

Bible Study Service in Malang, April 24, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:4-8

7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

7:5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

7:6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;

7:7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

7:8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed. They are the core of the heavenly bride.

Genesis 49:17

49:17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A viper by the path, That bites the horse's heels So that its rider shall fall backward.

The tribe of Dan did not receive the seal of God because they had changed from the descendants of Abram to the ones of viper.

Matthew 3:3,7

3:3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"

3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

The descendants of viper have the bad conscience as follows.

- Not being willing to be baptized of water.
- Rejecting the true water baptism and choosing the false one. Consequently, Jesus does not pass.
- Entering the true water baptism, but keeping unrighteous life.

There are two kinds of the bad conscience as follows.

1. The heart that tends to do evil until God is grieved.

Genesis 6:5

6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

1 Timothy 6:9,10

6:9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Such heart will love money, so one cannot love God. Moreover, he will stray from the faith or righteousness as follows.

- Looking for money in illegal ways.
- Looking for money until leaving the service and ministry to God.
- Stealing the possession of God.

2. Unclean conscience.

Titus 1:15

1:15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

It means looking for the pseudo-satisfaction in the world, even in the service and ministry to God, through the lust of eyes,

flesh, and ears as well as the pride of life. Consequently, men are encouraged to commit sins up to the peak.

The evil and unclean heart will be the place where Satan passes with the evil and unclean spirit to build Babylon or the bride of Satan with the stamp of triple six to be destroyed forever.

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

The development of the edification of Babylon is as follows.

1. The edification of the tower of Babel.

Genesis 11:1-4,9

11:1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.

11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

11:3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

11:4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens;let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

11:9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The brick or the clay which was burnt refers to the fleshly men who are burnt by the fire of the flesh, sins, and the world. The brick also means the tool of Satan for edifying Babylon.

The fact found in edifying Babylon is making a name [Genesis 11:4], namely looking for popularity, greatness, riches, intelligence, and position until removing the name of Jesus. Removing the name of Jesus is the same as losing the salvation.

Psalm 138:2

138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

The name of Jesus equals to the Word.

Removing the name of Jesus means removing the true teaching Word. Consequently, one loses the holiness and perfection.

All physical activities in the world without the name of Jesus will be meaningless and destroyed and so will the spiritual activities without the name of Jesus. Such spiritual activities will only edify Babylon. Consequently, one lives in chaos, total failure, sorrow, labor, and division up to the everlasting separation.

1 Peter 2:4-5

2:4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

We must be the living stones or the priests and kings upon Jesus, the chief cornerstone.

The living stones refer to the fleshly men or the clay which is burnt by the fire of God, namely the fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love through the perseverance in doing three main services to Him as follows.

- Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion, in which we are burnt by the fire of the Word.
- General Service, in which we are burnt by the fire of Holy Spirit.
- Prayer Service, in which we are burnt by the fire of God's love.

The living stones are set upon the chief cornerstone to be used in the edification of the spiritual house of God, the perfect body of Christ, or the heavenly bride.

The priests and kings or the servants of God live by His mercy. As a result, we can live anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances up to the eternal life.

Ephesians 2:20-22

2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,
2:21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
2:22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Our life is set in order beautifully to be the dwelling place of the Lord or the one where He passes, so the miracles happen.

2. **The edification of the kingdom of Babylon.**

It refers to the arrogance as follows.

- **King Nebuchadnezzar relied on the power, riches, and intelligence of the world, so he did not rely or hope on God.** It is the same as losing the mind or being like animals.

Daniel 4:25-32

4:25 *They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.*

4:26 *And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules.*

4:27 *Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."*

4:28 *All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.*

4:29 *At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon.*

4:30 *The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"*

4:31 *While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!*

4:32 *And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."*

- **King Belshazzar despised the vessels of God's house.**

Daniel 5:22-23,30

5:22 *"But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.*

5:23 *"And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.*

5:30 *That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.*

Isaiah 52:11

52:11 *Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the vessels of the LORD.*

It means as follows.

- Serving and ministering to God without holiness.
 - Leaving the service and ministry to God because of keeping the false things.
 - Damaging the vessels of God's house physically. One cannot maintain the physical equipment in the church.
- **Having a desire to be worshipped. It refers to the false worship.**

Daniel 6:6-7

6:6 *So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever!*

6:7 *"All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.*

In the beginning, one wants to get the praise and appreciation. He wants to be esteemed more than others. Then, he will only fulfill his fleshly desires.

Finally, he enters the false worship because of being afraid of facing the sprinkling of blood.

3. **The edification of the city or woman of Babylon.**

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

Revelation 17:5

17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 17:1,15

17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

17:15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

The woman of Babylon sits on many waters or the Gentiles on the last days to return them to the two conditions in the age of Noah and the one of Lot.

Luke 17:26-30

17:26 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

17:27 "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

17:28 "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

17:29 "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

17:30 "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

These things happened in the days of Noah and Lot.

- The men including the servants of God fell in sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- The temple became a market, namely a place to sell or buy something and look for physical profit, prosperity, and entertainment. The system is through looking for the cheap things. It means being without the true ordination.

- Planting and building or the worldly activities of God's servants, so they do not enter the perfect body of Christ.

John 2:6-7

2:6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

2:7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

The solution so that the many waters are not sat by the woman of Babylon is that the many waters must be put in the waterpot.

There are six waterpots. It means as follows.

- The fleshly men must be shepherded seriously so that their lives are not free.
- Only few servants of God who belong to the Gentiles are willingly shepherded.

The requirements of being shepherded are as follows.

- Perseverance in doing the three main services to God.
By the perseverance in doing the three main services to God, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us.
The proof is our peaceful heart, so all things become easy and light. There is no worry. We only give thanks to God.
- Obedience to the voice of the Shepherd as well as running away from the strange voice.

Being shepherded is the same as a branch attaching to the true vine. Sooner or later, it will yield sweet fruits.

As for the Gentiles, it begins from saying the sweet words like the sweet wine as follows.

- Confessing and forgiving one another.
- Righteous and good words. There is no lie.

- Testimony about the Good News and Bride Tidings.
- Worship to God.

Song of Solomon 7:9-10

7:9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. THE SHULAMITE The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

7:10 I am my beloved's, And his desire is toward me.

Matthew 8:23-26

8:23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Satan always tries to drown us through the wind of false teachings and gossips as well as the wave of temptations in all aspects of life.

If we face it with our own power and experience, Jesus will sleep and become not fervent.

If we confess that all things in the world cannot face the wind and wave, we will only surrender and cry out to Jesus. This is the sweet saying Jesus waits for. He will be fervent and wake up to calm the wind and wave. We are peaceful and all things become easy and light. We are preserved miraculously by God in the midst of the difficulties in the world up to the days when the antichrist reigns over the world. All impossible problems are solved. We have the successful, beautiful, and joyful future life. We are used by God for edifying the perfect body of Christ until we do not stumble in words anymore when Jesus comes a second time. We can welcome His coming on the glorious clouds with shouting "Alleluia" for joy. We become the possession of God and He becomes ours forever.

God blesses you.