore by God, the Creator of all things declaring clearly that there will be no more delay time to wait for what God had said to be fulfilled. The messenger angel conveyed that as the judgment of Christ proceeded with the seventh trumpet angel, that Christ, the mystery of God previously communicated by the prophets, shall now be fully revealed and fulfilled. **"the mystery of God"**, is Christ, His Word, that dictates on us to live away from sin, living in the fear of God, in holiness, and in complete dedication unto Him; that those who want to be raptured and taken by the Lord should fulfill that in their lives.) *8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.* (The voice from Heaven instructed John, as well as instructing us, to take the little book from the Angel and eat it so that the Words of the revelation of Christ may come from John's mouth and our mouths today to the lost world around us.) *9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.* (John obeyed the instructions and went and did what he was instructed to do. He asked the angel to give him the little book. The angel gave it to John who proclaimed the message of it. John wrote it and proclaimed it. The angel also instructed him to eat it up and he told him that it will be sweet in his mouth and bitter in his belly. We can explain that as the following: As long as John would held the message of the book within himself, his belly, it will be bitter, but as soon as John would communicated the message outside of himself, by his mouth, it will be sweet as honey, because it gives life and salvation to himself and to others who hear and obey. **Therefore, and in the same way, that as long as we keep the gospel and don't preach it we got sick, and feel bitter, but when we proclaim it, the gospel**

**give and proclaim life to us and to others.) 10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.** (The same for us today, if we will evangelize and reach the lost and tell them the Word of God, and speak to them about Jesus, eternal life, the salvation of God, and warn them about the coming wrath of God and His judgment on those who do not believe, then we will have joy and laughter and are comforted and refreshed by the Holy Spirit. But if we keep the message for ourselves and refuse to share it, refusing to bring the gospel to others, then we remain sad, bitter from inside because we refuse to serve God by sharing the good news to others.) **"11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."** (John was reminded that he must tell others. John was instructed to prophecy before many people; to declare the will of God and His Word to many kinds of people, nations, tongues and kings. We today are commissioned by God to do the same to declare God's will to others, to go and reach other nations and other places and bring the gospel to them. **"Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."** \* We need to proclaim God's message and His will to many people; all kinds of people, rich or poor, educated or illiterate, famous or unknown, powerful or weak, etc. \* We are called to proclaim the message to many nations; very large number of nations and ethnic groups are around the world and we need to reach them with Christ's Gospel. \* We need to overcome the cultural barriers; languages, habits, food, and the rest of the barriers, and adjust ourselves to bring the gospel to other nations. \* We are called to proclaim the message in many tongues; we need to convey the message of Christ in other languages overcoming the languages barriers that we might be faced as we move forward to serve Him and preaching the Gospel to other nations. \* We are called to proclaim the message to many kings; God wants us to stand in front of the kings of the world and authorities, and declare to them with all boldness the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.) **(Revelation 10:1-11 KJV)**

**My dear and beloved:** The time had come to you to be aware of what is going on. God might be loving, patient, gracious and merciful to you withholding the power of darkness from prevailing. But that will not continue, when the Lord will come such will not be more available. Therefore, take the opportunity now to come back to God in repentance, renounce your sins and your sinful ways and start to comply with God and with His Word to be saved.

Live in holiness, let it be the style that you aimed for in your life, so when Christ will come then you will be taken with us to Heaven. Train yourself and get accustomed to serve God, to proclaim His Word and His will to the people around you, and do what He wants you to achieve, so when He will come you are ready to go with us to Heaven.

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 the salvation of Jesus that I received by His blood. Lord thank you for all your goodness and grace to me and your good plan that you have for me. Lord thank you for the warning, the rebuke and the correction that I received in this message.

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. Renounce your non willingness to preach the gospel of Jesus to others.*

*Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins*  
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*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 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, and to warn them about the period of tribulation. 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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