

Ascension Service in Malang, May 21, 2020 (Thursday Morning)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 11:7-10

11:7. *When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.*

11:8 *And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

11:9 *Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.*

11:10 *And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.*

The tittle is the Two Witnesses Killed.

It means that the two witnesses got the death or cross experience with Jesus until the flesh does not speak anymore. The Veil is torn, so the Ark of the Covenant is seen. The measurement of God or perfection is reached.

Revelation 11:11-12

11:11. *Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.*

11:12 *And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.*

Being dead with Jesus, we will be resurrected and lifted up to heaven with Him.

Verse 8 = where are the two witnesses killed? They are killed in Sodom and Egypt.

Sodom and Egypt are the same as the physical Jerusalem which has been ruled over by the Antichrist or become the center of the government of the Antichrist who rules over the world for three and a half years. Jerusalem was in the atmosphere of Sodom or the peak of sins and Egypt or the idolatry.

Sodom and Egypt also refer to the place where Jesus was crucified. There are God's servants who crucify Jesus for the second time. This is dangerous.

Hebrews 6:4-6

6:4. *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,*

6:5 *and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,*

6:6 *if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*

'have tasted the good word' = the church or servants of God on the last days who have received the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, but may fall away. It is the same as crucifying Jesus for the second time or not repenting. The atmosphere of Sodom and Egypt means rejecting the death of Jesus or the cross.

Many servants of God reject the death experience with Jesus. They only look for the things which are comfortable for the flesh, so they fall away.

Thus, Sodom and Egypt refer to the people who do not know Jesus and are ruled over by the Antichrist, so they become the same as the Antichrist and kill Jesus as well as the sons of God who are left when the Antichrist rules over the world; even they kill the two witnesses.

But, be careful because Sodom and Egypt are the same as the sons or servants of God who fall away and are ruled over by the Antichrist, so they become the same as the Antichrist and kill Jesus for the second time or put Him to an open shame as well as the sons of God who are left when the Antichrist rules over the world; even they kill the two witnesses.

Revelation 11:9

11:9. *Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.*

The servants of God who reject the cross or the death experience do not allow the dead bodies of the two witnesses or the righteous to be put into graves.

It means not having the spiritual grave, but only the grave of death (it has been explained in [Ibadah Doa Malang, 19 Mei 2020](#)).

Ezekiel 37:1-2,11-12

37:1. The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

37:2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.

37:11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'"

37:12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel."

The grave of death means the one in which there are the dry bones.

It refers to the condition of the Israelites as well as the prophecy of the condition of the church on the last days that rejects the cross or the death experience with Jesus.

Proverbs 17:22

17:22. A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

The facts found in the dry bones or the broken spirit are as follows:

- Being proud of something in the world and easily getting disappointed and hopeless as well as leaving God when facing the physical and spiritual difficulties.
Easily getting proud of something, one will easily get disappointed.
- Neither being faithful nor fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.
- Spiritual dryness up to the death, namely being grieved because of the righteousness and rejoicing because of sins. One lives like Sodom, namely in sins and enjoying them up to the peak as well as Egypt or the idolatry and rejecting the true teaching and worship.

Revelation 11:10

11:10. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

They rejoice because the righteous are killed. This is the sign of the spiritual death.

The peak of sins refers to the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as the fornication between a man and a woman who are not a legal spouse, the wrong marriage, mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-being given in marriage.

This is the condition of the church that rejects the death experience with Jesus.

Consequently, one is left when Jesus comes again. He is not lifted up to heaven, but gets the second death or perishes in the hell forever.

God does not will if His servants whom He has redeemed only become like the dry bones in the grave or die spiritually and perish forever in the hell.

John 14:1-3

14:1. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

14:2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

He provides the beautiful place for us.

Therefore, He willingly dies without any sins on the cross, but He has risen and ascended to heaven for preparing the place for us as well as watching over us, His church.

This is the way of God to help the dry bones.

After that, He will come the second time to lift us up and bring us to the place where He is. We live eternally in the heavenly kingdom, the New Jerusalem.

This is the meaning of commemorating the Ascension.

Jesus ascended to heaven to provide the place for us, so we must also prepare the room for Him on earth for welcoming Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings, the High Priest, the Great Shepherd, and the Heavenly Bridegroom or the Head.

The right place for the Head is the body.

It means that our preparation for being lifted up with Jesus to heaven is entering the revival of the edification of the living perfect body of Christ.

How can the church that has been like the dry bones in the grave be the living perfect body? There is only a way from God ('*You know!*'). Therefore, the service and ministry to God must be done in His way. Using the worldly way, one will only reach the grave.

Ezekiel 37:3-6

37:3. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

37:4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!"

37:5 'Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

37:6 "I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD."

'*you shall know that I am the LORD*'= relying on God only.

The dry bones can be alive and perfect through the preaching of the prophetic Word. This is the only way from God.

The prophetic Word means as follows:

1. The Word which is revealed by Holy Spirit, namely a verse explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word.
2. The Word which reveals the hidden sins in the congregation, so the presence of God is not hidden. It also reveals the truth in the marriage and ordination. It is the same as the sanctification Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword or the Bride Tidings.

The marriage and ordination refer to the two great mysteries.

3. The Word which reveals all things which have not happened yet but will happen for sure, especially about Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds in the glory as the king of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom for perfecting the church until they can enter the eternal heavenly kingdom.

The process of the work of the prophetic Word to the dry bones is as follows:

1. **A rattling.**

Ezekiel 37: 7

37:7. So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

It means as follows:

- Negative meaning. Before hearing the Word, one judges and blames at others or quarrels.
- Positive meaning. After hearing the Word, one confesses the sins.

The prophetic Word always shows the hidden sins in the congregation, so we can realize, regret, and willingly suffer in the flesh for confessing our sins to God and others. After being forgiven, do not repeat the sin. It is the same as repenting or being dead to sin.

We confess to whom we have committed the mistake.

This is the death experience with Jesus.

After that, we are buried with Him, namely we enter the water baptism, so we get the new or heavenly life, namely in righteousness.

Thus, the Bride Tidings brings us to the death experience, not the rejection to the cross. We must not blame at others, but confess our sins.

After living in righteousness, we must not have the self-truth, but we must forgive the sin of others and forget it. We become blessings for others.

Not confessing to others, one will return to become the dry bone.

2. **If we can confess and forgive one another, we will be able to unite with others. There is the true fellowship of the body of Christ whose Jesus becomes the Head.**

Ezekiel 37:7

37:7. So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the

bones came together, bone to bone.

The sign of the true fellowship is having the True Vine, namely the true teaching Word or Jesus Himself as the Head.

The levels of the true fellowship are as follows:

- Marriage.
The beginning must be true without any mistakes. Therefore, we must ask God, the pastor, and the parents. If there is any mistake, one will go towards the dry bones.
- Shepherding.
- Inter-shepherding fellowship.
- Israel and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

Entering the true fellowship that starts from the marriage, we have the great hope and opportunity to get the sanctification by the true teaching Word, so we enter the perfection and become the perfect body of Christ.

We must be righteous first and then we can be perfect.

3. **The sinews and joints.**

Ezekiel 37:8

37:8. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Colossians 2:19

2:19. and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

It means as follows:

- The **joints** refer to the connection between two bones or the members of Christ's body.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22. Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

It starts from the marriage between the husband and wife, the children and parents, and siblings, and then the fellows servants of God and other people in the world.

The connection must be in the obedience to the true teaching.

If the husband and wife are obedient to one true teaching Word, they will be one for sure.

If one of them is true while another is false, they cannot be one forever. Therefore, we must have the one true teaching Word.

Obedying the Word, we will love one another. The husband loves the wife as himself. The wife submits to the husband in everything. The children obey the parents. The parents do not make the children lose heart. Do not force your will to your children! Do not also fulfill the will of the children which is not in line with the Word! If the parents agree with the false children, they will also bear the mistake.

Not loving one another, one becomes the dry bone. There is no hope in him.

The joints also refer to the connection in holiness.

What must be sanctified in the joints?

- a. Envy and strife.

1 Corinthians 3:3-4

3:3. for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

3:4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

The envy means not appreciating the blessings, employment, and mercy of God like the brothers of Joseph to Joseph and Cain to Abel.

The strife means that the sinful people blame at others. The strife about the teachings must be finished by

returning to the Bible.

The envy and strife cause the groups or the scattered dry bones.

Becoming sanctified, we can love one another and return to the teaching for entering the oneness of the body of Christ.

- b. The characteristics of sins.

1 Corinthians 5:11

5:11. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.

'*sexually immoral*' = the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage.

'*reviler*' = the false is said true and the true thing is said false.

'*drunkard*' = the sins concerning eating-drinking.

'*idolater*' = prioritizing the physical things more than God.

We are sanctified from the six ingrained sins which cause the scattered dry bones.

- c. False teachings.

Romans 16:17

16:17. Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Making fellowship with the false teachings, one will be the scattered dry bones.

It must be sanctified, so we can hold fast the true teaching.

After being sanctified from the envy, strife, the characteristics of sins, and false teachings, we will experience the resurrection. Moreover, we are entrusted with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit for being used in the ministry of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

We are ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming. We provide the room for His second coming. Do not reject the cross! Receive the death experience!

- o The **sinews**= the bond that strengthens and unites the joints.
This is about the love of God.

Colossians 3:14

3:14. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

'*the bond of perfection*' = we become the perfect body of Christ.

The joints must be with the sinews.

The facts found in having the love are as follows:

- a. Loving others like we love ourselves.

Matthew 7:12

7:12. "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

We only do and say good things to others. We do not harm others. We do not do evil things. We also do not repay evil for evil, but we repay good for evil.

Ones who are evil will be the dry bones in the grave of death.

Do not ever repay evil for good like Satan!

Romans 13:8

13:8. Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Owe no one anything, such as sin, money, promise, and so on.

Use the lengthening of our age to finish all of them because all things must be accounted for before the white throne.

- b. Finally, our relationship with Jesus as the Head is in the joint of the neck. We love Him more than anything.

Psalm 95:6

95:6. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

We can worship Jesus, the Maker.

After experiencing the death or living in righteousness as well as the resurrection or being sanctified, we will get the glory. The sinews are sanctified until we can lift up the worship prayer. We get the tearing to our flesh until it does not speak anymore. We stretch out our hands to God. Our eyes only look at Him and our mouth cries out His name.

God will stretch out His powerful hands to all of us.

Isaiah 43:15-17

43:15. I am the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

43:16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters,

43:17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

The results are as follows:

- i. He is able to make the way in the Red Sea.

It means that He is able to preserve us who are small and powerless like the dry bones in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world; even until we get the eternal life.

- ii. He gives us victory over pharaoh.

It means finishing the impossible problems and making alive the dead things.

- iii. He gives us beautiful and successful future life.

- iv. We are used in the revival of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

- v. We get the power of renewal from the criminals to the inhabitants of Paradise.

Luke 23:42-43

23:42. Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

We become as perfect as Jesus is.

Let the dry bones be renewed by God. Let us surrender our weakness and destruction to Him until we become perfect and the door of Paradise and the one of the New Jerusalem are open. We are with Jesus wherever He is.

God blesses you.