

REVELATION CHAPTER 10

Basic and General Study of Revelation *compiled by Gaetan.*

This chapter is like an interlude or intermission. The curtain closes temporarily on the vision of the future, and an angel enters the scene to make a big announcement. He is quite impressive, coming down from Heaven, clothed with a cloud, a rainbow on his head, face like the sun, and feet like pillars of fire. He has a little book open in his hand and sets his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the earth. In almost every sermon, sooner or later the preacher stops to make announcements. Likewise, here in the 10th chapter, the angel makes some grand announcements. And he's announcing what? --The End of all these things. (In addition, he interacts briefly with John the apostle.)

REV.10:1 And I saw **another mighty angel** come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and **a rainbow was upon his head**, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

REV.10:2 and he had in his hand **a little book open**: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,





REV.10:3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, **seven thunders** uttered their voices.

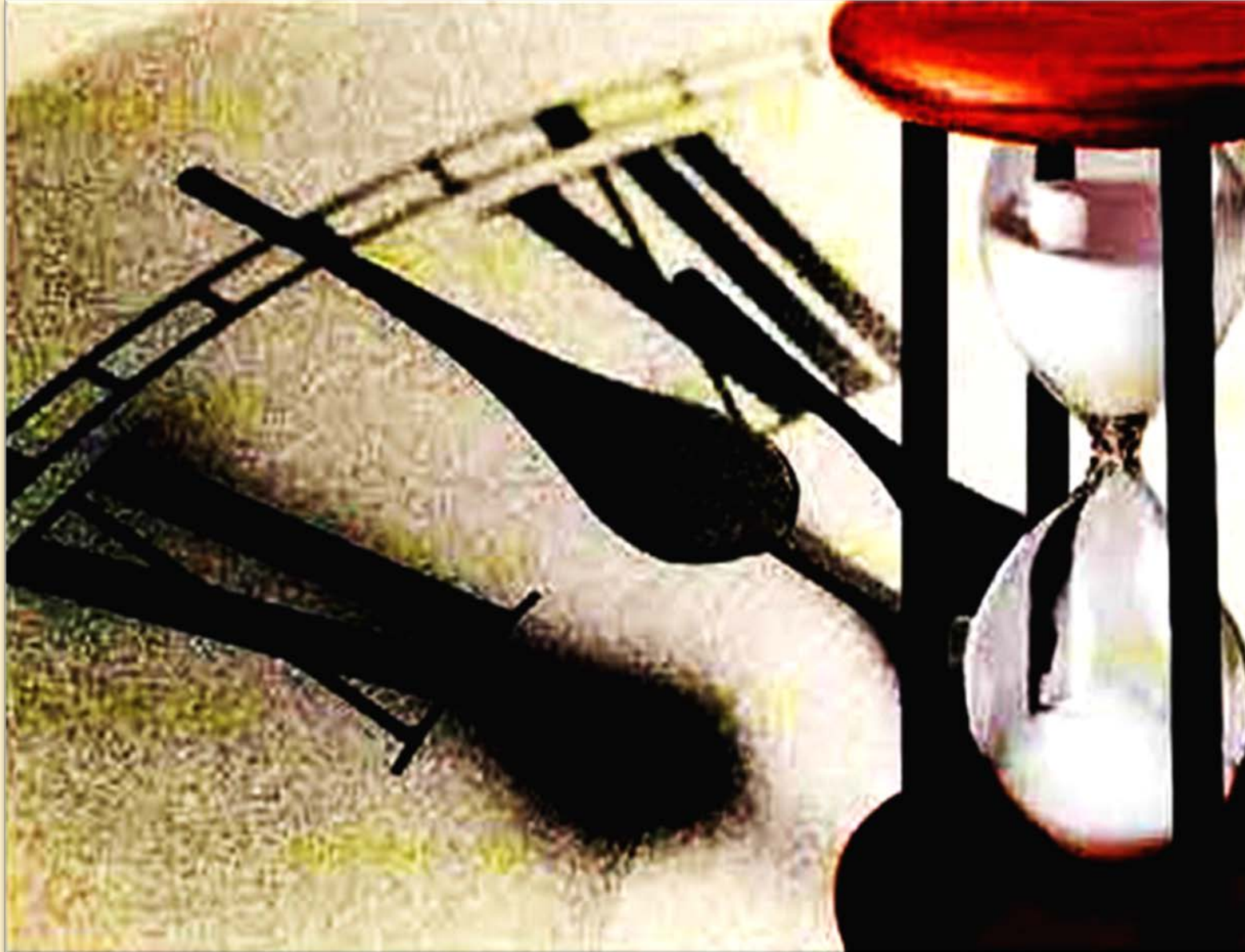
Reminds us of

Rev.4:5. *And out of the throne proceeded **lightnings and thunderings** and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God.***

REV.10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, **seal up those things** which the seven thunders uttered, and **write them not.**

Reminds us of DAN.12:4, *“but thou, O Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book,** even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”*

We have heard Bible Prophecy teachers trying to explain what the seven thunders said. If God wanted us to know, He would have told us, right? He might yet tell us! But He wasn't going to let John say anything then, and there must have been some reason for it. There are certain secrets in this book that we do not know now and we can't expect to know until it's God's time to tell us! So anybody who thinks they understand everything in the Book of Revelation, we have reason to be skeptical of what they say!



REV.10:5 and the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

REV.10:6 And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, **who created heaven**, and the things that therein are, **and the earth**, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer:**

Two thoughts:

1. Most Bible versions translate this passage as ***“there would be no more delay.”*** That is to say, time’s up, the Second Coming of Jesus and the judgments of God are about to happen.
2. Still, it is interesting to speculate about the concept of time and a literal view of this translation ***“that there should be time no longer”***. In order for something to have a beginning and an ending what does it have to have in-between? --Time! What happened in the beginning? It was not only the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth, but also the beginning of Time!



Time itself is a creation of God and was a part of the Creation. -- ***"In the beginning (Ge.1:1)!"*** God had to create Time first in order for material things to exist. What did Einstein teach? --That matter not only has to have three dimensions--length, breadth, height, some kind of volume--but has to have a fourth dimension, time, in order to exist. So, in order for the material creation to exist, it had to have a beginning and it had to have time and it will also have an end.

Jesus is the great ***"I AM"***, who dwells in the Eternal Now where there is no past nor future and



"time shall be no more". In the spirit it's like the past, present and future are all one! It all looks the same to God, and He can easily reveal the mysteries of the Future to His prophets and seers:

"For surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the Prophets! (Amos 3:7)"

REV.10:7 But in the days of the voice of the **seventh angel**, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

This Seventh Trump is not blown in this Chapter and nothing about the future happens here. This is merely an announcement, that when this last Trumpet is sounded, time has run out, there will be no more delay, and the mystery of God shall be finished.

This "*mystery*" which is to be finished at the seventh trump refers to the Church. Paul called it: "*The mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God!*" And it was that "*ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs (with the Jews), and of the same body...For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. ... This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church.*" (Ep.3:9; 3:4-6; 5:30, 32)

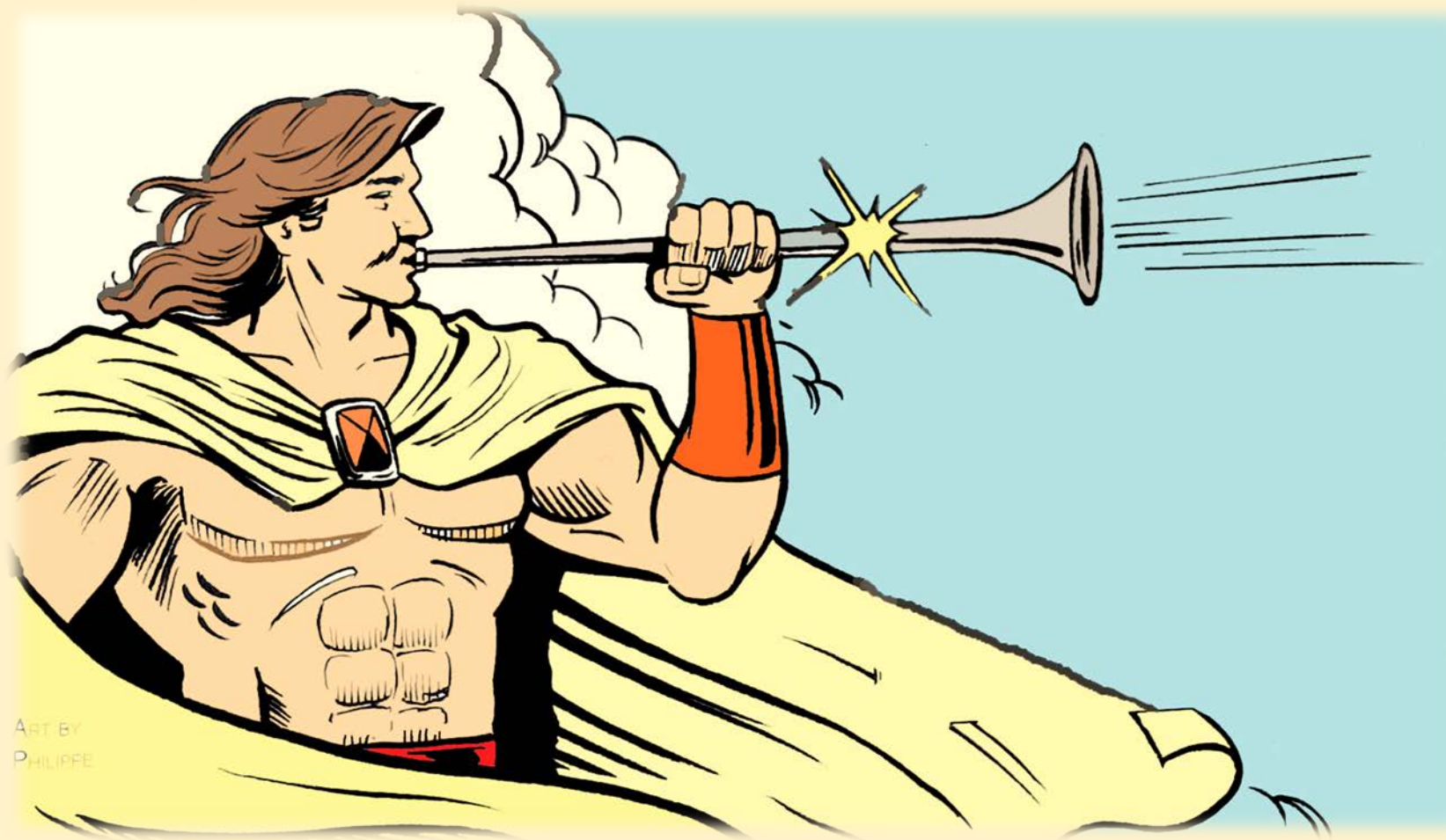


The **“mystery of God”** being finished probably means the completion of the Church at the Second Coming of Christ when He gathers together His Church by the awesome grand miracle of the Resurrection and Rapture. In **Matthew Chapter 24**, the Lord said that his Coming to **“gather together”** His Church would be accompanied by a trumpet.

“And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect (or the saints).” (Mt.24:31)

And Paul, in another of his predictions, is very specific as to which trump it will be when the gathering together takes place and the mystery of God, the Church, is completed:

**** 1Cor.15:51, 52** *I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep (die and remain in the grave), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **LAST TRUMP (or Seventh Trump)**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (We will receive immortal bodies)*



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This mystery of God then is you and me, the church, and at the last or seventh trump, it is going to be finished. At one sudden, supernatural, miraculous mighty stroke of God, His Church will be instantly and supernaturally completed! God will wave His rod of power and presto! --The finished Church will be caught up into Heaven in the Rapture!

**** MAT.24:29-31 ...immediately after the tribulation of those days...and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: ...and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**



REV.10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, **Go and take the little book** which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

REV.10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, **Give me the little book.** And he said unto me, **Take it, and eat it up;** and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth **sweet as honey.**

REV.10:10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, **and ate it up;** and it was in my mouth **sweet as honey:** and as soon as I had eaten it, **my belly was bitter.**



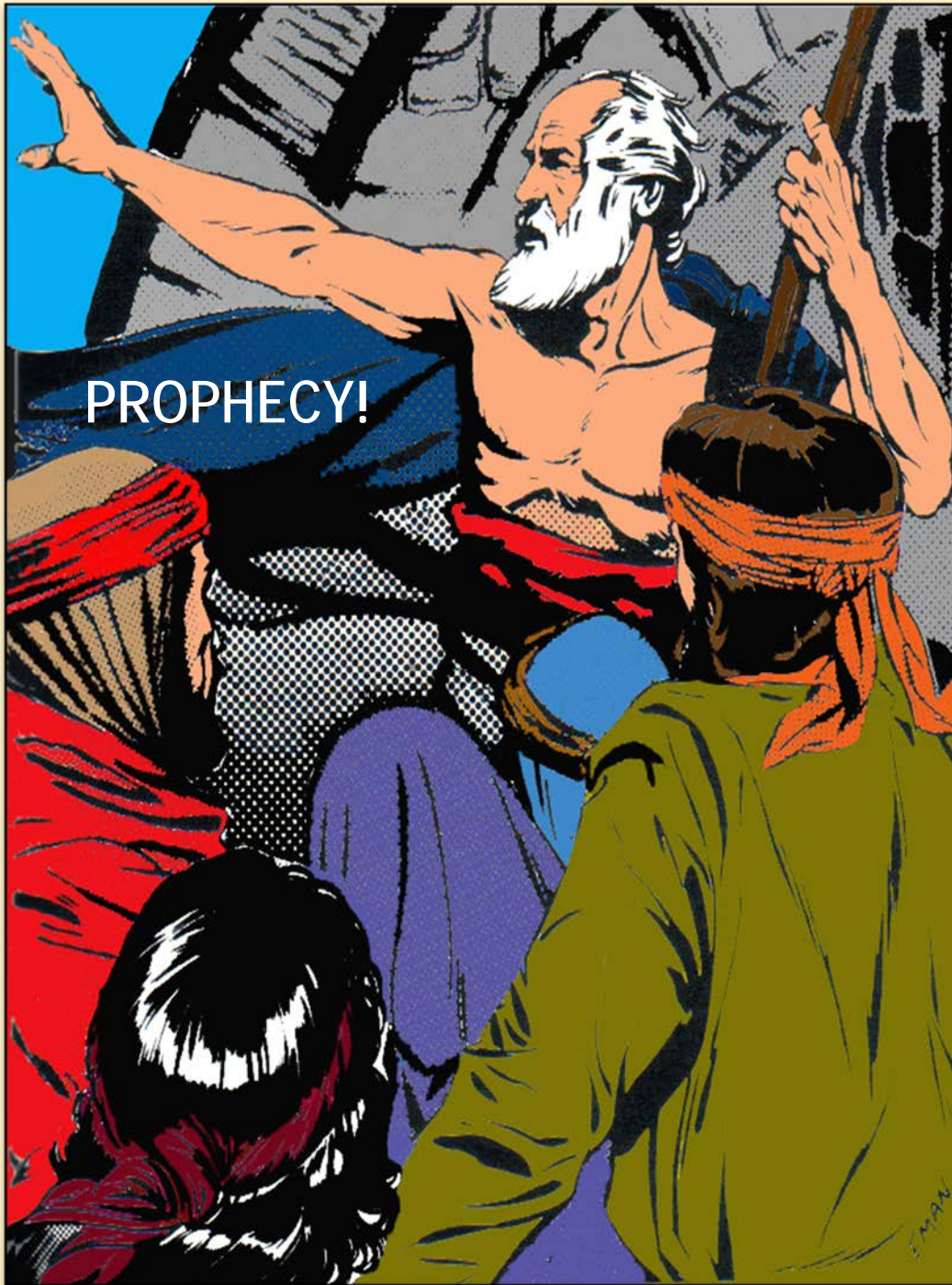
Reminds us of certain Scriptures:

**** JER.15:16** Thy words were found, and **I did eat them**; and **thy word** was unto **me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart**: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.



**** EZE.3:1-3** Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; **eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel**. So I opened my mouth, **and he caused me to eat that roll**. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth **as honey for sweetness**.

**** PSA.119:103** How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**



REV.10:11 and he said unto me, **thou must prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

So this little book must be a book of prophecy, possibly referring even to *this Book of Revelation* which was meant to be an "open" book:

"Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." (Rev.22:10)

This Book has certainly prophesied to millions of people of all nations and tongues throughout history. A lot of people are interested in the future. Nearly everybody wants to know what's going to happen! What is the future? What is the prophecy all about? They have a great desire for prophecy, and in their mouth, it tastes so sweet, mmm, delicious, all these juicy prophecies about the future! But then when they get down to where they are trying to digest it, understand it, comprehend it and interpret it, it gives them a real bellyache, a real tummy-ache, a real case of acute indigestion of prophecies, the Words of God which can only be understood by the leading of God's own Holy Spirit!



John took the little book of the prophecy of the future and it tasted like honey in his mouth, but when he tried to digest it, it was a little tough! And so it is for us too, we're going to find out in a lot of these Scriptures that we read, that some parts are going to be a little difficult for interpretation and digestion as we go along!

We often try to offer you several different possibilities of interpretation which many men of God and Bible students have accepted, several alternatives usually. We say, well, it could be this or could be that or the other, but we won't know completely until it happens.

We know generally what it's all about and there is a lot that can be understood, but we just don't know some of those details yet; we probably won't know until we see them and when they begin to happen, because we don't have to know everything right now!

But He has told us in advance so that when we begin to see those events unfolding, we'll recognise them and say, *"Oh, this is what John was talking about in his Book of Revelation! He described that thing to a tee and now there it is, it really is, it really happened!"* And it will strengthen our faith then and we will be prepared if we have been faithful to study His word. In similar fashion while on Earth, Jesus told His disciples a few things in advance which they did not understand at the time but were meant to strengthen their faith later:

"And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe." (John 14:29, 13:19)



Now, today several of Daniel's prophecies are understood, because they are now past history! But others in the same book are yet to be fulfilled in the future. The whole realm of human political history from the days of Babylon up until the very End, the final World government of the Antichrist, are described in the Book of Daniel! They are also described here in this Book of Revelation and we will be getting into that in the coming chapters.

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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