

Life after Death Part 17

Revelation Chapter 17

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 17***, we will continue to witness the judgment of God in the second part of tribulation on the kingdom of darkness, the devil who is deceiving, using and destroying others in leading them to sin; representing by the beast and those who were carrying the mark of the beast. For the mark of the beast was used for the purpose to control economy and commerce; to restrict buying and selling only for those who carry the mark as we explained in our discussion about that mark in ***Revelation 13***, and as we read here: ***“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.” (Revelation 13:17 KJV)*** Let us now read and meditate on ***Revelation 17***.

“1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” (Here one of the seven messenger angels of the wrath and judgment of God that we discussed in ***Revelation 15*** and ***16***, who were carrying the seven vials of God’s judgment, one of them came to John and started to show him the judgment of God on the kingdom of the beast by pouring it on the great whore that was sitting upon many waters. The whore is the woman who is not faithful to her husband and who commit sexual acts with other men, or she is the woman who is unmarried and committing fornication with various men. So the judgment was directed on those who were committing and promoting sexual immoralities in the form of fornication, or sex without marriage. Sexual immoralities can also include other modalities like divorce and second marriages, for second marriages are adulteries and those involved partners needed to be separated so that the sin of adultery shall stop. The beast with the control of the mark of the beast over selling and buying, will force people to sell their bodies to do such immoral acts with lustful men and women, and will defile their bodies, just to secure their living. Under the pressure of economy and the financial needs people will be forced to do such to earn income. The kings as controlling power using the financial pressure were to force people to do and promote the unfaithful harlot work and the widespread fornication. ***“the great whore that sitteth upon many waters”***, denotes its power and control to spread its fornication through the kings of the earth using the money control system of the mark of the beast. That fornication will be so spread that the whole earth will be ***“made drunk with the wine of her fornication”***. Wine shall make the people loss their mind, and lower their discretion power, lower their discernment and their self-control under the effect of the wine and make them willing to take the mark of the beast and act unfaithfully as the harlot which her principle is money and business with no stand with the truth or holiness. You see that wars and troubles between peoples and between nations most of the time is all about money. Also weakness towards money leads to give in to immoralities and fall in

fornication. It is truly the world of power and pride, the fame, the deception and the attraction of wealth. All such will work to promote fornication. The saved Israelites that we spoke about in ***Revelation 14*** who resisted the beast were virgins as we read here, ***“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.” (Revelation 14:4 KJV)*** But those who were under the deceptions of the beast and its mark were characterized as whore and with fornication. The whore and fornication is not only in pertain to the sexual immorality but it include also the spiritual adultery, that people will not keep their stand on God’s Word, and would start to be deviated with wrong principles that ultimately will worship idols and other gods. * ***Therefore we need to be aware what is the danger of fornication and how it works hand in hand with power of darkness to destroy; first, being a spiritual adultery and sinning against God, and second is sexual immoralities which have a destructive effects on the body and as paul said, “18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.” (1 Corinthians 6:18 KJV) **** All sins outside the body, but those who have sexual immoralities they are sinning against their own bodies, because during sexual immoralities demons will be injected in their bodies and such sins will also bring God’s judgment on them, therefore take heed and flee from such a sin. The angel said to John, ***“Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore:”*** He called John, and invited him to show him clearly the reality. God is calling us today to show us clearly what is going on. * ***Although devil and those who work with him may do all what they can to deceive us and to amaze us, we still need to be discerning to see the clear picture. * We might be amazed with power, with colors, with names, with fames, with riches and with wonderful achievements, but the true picture is that sooner or later all these will be judged by the Lord.*** He told John ***“Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore”***, he did not tell him ***“Come hither; I will shew unto thee the reward of the great whore”***, for such evil things will be judged and punished by the Lord.) ***3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*** (The same angel carried John in the Spirit for special insight. The work of the Spirit emphasizes the importance to know the character of end time deception as that of the whore. ***The Holy Spirit will always show us the deception that Satan is sending to us to deceive us and to confuse us.*** The whore was on top of a scarlet beast, indicating that the harlot uses the beast. ***There are those who use Satan and they allow Satan to use them.*** The whore was ***“full of names of blasphemy”***, that she and those who followed her to blaspheme God as previously emphasized in the following Scriptures: ***“1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.” (Revelation 13:1, 5, 6) “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. 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of***

their deeds. 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.” (Revelation 16:9, 11, 21) The whore was riding the beast that had special knowledge indicated by the heads *“having seven heads”*, and *“ten horns”*, that indicates the special power that the beast had. The whore was attractive by the various colors; purple and scarlet, decked with gold, precious stones, and pearls as we read here, *“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour; and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls”*; notice the effects of colors and gold indicate the value of material things and that is the love of money and serving the mammon that we should not serve as Jesus told us, *“24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24 KJV)* The whore offers a special, alluring cup as indicated here, *“having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication”*. The cup was attracting being made of gold to attract to material things; again the love of money you need to guard yourself from. The cup in addition was full of ungodliness indicated being full of abominations which are the disgraceful things that God hates. The cup was full of unfaithful desires indicated being full of filthiness from the fornication that she was practicing. That is the abomination which is accompanied by pleasure which is here fornication. Avoid the pleasure of sin, otherwise if you will not repent, sin one day will bite you. The whore was identified as having mysteries, or secrets as indicated here: *“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY.”* Its kingdom that is Babylon is totally against God. It is full of powers that made her great, being the mother of filthiness, prostitutions, ungodliness and all the abominations, as we read here, *“BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”* We need always to seek God and to find out the real truth from Him. The Lord always will take us and show us the deep things of the matters so we will not be deceived of what is going on.) *6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.* (This woman is the whore and John saw her here had killed so many saints who resisted her and that she was drunk on their blood; that is the persecution that is ahead of us. We are called to pass through persecution, and to suffer, but we will be protected and delivered from it by the Lord when He will be revealed from Heaven: *“5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.” (2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 KJV)* God will let us go through suffering, but He will revenge of those who trouble us; He will comfort us, and will compensate us and reward us for our suffering. John said, *“I wondered with great admiration.”* John was taken back by the magnitude of the deception of the whore. Some time Satan is taken us by his deception, therefore we need to be cautious and discerning about that.) *7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.* (The same

angel asked John why he marveled and admired that harlot woman. The harlot is the people who delight in the devil, who gave their lives to him, who are using him, and in return for that the devil also will use them and finally will abuse them. *“I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”* The angel informed John that he will tell him the mystery of that whore; the woman, and the knowing heads and the powerful horns of the beast as we read in the next verse:) *8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.* (John was informed that the beast that was before, now is not; that means it is no more; so the woman and the beast are actually of no mystery. They will be no more. Two times mentioned about the beast, *“and is not”*. God as He found us faithful will reveal to us the deception of Satan and He will relief us from that deception of Satan by giving us details and explain things to us. *“and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”* The angel clarified to John that the beast is the same beast that had been resurrected by Satan in *Revelation 13* as we read here, *“15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” (Revelation 13:15 KJV)*, which causes the people of the earth to wander after the beast to worship him, who had received the mark of the beast whose names are not written in the book of life, and those who refuse would be persecuted and killed.) *9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.* (The angel clarified to John that the knowledge of the beast that represented by seven heads is actually earthly. The mountains denote the earth, and whatever the mountains’ height is, they are earthly and not Heavenly. Further he spoke about the seven heads as the following:) *10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.* (The angel clarified to John that the seven heads are seven kings, five no more, only one remaining, and when the seventh will come will remain a short space. The beast will be the eighth head, and the authority of the beast over the kings of the earth has been and is destined to completely fall because most of the kings fell, and the beast will go into perdition, and the ten horns were ten kings *“Which have received no kingdom as yet,”* who will ultimately fall. Many kings and many nations of fame and power when you look deep into them, you will find that they are in debts and all what they rule over cannot cover their debts. Further, the tragedy is that the kings will be completely be deceived in their minds to give power and strength to the beast as we read in the next verse because the power of the deception of the Satan is very strong working on them:). *13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.* (Not only that, but they will work with the beast to make war against Jesus, our Lord,) *14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.* (The angel clarified to John that the whore, the beast and the kings doomed under God’s judgment shall be overcome by the Lamb, who had been their target all along; noting that those remain faithful to the lamb was called, chosen and faithful. We need to understand and to accept that we are chosen and we

are called to be faithful in our walk and stand for God. Here is a victory gained by the Lamb: The Lamb shall overcome. Christ must reign until all His enemies shall be put under His feet; Christ will be met with many enemies, and much opposition, but He will also gain the victory over them. Here is the ground or reason of the victory of Jesus. *First*, from the character of the Lamb: He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He has both by nature and by office, the supreme dominion and power over all things; all the powers of earth and hell are subject to His check and control. *Second*, from the character of His followers: They are called, chosen, and faithful. They are called out by commission to this warfare; they are chosen and fitted for it, and they will be faithful in it. Such an army, under such a commander, will at length carry all the world before them.) **15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.** (The angel clarified to John that the waters that the whore and the beast sat on are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues that are deceived. But the powers that come under the whore's deception will eventually turn on her and will judge her in hell, and burn her with fire. **Whatever things will be used to do and to support evil, these instruments and elements will be used one day against those who use them. Those who stand with the devil and do evil, they will be destroyed by the devil. God will allow that as way for their punishment. Their sin will be their punishment, and that is His will in punishing those who refuse to do His will.**) **17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.** (The angel clarified to John that **God will allow the hearts of those people to be deceived in all of this and to trust the beast, which finally will destroy those who trusted on Him. Therefore, the Word of God's judgment will be therefore fulfilled and as we read here, "9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."** (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 KJV) **Those who do not accept the Gospel of truth and who stand instead with the evil one and believe in lie, will be destroyed by the same false believe that they delight with.**) **18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.** (The angel clarified to John that the whore is actually the pseudo kingdom that Satan empowers to counterfeit and deceive the kings and peoples of the earth to work against the Kingdom of God. Here in this chapter we can see clearly that the wicked will continue to be more wicked, but the righteous are called to be more righteous: **"11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."** (Revelation 22:11 KJV) **Therefore we are called to be more obedient to God and to His call, for He will reward us according to our deeds and He will judge the wicked for their wickedness: "12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."** (Revelation 22:12 KJV)" (Revelation 17:1-18 KJV)

My dear and beloved: After we passed through this Word of God and what will happen at the coming of Jesus and the tribulation that will take place, let us commit our lives fully to God that we will live for Him and for His cause and purpose. Let us fear God, and let us

work our salvation with fear and trembling. Let us not waste any moment from our lives, but let us diligently serve God and do keenly the work and the ministry that he entrusted to us and to live in holiness and to set good example to others to follow, because we know we will be rewarded by the Lord.

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 set me free and made me alert about your will and how to conduct my life as we are waiting for you to come and take us to Heaven.*

Come now to God and 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, immoralities and filthiness. Renounce your non willingness to serve God, and your non willingness to suffer for Him. Confess and renounce all your idol worship, doing your own will and plans, 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 commit myself to the principle that I learned in this message to live in your will and to do the plan that you have for me in my life and to set good example to others. Lord I commit myself to start to serve you and to use all my talents and resources and employ them into your Kingdom, 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 use their testimonies to bring others to you. Lord protect them from persecution, provide for them and reward them for all their labor and hardships that they spend in your service.

Lord bless us as your church as we commit ourselves to continue to serve you and live into your whole will achieving the good plan that you have for each and every one of us; away from worldliness, corruptions and injustices, but in the plan that you have for us. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize to reach 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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