

Life after Death Part 15

Revelation Chapter 14

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 and the period of tribulation from the book of Revelation.

Here the events in ***Revelation 14***, will take place in the second half of the period of tribulation, and in which we will see the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, believed with and worshipped by Israel. Here also we will witness the signaling of the final phases of God's judgment that will continue to ***Revelation 15***.

Let us read and meditate on ***Revelation 14***.

"1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (Here the Lamb of God, Christ stands on mount Zion, which gives focus on the victory of Jesus on the cross, and here He is with His people the Israelites, believing on Him and worshipping Him. With such view of the Lamb of God on mount Zion, we can see clearly the salvation of Israel, and that will be the time for them to come to Christ and receive salvation, and Israel ultimately would worship Jesus Christ, the lamb of God. In ***Revelation 13*** the devil tried to deter people from coming to Christ, but here we can see clearly his failure, in seeing people coming to Christ, and in seeing the Israelites coming to God represented as the following: ***"and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."*** Those Israelites we read about them in ***Revelation 7*** that had been sealed and as the following: ***"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. 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. 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. 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."*** (***Revelation 7:1-8 KJV***) Those Israelites who believed in Christ in ***Revelation 7*** now they were standing with the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. ***There is always a miracle that God will do to reinstate the faith of His people on Him, and to declare a clear message to the whole world that He is in control.*** At the time of COVID-19 pandemic, just before it, the countries were speaking about the third world war; every country was ready with their arsenals to shoot others. But with COVID19 every one mouth was shut. They understood

that God was disciplining them. Their air craft carrier cannot operate against COVID-19; that God had sent His weapon to humble them. The Israelites who had believed in Christ in ***Revelation 7*** were 144000; coming from the 12 tribes of Israel, and stood now with Christ in Heaven, are further described as, ***"having his Father's name written in their foreheads"***; which describes their faithfulness to God and to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, in having the name of God the Father on their foreheads. In contrast to 666, the mark of the beast that those who were followers of the beast were marked with as we read here, ***"16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."*** (***Revelation 13:16-18 KJV***) ***Therefore and based on that, we are called today in the midst of all the troubles, the wars, the persecutions, and the rest to come, to focus on God and to put our full trust on His mighty power only; and not on other things.*** The believe and the redemption of the 144000 Israelites here is a testimony against the power of the devil's deception and its control through the power of the dragon and the beasts in ***Revelation 13***; where it says no one can make war with the beast, as we read here, ***"4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"*** (***Revelation 13:4 KJV***) But here we can see clearly that 144000 from the Israelites were saved, overcame the devil, and now in Heaven. Glory, glory to God alone! ***Therefore, and in the same way we need to trust God fully and not to believe in the lies of the devil and its deception; that nothing is impossible with God if we continue to stand on His Word.)*** ***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:*** (That voice from Heaven as voice of many waters and great thunder was a powerful voice, and with the voice of harpers was the voice of celebration, celebrating the coming of Israel to God. ***Therefore, we need to rejoice and celebrate every time new souls are coming to Christ.)*** ***3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*** (They were singing in Heaven before the throne of Christ, and before the four beasts and the elders; they were singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb as described in ***Revelation 15:3***, ***"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."*** They sang before Christ who was on the throne, and the four beasts, as well as the Israel of the Lamb sang also before the church represented by the elders. They sang magnifying all the works of God and His truth and justice. God's work is marvelous, and even when He judges sin and wicked people, He is still just and His ways are the truth. ***Therefore when God is judging wicked people we should not be astonished because He is a just God and His ways are true and He knows what He is doing.)*** ***4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*** (Here describes further the Israel of the Lamb, that they had been living in holiness and faithful to Christ. They had not defiled themselves with any immoral acts. They had dedicated their lives to God and they were following Christ wherever he went, ***"These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth."*** They were virgins as we read here, ***"for they are virgins."*** ***Listen church, not only girls are called to be virgins but men also to be virgins and***

everyone needed to abstain from any act of fornication. Those Israelites had separated themselves from the work of the devil and from the works of the beast. In the same way we need to separate ourselves from the world and from the works of the devil and to follow Jesus Christ wholeheartedly wherever He will lead us to go and move.) *“These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”* After they got redeemed by Christ, they had given their lives fully to God as firstfruits to Him. In the same way as Jesus saved us we need to put God first in our lives, and need to dedicate our lives fully to Him, and so we will become the firstfruits to God.) *5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.* (The Israel of the Lamb here in the vision had been found without fault by the Lamb of God, *“for they are without fault before the throne of God”*; they were without fault, without lies, without malice, and without deceptions. This teaches us today what kind of people we are called to be, without guile, without lies, without corruption, but pure and holy.) *6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,* (Here on the occasion of Israel being saved by believing and became faithful and follower to the Lamb, a first messenger angel announced the gospel of Jesus and His salvation to the rest of the lost souls who were on the earth and who had not yet received Christ. In the same way, we need to continue to preach the gospel to the lost souls around us who are not yet in Christ. The angel gave a warning and frightful message.) *7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.* (The angel was calling the people to fear God, *“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God,”* he was calling them to repentance by turning from their corrupt ways and the rest of the sins they were doing, and in this way they will be able to give glory to the Lamb, Jesus Christ. In such a way the earth is transformed, and so that glory would be given to our God Jesus Christ. *“for the hour of his judgment is come:”* The angel announced further that the judgment of God shall come as a result of sin and wickedness; that full judgment shall come to the earth. *“and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”* Here the angel was calling them to worship the Lamb, Jesus Christ, and to be faithful to Him, the Creator of Heaven and earth and all the things in them. That means they were worshipping idols and demons that is why the angel called them to worship God in Spirit and truth. In the same way, you need to take the message seriously to repent and turn from your sins, idol worship and wickedness, and start to live in holiness and serve God and do His work faithfully.) *8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.* (A second messenger angel here came and declared the falling of Babylon, which is the good news declaring that sin and wickedness cannot prevail against the Kingdom of God and His Christ. Such falling of Babylon will not only give glory to the Lamb, but also the people will be encouraged to repent and will understand that the kingdom of Satan will fall and be destroyed and they need to come back to Christ. Babylon had enticed the nations and brought them away from being faithful and to act in faithfulness toward God. Babylon represents the immoralities, the love of money, worldliness, the antichrist, the idol worship, the false religions, the corruptions and the wickedness of this world. Babylon had misled others, but now its turn had come to be fallen. Time for you to repent of all such otherwise destruction and judgment is soon coming to you, therefore be earnest and repent.) *9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man*

worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: (A third messenger angel here came and declared that if any man had worshipped the beast and its image and had received the mark on his forehead and his hand because they believed the deception of Babylon and worshipped the antichrist described in *Revelation 13*, then he will fall under the wrath and judgment of God. When he said the wrath of God will be sent *“without mixture”*, it means without dilution, and it will be very concentrated and in full. Here the Lord is sending them a real serious warning, that they will be punished, destroyed and tormented *“with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb”*, and forever if they will not repent. Here the Lord declaring His message of salvation clearly not only in declaring His salvation to those who believe on Jesus, but His judgment on the wicked, those who follow the beast. Christ is very clear in His message, that there will not be a salvation to you if you continue in your sins, idols, and wrong doings and in following the antichrist.) *11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.* (That those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark they will be judged, punished and tormented forever as a result of God’s drastic judgment.) *12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.* (* The torment of the deceived under judgment here is contrasted with the patience of the faithful that overcame the deception with their faith, faithfulness, their patience and perseverance in keeping all the commandments of God and in keeping their sincere faith in Jesus. * Therefore we are called now to keep all the commandments of God and to live in a genuine faith on Christ, on His work on the cross and on His Word. * Notice also that the mark on the forehead, may be an indication of the deception of the mind, a way of thinking that believes a lie and the deception of Satan, and love and trust on material things rather than the patience, and the faithful perseverance of those who continue to believe on the Lamb of God and His Word and promises.) *13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.* (A voice from Heaven, now cried out, commanding blessing upon those faithful to the Lamb, who were even willing to die for the sake of Jesus. *“Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”* The voice here is the voice of the Spirit of God, the comforter, who declared rest for those who have been faithful unto the Lamb. Those who are followers of Christ, death is a rest for them. Their works and ministries will continue by the good testimony of their lives even after their death. Therefore, as we continue to persevere to live our lives unto God and to serve Him wholeheartedly then our service and ministry will continue even after our death.) *14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.* (Christ, as the Son of man, appears here on a cloud having victory and authority indicated by *“a golden crown”* on His head, and coming to bring judgment indicated by *“a sharp sickle”* in His hand, that He will bring upon the wicked who kept worshipping the beast.) *15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.* (A fourth messenger angel from the temple in Heaven cried to the Son of man on the cloud, declaring that it is time for the harvest

judgment, that the earth had now reached the fullness of the time for judgment; that sin should not be tolerated anymore but to be judged immediately. **There is a time when sin reached certain level of wickedness, that God would not be any more patience, but He will judge immediately, therefore do not test the patience and the forbearance of God.)** **16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.** (Immediately in response to the declaration of the fourth angel, the Son of man began the harvest judgment upon the earth. **Jesus in His second coming will judge those who are not willing to repent, therefore take warning, be earnest and repent.)** **17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.** (A fifth messenger angel came from the temple in Heaven joined the harvest judgment that started by Jesus.) **18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.** (A sixth messenger angel from the altar in the temple in Heaven came with the power of fire cried to the fifth angel to harvest the fruit of judgment. **Here as we notice there is acceleration of the process of judgment, that once started, God will move fast to accomplish it, therefore, fear God, repent and relent from your evil ways so God's judgment will not fall on you.)** **19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.** **20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."** (The fifth messenger angel responded to the command of the angel who had power over the fire and started to gather the grapes of the harvest judgment, casting the grapes into the winepress of God's judgment resulting in blood from the killed human due to God's judgment, rising to the bridles of horses because it was of huge amount, stretching for 200 miles because each 8 furlongs equal to 1 mile; so 1600 furlongs will make 200 miles. **"And the winepress was trodden without the city"**, indicates the judgment of God on those who were outside the Kingdom of God. **Therefore, do not be deceived with the lies of the devil, for the judgment of God on the wicked is real and sure will take place, therefore, do not continue in the deception of Satan for God will fulfill all what He said in His Word.) (Revelation 14:1-20 KJV)**

My dear and beloved: Let us come now to God, thanking Him for His clear Word to us. Let us thank Him for all His clear promises that He is going to fulfill, Let us thank Him for the salvation that we received from Him and the place in Heaven that He had prepared for us. Let us take warning from what we received today from message about the sure coming judgment of God on the wicked and let us repent of all our sins and shortcomings. Let us be encouraged today that God will deal with the wicked and we don't need to be discouraged and daunted if we are opposed and persecuted.

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 Word that gives me assurance about all your promises that you are going to fulfill. Lord thank you for the salvation that I received from you Jesus through your work on the cross and your blood that was shed for my sins. Lord thank you for the warning that I received in this message in order to prepare myself and be ready at your coming.*

Confess and renounce your sins. Renounce your worldliness, your lies, corruptions, dishonesty, immoralities, your love of money, greediness, non willingness to serve God, non willingness to suffer, your idol worship, your bad stewardship, your laziness, your wasting of time on the Media, news and games, and your bad example to others.

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

Lord I commit myself to live for you and in the plan that you had ordain for my life. Lord I commit myself to do your will and start to serve you, be good example to others, and to live the style of life that you want me to live until you come to take us to Heaven.

Lord thank you for my Brethren and Sisters who repented and responded to the message and made commitment to change their lives and be willing to go through the good plans and your will that you have for them. Lord lead them through the Holy Spirit step by step how to live their lives for you. Lord uphold them with your grace, protect them from the evil one, and provide for them so they will continue to serve you and live their lives for you.

Lord bless us as your church, protect us from the evil one and from all the lies and the deceptions of the devil. Lord we commit ourselves to serve you and to do your will. Lord we commit ourselves to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, faith, faithfulness, gentleness, kindness, self-control, patience, perseverance and long-suffering, so people will see Jesus in our lives. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize to reach to new people with the gospel of Jesus and to make new disciples. Lord leads 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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