

Life after Death Part 19

Revelation Chapter 19

Christ Second Coming - the Tribulation

We will continue 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 in **Revelation 19**, Christ revealed Himself as conqueror in His second coming to take His bride, the church, with the unfolding event of the marriage supper of the Lamb. The church in the Scripture is described in many ways, but the ultimate description in the book of Revelation is as His bride that He will come to take with Him to Heaven. Let us now read and meditate on **Revelation 19**.

“1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. (Here a praise service in Heaven as a prelude or introduction to the wedding of the Lamb with His church. Here many people in Heaven; among them those who were saved and was taken with the rapture of the church, and those who got saved during the period of tribulation. They declared as one voice their praises with the following descriptions: That Christ is the one to be praised ***“Alleluia”***, which means praise the Lord, and denotes the including of the Jewish, God’s people, with the salvation of God. Their song of praise also means Christ is the Savior; the one to be glorified; the one to receive all honor; and the one who has all power. Their song also means Christ is the one who is Lord; the one who is God; the one who is true in judgment; the one who is righteous in judgment; the one who judged the whore, the corrupter of the earth as we saw in **Revelation 17** and **18**; and the one who avenged the blood of those martyred by the whore. Christ is the one to be praised repeatedly ***“And again they said, Alleluia”***. The praise of Christ started upon the irreversible judgment of God on the harlot; they were rejoicing and praising God for His victory over the mother of the harlots, Babylon.) ***4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.*** (The people in Heaven, the church, represented by the four and twenty elders, and the four beasts, the spiritual beings, had given the praises, were seen falling down and worshipping God, declaring with affirmation ***“Amen”***, and praise ***“Alleluia”***. ***As God is the source of our victory now and forever, therefore we need to continually give praise and glory unto Him, for He will be the one to secure to us the victory over our enemies.***) ***5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.*** (Here a voice from the throne of God commanded to give praise unto God by all His servants, and by all those who fear him, regardless their status whether small or great. ***This command is also for us, that we need to continue to serve God, worship Him and praise Him.***) ***6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*** (Here comes the entry of the bride, the church of Jesus as a great multitudes

that had responded, and coming with praise to God, that the time of His bride, the church had come. Their sound of praise was as many waters. Their sounds of their praises were as mighty thunderings. They sounded the praise saying ***“Alleluia”***. They declared His Lordship. They declared He is God. They declared He is King when they declared, ***“the Lord God omnipotent reigneth”***. They affirmed their gladness. They affirmed their rejoicing. They gave honor to Him. They declared the time of the marriage of the Lamb and the bride has come when they said, ***“For the marriage of the Lamb is come.”*** And the church, the bride, declared her readiness to meet Christ, her groom. That the bride, His church made herself ready, without blemish, without wrinkle and without spot. ***Therefore, let us persevere now as we suffer on earth in trials and persecution, and let us continue to cleanse ourselves from sin and perfect holiness out of fear in God knowing that God will reward us with joyful and pleasant time as such that we are reading here.)*** ***8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*** (Here the wedding celebration will be started as the church declared her readiness as the bride for Christ, her groom, then upon her readiness, the bride, His church, had been given the ability to be dressed and be ready in a wedding garment that represents her condition; that she was dressed in fine linen, clean, that is clean from sin, white, being pure from unfaithfulness, that has no other lovers but only Jesus, ***“for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”*** Righteousness as those holy saints separated unto Christ, and who had dedicated their lives to do and to achieve what is just and right in the sight of God. ***Therefore, you need to continue to cleanse yourself from sins and continue to serve God so you are ready with us for His coming to receive our rewards from Him.*** The Church was warned, rebuked and corrected in **Revelation 2** and **3**, in order to be ready as the bride of Jesus; for if they hear the Spirit and overcome sin, and persevere and comes through trials and persecution, they would receive what a bride receives, a reward, her groom in her wedding, as she is well dressed as we read here: ***“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”*** The church in Laodecia was counseled to make herself ready, ***“18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”*** (**Revelation 3:18 KJV**) ***“to buy of me gold tried in the fire”***, it means to buy from Jesus something valuable, tried, and tested, that will truly satisfy them and satisfy us and make us people of value to God. ***We need to get from Jesus the valuable things that we lack in our lives. Certain times you think that you are rich, but in fact you are poor when you lack the valuable things that Jesus can give you. “white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear:”*** In addition they needed white raiment; the white raiment is the righteous acts of the saints that they didn’t have; they needed to learn from Jesus what they needed to do toward the people around them. They needed to put on these righteous deeds in their lives so that the shamefulness of their nakedness to be covered, for their lack of good works of God had made them shameful. ***We needed to be rich in doing righteous things and the works of God as the Lord directing us to do and achieve for Him. “and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see:”*** They needed to buy from Jesus eyesalve to put in their eyes so they can see. Here the spiritual blindness, that those self righteous who think themselves rich but the truth is that they cannot see their lack of a lot of spiritual beneficial things. That is why they needed eyesalve so they can see the truth and be set free. ***Let us today humble ourselves in the hand of the Lord, and see the spiritual valuable things that we lack in our lives and start to ask the Lord to enrich us with them.*** The church that overcome will receive the

followings: *First*, new name and to eat from the hidden manna as was promised to the church in Pergamos: ***“17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”*** (Revelation 2:17 KJV) The *“hidden manna”*, is the influences and comforts of the Spirit of Christ in communion with Him, coming down from Heaven into the soul, from time to time, for its support, to let it taste something of how saints and angels live in Heaven. **Every time we commune and have fellowship with Christ, His Spirit will touch us, cleans us, assure us and revive us.** This is hidden from the rest of the world; that a stranger intermeddles not with this joy; as the hidden manna is laid up in Christ, the ark of the covenant, in the holy of holies. The *“white stone”*, with *“a new name written”*, this white stone represent the freedom from the guilt and the assurance of the forgiveness from sin. For in the old times those acquitted from trials were given a white stone, and a black stone to those condemned. About *“a new name written”*, is the name of adoption: adopted persons take the name of the family into which they were adopted. *“which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”* None can read the evidence of a man’s adoption but himself; he cannot always read it, but if he perseveres he shall have both the evidence of sonship and the inheritance in Heaven. *Second*, new name and to be a pillar in the temple of God as was promised to the church in Philadelphia: ***“12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.”*** (Revelation 3:12 KJV) He shall be a monumental pillar in the temple of God; not a pillar to support the temple; for Heaven needs no such support, but a monument of the free and powerful grace of God; a monument that shall never be spoiled, nor disfigured nor removed, as many stately pillars erected in honor to the Roman emperors and generals have been. ***“and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God”***. On this monumental pillar there shall be an honorable inscription and as the following: The name of God, in whose cause he engaged, whom he served, and for whom he suffered in this warfare; and the name of the city of God, the Church of God, the new Jerusalem, which came down from Heaven. ***“and I will write upon him my new name”***. On the another part of the inscription is the new name of Christ, the Mediator, the Redeemer, the captain of our salvation; by this it will appear under whose banner this conquering believer had enlisted, under whose conduct he acted, by whose example he was encouraged, and under whose influence he fought the good fight, and came off victorious. *Third*, a white garment which is a wedding garment and their name will not be blot out from the book of life as was promised to the church in Sardis, ***“5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”*** (Revelation 3:5 KJV) As we acknowledge His name before men, He will acknowledge our names before God the Father. The church, as she responded to the Spirit and overcame, would receive victory at the white throne of Judgment. *Fourth*, will not experience the second death as was promised to the church in Smyrna, ***“11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”*** (Revelation 2:11 KJV) ***“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with***

him a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:6 KJV) *Fifth*, as the church responded to the Spirit and overcame, would receive at the new Heaven and new earth and will have access to the tree of life as was promised to the church in Ephesus, ***“7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”*** (Revelation 2:7 KJV); ***“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*** (Revelation 22:2 KJV) *Sixth*, will receive the crown of life as was promised to the church in Smyrna, ***“10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”*** (Revelation 2:10 KJV) **We may suffer but we will receive the crown of life from Jesus as a reward for us.** *Seventh*, we shall see the face of God and His name will be on our foreheads, ***“3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.”*** (Revelation 22:3-4 KJV) *Eighth*, we shall have with us Christ who is the light and who is the star as was promised to the church in Thyatira, ***“5 And I will give him the morning star.”*** (Revelation 2:28 KJV); ***“5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”*** (Revelation 22:5 KJV) ***“16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”*** (Revelation 22:16 KJV) **9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.** (John was commanded here to record all the above blessings and rewards that will be given to those who are ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb. **We who are under Christ, are invited to the marriage supper of the Jesus, and we need to cherish and value that and do all what we can to keep it and make ourselves ready for that so that we can and we will receive all the above blessings; our reward in Heaven.**) ***10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*** (The voice from the direction of the throne in verse 5 directed the church to praise God as we read here, ***“5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.”*** Now in verse 10 is identified as a fellow servant messenger who identifies the revelation of Jesus as prophecy and that the covenant testimony we have with Him is to bear witness of Him; further, our covenant testimony is a witness prophecy of Him. **As we proclaim the testimony of Jesus we are worshipping Him, and as we live with a good testimony we are worshipping God, we are serving Him and declaring His will to others.** Notice that the Spirit of prophecy means the message is from God, but the message or the messenger is not to be worshipped. God alone is to be worshipped. **We fail in this when we focus more on the message or the messenger than upon the one that the message is about. This is an appropriate correction because the one that the message is about is suddenly revealed after this as the victorious one who now receives His bride.)** ***11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*** (Here was the departure of the groom with His bride, Christ comes down from

Heaven. riding a white horse which gives the meaning of victory and conquering. He is called Faithful. He is called True. He judges in righteousness. He makes war. His eyes pierce as flames of fire to bring the judgment of God on those who are wicked. On His head were many crowns denoting supreme sovereignty and authority. All authority is given to Jesus. His name is so divine, it is not known by humanity. His garment has been colored with blood; perhaps His blood spilled at the cross and or the blood of the martyrs. His name is called the Word of God.) **14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.** (With Christ as His wedding entourage were the armies of Heaven. The armies were upon white horses denoting victory and conquering, and were clothed with fine linen, white and clean garments.) **15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.** (Christ is further described, emphasizing His victory and rule. His weapon is His Word which proceeds from His mouth as a sharp sword, the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. He smites the nations with His Word, and will bring on them the wrath of God. He rules the nations with an unbreakable rod of iron. He carries out the fierce wrath of God. On His vesture and on His thigh were written the declaration of His sovereignty, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.) **17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.** (Here an angel declared that creations should make themselves ready for the supper of His judgment, that they will eat of the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men and horses and those who sat on them, and the flesh of the rest of all kinds of men, in the battle that is the supper of the great God. The angel was greater than all of nature by standing in the sun. The angel declared and commissioned nature to be ready. The angel commissioned the birds of the air to come to the supper of the great God for they will be the ones to harvest the devastation that Christ the one and only King will bring upon all other rivaling powers. This angel standing on the sun could be Christ Himself.) **19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.** (Upon the departure of the groom, and the bride from the wedding and after giving the reward to the saints who overcame, here the beast that worshipped falsely rather than Christ, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered to war against Christ and His army of Heaven as they come from the marriage celebration. The beast here was falsely worshipped with the miracle working false prophet, both described in **Revelation 13**; this is the beast as we read here, **“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. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”** (**Revelation 13:1-2 KJV**) And this is the false prophet with the false miracles, **“11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come**

down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 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. 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:” (**Revelation 13:11-16 KJV**) The setting here is one which compares the harlot or the whore that we read in Revelation 17 and 18, with the bride, the church with the 24 elders, that has been with Christ in Heaven during the tribulation. The harlot represents unfaithfulness and the driving force behind the deception of the tribulation depicted by the harlot sitting upon many waters that represent multitudes of peoples as we read here, **“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:”** (**Revelation 17:1 KJV**), and in sitting upon the beast as we read here, **“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.”** (**Revelation 17:3 KJV**) This is the setting because the context which ushers the battle of the second coming is the marriage supper of the Lamb. Christ proceeds from the marriage supper celebration by readiness and faithfulness to conquer the unfaithfulness done by the harlot.) **20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.** (Here describes the consequences of Christ’s victory at the battle of the second coming and as the following: The beast that was falsely worshipped and miracle working false prophet, both described in **Revelation 13**, were cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.) **21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”** (The kings and their armies, were slain by the Word proceeding from Christ, **“And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations”**, and the fowls of the earth that were told in verses 17-18 to make themselves ready for this task, now were devouring their carcasses. Notice here that this battle that takes place upon Christ’s second coming to earth, accompanied by the church as the bride and the armies of Heaven is not the battle of Armageddon, for that battle of Armageddon is the last great battle described in **Revelation 20:7-10**, and will take place after the Millennial reign of Christ.

My dear and beloved: **Revelation 19** describes the outcome of the unfaithful who give in to the deception of the whore, and the beast, which Satan behind them, versus the celebration, the victory and the reward for those who remain faithful as a bride to Christ our LORD and God.

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. Thank you for your clear Word to me that encouraging me to continue to live my life for you and serve you knowing that my labor will not be in vain, and I will be rewarded by you.

Let us come to God in repentance. Renounce your sins and all your unfaithfulness toward God. Renounce worldliness and your love for material things. Renounce immoralities and the lust of your eyes. Renounce your laziness, your bad stewardship, and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for him.

Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins _____. Lord I commit myself to live for you and to be faithful to all what I received from you and to continue to persevere to serve you until you come to take us to Heaven.

Lord thank you for my Brethren and Sisters who returned to you and are willing to serve you and live their lives for you. Lord uphold them with your grace and protect them from all the deceptions of the devil. Lord use them to reach the lost in spreading your Word. Lord protect them and preserve them during persecution, and continue to provide their needs so they will continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church, uphold us with your grace and mercy until you come to take us to Heaven. Lord refills us with the Holy Spirit and lead us to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus. Lord protect us from persecution, and provide for us to continue to serve you. Lord enable us to make new disciples and train new workers to go and 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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