

Life after Death Part 16

Revelation Chapters 15-16

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 15***, will take place in the second half of the period of tribulation, and in which we will see those who were saved among the Israelites and who got the victory and overcame the beast. We will see also the continuation of God's judgment that started in ***Revelation 14*** on those who followed and marked with the mark of the beast.

In ***Revelation 14*** we read the following about those who overcame the beast: ***"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."*** (***Revelation 14:12 KJV***) Patient people are not only those who can wait, but those who are keeping the commandments of God and the same faith that Jesus kept while He was on earth. Therefore the torment of the deceived under judgment who followed the beast, that started on ***Revelation 14*** was justified, because of the patience of the faithful that overcame the deception of the beast with their faith, faithfulness, their patience and perseverance in keeping all the commandments of God and in keeping their sincere faith in Jesus. The judgment of God is not a light thing. God is serious, and what He says, then He will do. Even the deception had been great, but that will not exempt the people from judgment, because there were others who resisted the evil one and proved their faithfulness toward God. The people of God need to be faithful and obedient because God is serious in His judgment. Therefore, based on what He sees from obedience, God is powerful in His redemption of the faithful and His judgment on the deceived. ***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 so that we will escape the judgment of God and we will be comforted at the time God would send His judgment on the wicked.***

Let us read and meditate on ***Revelation 15***.

"1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. (Here as we are moving forward toward the end of the tribulation we see seven messenger angels appear in Heaven with the final phase of God's judgment upon the earth. Here God is sending His wrath over the whole earth. This is similar to what happened in COVID-19 pandemic that was reaching all the ends of the earth and affecting and declaring the judgment of God on all those who disobeyed Him.) ***2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*** (The sea of glass here is a mass of people. The fire here in ***"a sea of glass mingled with fire"***, is not the fire of judgment and it could be the fire of the Holy Spirit. For those are these who believed on Christ, in the midst of the judgment, for they have been victorious and faithful to the Lamb and worshippers to Him. They were victorious over each phase of the enemy's work during the tribulation; they were victorious over the beast

that gave the enemy's work power; they were victorious over the one who attempted to present a false Christ, in the form of the image of the beast; they were victorious over the deception of the marking persons who was marking the wicked with the mark of the beast, and they were victorious over the control of the enemy's deception number of the beast.

Therefore and in the same way we need to be victorious over the various aspects of the struggles that the devil may put on us trying to pull us out and away from Christ. They were victorious and were celebrating, having the harps of God as their musical instruments,) ***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.*** (This particular song is noted with importance because it is the song of Moses who served God, affirming God's work through Israel. It is also the song of the Lamb, affirming the believe of Israel in Christ as the Lamb. Those who were singing here were those saved Israelites, the 144,000, along with others who have been faithful to the Lamb during the tribulation. The song confirms that the Lamb having great and marvelous works. Here the great and the marvelous works of God not only in Salvation but in the way of bringing His judgment. Even His judgment is great and marvelous. The song confirms that the Lamb is the Lord God Almighty; He is just and true in all His ways particularly in the midst of this final judgment upon the unbelievers of the earth and the fallen earth itself, testifying that all what God was doing of judgment was right, correct and on time. The song confirms also that the Lamb is the King of the saints, the Lord God Almighty, who will redeem us from all the works of devil. ***With all these qualities and characteristics we are called to be more patient and faithful to God and persevering up to the end, knowing that He will save us.***) ***4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*** (The song continued and confirmed the Lamb as the one to be feared, glorified, who is Holy, whom all nations will eventually worship, who now brought the final judgment, and whose judgment would bring the salvation of the mankind. The substance of the song affirms also the strong faith of those who were singing it; that their song was accompanied by their victorious deeds. ***Therefore, and in the same way as we sing and worship God then we need to continue to serve God and do His good works that He prepared for us to do.***) ***5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:*** (Now John in the vision was directed to look to the temple in Heaven from which the judgment flowed as God's judgment flowing from His temple. The temple was opened in order for the messengers of judgment to be sent.) ***6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*** (Seven messenger angels came from the temple in Heaven having the seven plagues of judgment. They were clothed in pure and white linen, which denote purity, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles ready to send the just judgment of God on the wicked.) ***7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.*** The four beasts are same those in the presence and around the throne of Christ that we read in ***Revelation 4***, ***"6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."*** (***Revelation 4:6 KJV***) They are indescribable spiritual beings, having full eyes in front and behind. Some they suggest that the beasts are the people who are saved packed together and only their eyes are recognized. Here the judgment of God in the form of ***"seven golden vials full of the wrath of God"***, is passing from God through one of those four beasts, then to the seven angels and then to be thrown on the wicked of the earth.) ***8 And the***

temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.” (The temple in Heaven was filled with smoke from the glory of God and His power as the stages of the final, ultimate judgment of God begins, noting the glory of God and His power will be more magnified as He is sending His judgment on the wicked. The power of God is enough to deal with the deceived and judge them with what they deserve, and when He judges He will overcome and prevail. **“and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.”** It is not the work of man but the work of God, and no man can interfere or has another saying, but God alone will prevail and achieve His judgment and the purpose behind that. When it says, **“and no man was able to enter into the temple,”** it means no man can interfere with that work of God, **“till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.”** Like when God brought His judgment on the whole earth through the sending of COVID-19 that the whole earth had experienced and no one could interfere or prevail.) (*Revelation 15:1-8 KJV*)

In *Revelation 16*, that will take place in the second half of the period of tribulation, in which Christ will be revealed who will transform the earth through the final phases of judgment that will come upon the earth. The events of the world when God sent His judgment though COVID-19 is comparable with what we can read in the book of Revelation and final phases of God’s judgment during the tribulation that will come upon the earth and its people as a response to the blasphemy that abounds in them. Let us read and meditate on *Revelation 16*.

“1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. (A great voice out of the temple in Heaven commissioned the seven messenger angels that we read in *Revelation 15:6* to pour out God’s wrath of judgment.) **2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.** (The first messenger angel of the wrath and judgment of God poured out God’s wrath and judgment creating a grievous sore on those who have the mark of the beast that we read about in *Revelation 13:18*, **“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.”** He poured this grievous plague on those who worshipped the antichrist causing them grave sickness.) **3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.** (The second messenger angel of the wrath and judgment of God poured out God’s wrath and judgment that made the sea as blood of a dead man and all living creatures in the sea died, causing losses of the natural resources of food.) **4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.** (The third messenger angel of the wrath and judgment of God poured out God’s wrath and judgment turning the rivers and fountains of waters to blood, which ultimately will affect the natural resources for food and clean waters.) **5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.** (The third angel which poured the plague of God on the rivers and the fountains of waters declared God’s righteousness because of His judgment on the wicked. That those whom He judged were given blood to drink; they were judged rightly because

they have shed the blood of God’s saints and prophets. The prophets and the saints sent by God to proclaim God’s Word to the people, but when the people rejected the message and persecuted them and put them to death, is like they drank their blood. So for what they did God judged them with the same of what they did.) **7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.** (Here a voice from the altar in Heaven affirmed the judgments were from the Lord God Almighty and were true and righteous His judgments on the wicked. He affirmed the first three plagues that God had sent; and as if paving the way for the next plagues to be sent. **God always righteous in His judgments, therefore we need to fear Him because He will do what He had promised to do.**) **8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.** (The fourth messenger angel of the wrath and judgment of God poured out God’s wrath and judgment causing persons to be scorched by the sun. And power was given him to scorch the wicked with fire and with great heat, in order to repent. But they did not repent, instead blasphemed the name of God, Jesus Christ, who had the power over the plagues that He sent, neither they gave Him the glory. They were more hard headed and that proved they deserved those plagues.) **10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.** (The fifth messenger angel of the wrath and judgment of God poured out God’s wrath and judgment upon the place of the beast, upon his seat and his kingdom where he had his authority and his kingdom of darkness. His followers under God’s judgment were bitten their tongues out of pain. But instead they will repent they blasphemed the God of Heaven because of pains and sores inflicted by the judgment of God. But they did not repent before God for what they had done from the evil works of their hands. The purpose of God in sending His judgment is to bring the people to repentance and to turn from their evil ways. **If you are under God’s wrath and judgment, use it to repent; stop your evil deeds and come back to God.**) **12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.** (The sixth messenger angel of the wrath and judgment of God poured out God’s wrath and judgment upon the river Euphrates, which caused the waters of the river to be dried up and the way of the kings of the earth was prepared to come and cross the river and be ready for the battle.) **13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.** (Three evil, unclean spirits arose; they were like frogs, bringing pestilence and torment. They came from the mouth of the Satan the dragon, from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet, the counterfeit lamb, the antichrist that we described in *Revelation 13*. They were spirits of devils; they worked miracles, rather false miracles and they go forth to deceive the kings of the entire earth and to gather them to the battle that God Almighty had ordained to take place and in which God had prepared the way for the kings to come in drying the river Euphrates.) **15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.** (Here Christ Himself spoke here because the sixth angel had already signaled the finality of God’s judgment and already Satan was moving his alliance for the final battle. Christ spoke here to make His voice clear to His followers and to those who repented, in order for them

not to be deceived and follow Satan and got lost. Christ warned that His coming will be unknown to anyone; that He will come as a thief. That His blessing will come only to those who watch and had prepared themselves living in holiness away from sins, and that those who are not ready will be defenseless, they will be exposed, shamed and judged. **Therefore we need to be ready because Christ's coming will be like a thief that no one knows which time. That is why we need to be ready and watchful so we will not be left behind.)** **16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.** (That will be the place of the final victory of Christ in this final battle after the tribulation and the millennium that we will read about later on in **Revelation 20:7-10**. After the battle of Armageddon, Satan will be casted and forever into the lake of fire and brimstone as we read here, **"10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."** (**Revelation 20:10**) After that even two things remain, the great white throne of the judgment of God that we will read about in **Revelation 20:11-15**, and the new Heaven and new earth that we will read about in **Revelation 21** and **22**. The meaning of Armageddon in Hebrew is **'the hill or city of Megiddo'**; that battle plain of Esdraelon a place in Palestine, which was famous for two great victories, of Barak over the Canaanites, and of Gideon over the Midianites; and for two great disasters, the deaths of Saul and Josiah. Hence in Revelation a place of great slaughter, the scene of a terrible retribution upon the wicked. The name as Har-Magedon, or Armageddon, **'Har'** or **'Ar'**, means city, hill or mountain, and Megeddon a place in Palestine; may be from the root word, **'megid'**, means precious things, or from **'megidon'**, means place of crowds.) **17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.** **18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.** (The seventh messenger angel of the wrath and judgment of God poured out God's judgment into the air, and there was a great voice from the temple in Heaven declares, **"It is done."** In addition other manifestations or voices occurred, and thunder which may denote power, lightnings which may denotes swiftness, and great earthquake that have never happened as such before to bring the great judgment of God, which will cause the following:) **19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.** (The **"great city"**, perhaps Babylon divided into three parts as a result of the great earthquake, and the **"cities of the nations"** fell as a result of the wrath of God's judgment. Babylon is the worldliness, wickedness, corruption, injustice, immoralities and the love of money. **Therefore you need to be aware and move away from worldliness, greediness, immoralities, corruptions and injustices.**) **20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.** **21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.**" (After the great earthquake in verse 17, the shape of the topography of the earth was changed with no more islands and no more mountains as we read in the previous two verses, and great hail from Heaven fell upon the wicked people that may even destroy the earth. Because of God's judgment the wicked people blasphemed God because of the severity of the plagues that He sent on them. Note also that because of the vast destruction of the earth in verse 20 and 21, that this great destruction may be a look beyond the tribulation and the millennium that makes the new Heaven and new earth possible in **Revelation 21**

and **22**. Also, because the falling of a great hail from Heaven in verse 21, this may give a look beyond the tribulation and the millennium to the fire from Heaven that will end the Battle of Armagaddon in **Revelation 20:9**, **"9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."**) (**Revelation 16:1-21 KJV**)

My dear and beloved: Let us come now to God with the fear of Him in our hearts, thanking Him for the salvation we have in Jesus. Thanking Him for the warning that we received from His Word that spur us towards holiness and to live away from sin and worldliness. 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 ready and prepared for the coming of Jesus so He will take us to Heaven when He comes.

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 revival and brings me back wholeheartedly to you. Lord thank you for your truthfulness and your faithfulness to all your promises. Lord thank you for the warning that I received in this message in order to prepare myself and be ready at your coming.*

Come now to God to confess and renounce your sins. Renounce your worldliness, your greed and the love of money. Renounce your stubbornness and your delay obedience. Renounce your lies, corruptions, dishonesty, and immoralities. Renounce your non willingness to serve God, and your non willingness to suffer for Him. Confess and renounce all your idol worship, your bad stewardship, your laziness, your wasting of time on the Media, news and games, your bad example to others, and your carelessness to the Word of God and your non willingness to respond to warning.

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

Lord I am coming back to you and committing myself to live the plan that you have for me and the style of life you have for me. Lord I commit myself to start to serve you, preaching your Word, living in holiness and mobilize others to do the same and to be ready at your coming.

Lord thank you for my Brethren and Sisters who repented and committed their lives to serve you and be obedient to the call that you have for them in their lives. Lord guide them how to live their lives for you and how to do things to please you. Lord protect them from the evil one and continue to provide for their daily needs so they will continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church, we commit ourselves to continue to serve you and live away from worldliness, corruptions and injustices, but in the plan that you have for us. Lord we commit ourselves to continue to live in holiness, preaching your Word and preparing ourselves and others for your second coming, that when you will come you will take us. 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 help 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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