

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 15, 2020 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 12:4b-6

12:4b. *And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.*

12:5. *She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.*

12:6. *Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.*

Revelation 12: 3-18 is about the clear and complete appearance of Satan or dragon with his activities as follows:

1. [Revelation 12:4a] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven.
2. [Revelation 12:4b] Devouring.
3. [Revelation 12:7] Fighting.
4. [Revelation 12:13] Persecuting or catching up fast.
5. [Revelation 12:15] Causing the woman or the church of God to be carried away by the flood.
6. [Revelation 12:17] Making war or persecuting.

ad. 2. **Devouring.**

The mouth of the dragon devoured or swallowed the male Child as soon as it was born by the woman. The male Child refers to the deliverer or shepherd.

There are three deliverers or shepherds in the bible who are shown as male child as follows:

1. Moses.

Exodus 2:2

2:2. *So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.*

Moses was a male child who delivered the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt, and he was also a shepherd.

Exodus 3:1

3:1. *Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.*

2. Jesus.

Matthew 1:21

1:21. *"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."*

Jesus was a male Child who delivered the believers from the sins, and He was also a Shepherd.

Matthew 2:6

2:6. *'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'*

3. [Revelation 12:4b-6] A male Child is the deliverer of the church of God or the heavenly bride on the last days, and He is also a Shepherd.

The mouth of the dragon wants to devour or swallow the male Child. It means as follows:

- Satan tries to hinder the deliverance or redemption of the church.
- Satan tries to destroy the shepherding system.

The church must be shepherded well and correctly so that Satan cannot devour; even the church can enter the heavenly kingdom forever.

Revelation 2:26-29

2:26 *"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations--*

2:27 *'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' -- as I also have received from My Father;*

2:28 *"and I will give him the morning star.*

2:29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

One who holds the rod of iron is a shepherd or God's servant who does His work until the end.

Revelation 2:18-20

2:18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

2:19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

2:20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Thus, the servant of God who is shepherded and able to do His work until the end is not influenced by the teachings of Jezebel, namely the teachings which allows woman to teach and have authority over men as well as the teachings of Babylon, namely the teachings about the physical prosperity and entertainment without the sanctification. It also teaches about the unfaithfulness in the marriage and shepherding.

Therefore, the church must increase from the gospel to the shepherding in the true teaching Word for being sanctified and perfected.

Revelation 14:1-5

14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The direction of the system of the heavenly kingdom or the shepherding in the true teaching Word is towards Mount Zion. It means the continual following until the end. We are shown as the pure virgin who is not touched or defiled by Jezebel and Babylon until we are perfect or blameless as the heavenly bride in the New Jerusalem.

The pastor or servant of God outside the shepherding will be swallowed by the dragon or controlled by Satan until the spirituality is dead and he gets the rod of iron or the judgment of God up to the perdition.

Thus, a plague is aiming at the congregation secretly, namely when a pastor does not live in the shepherding system; even he does not do the duties as the pastor until the end line.

There are three shepherding systems as follows:

1. In the form of parable [John 10].
2. In the experience [Exodus 3].
3. In the veneration [Psalm] to God as the Shepherd.

The shepherding pen refers to the place for shepherding the sheep of God.

Who are the sheep of God? They are the natives of Israel.

Matthew 15:24-26

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

But, because a part of Israel has rejected Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Great Shepherd, and the Chief Shepherd, a chance or God's mercy is opened for the Gentiles to be changed from the dog and swine to the sheep of God who are shepherded by Him.

Matthew 15:27

15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Thus, the form of the mercy of God for the Gentiles is through the crumb or the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the revelation of the Word or the true teaching Word through a verse which explains other verses in the Bible.

The book of Exodus contains the shepherding system.

Exodus 3:1

3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

The area of shepherding reached Mount Horeb, Sinnai, or Torsina.

Moses received the following two things on Mount Sinnai:1. **Tabernacle**(the miniature of the heavenly kingdom).

The physical Tabernakel has been destroyed. Spiritually, it refers to the teachings about the Tabernacle, the house of God, or the edification of the body of Christ.

Thus, the shepherding is towards the Tabernacle teachings.

In the shepherding, the system of the heavenly kingdom brings the congregation not only in the salvation, but also in the edification of the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride.

Exodus 25:8

25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:10

25:10 " And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

Thus, the center of the Tabernacle teachings is doing the will of God or obedience.

One who disobeys or resists against the will of God cannot enter the edification or fellowship of the body of Christ. One who is disobedient cannot be one in the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and the unity of the Israelites and Gentiles. One who is disobedient can unite with others who are disobedient too. In such condition, they are killing Jesus. They do not become the body of Christ, but Babylon's whose head is the Antichrist.

The example of one who does the will of God is Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

3:14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-23

3:21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened.

3:22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

3:23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,

Before doing the ministry of God's work, Jesus had entered the true water baptism first for doing the will of the Father in heaven by sacrificing His dignity.

Acts 2:36-40

2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2:39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

Peter encouraged the church of the early rain for doing the will of God. Now, the church at the latter rain is also encouraged for doing the will of God as follows:

- Having faith or believing Jesus who has been crucified as the only Savior. It is the same as entering the Gate of the Tabernacle.
- Repenting or the Altar of Burnt Offerings. There must be no lie, false words, breaking promise, and hatred without a cause. Repenting from such sins, there is a hope for being set free from all sins or the mouth of Satan. We turn to the mouth of God. We become His food for being acceptable to Him.
- The true water baptism. One who believes Jesus and repents or dies to sin must be buried with Jesus and raised from the burial of water, so the heavens are opened. The heavenly kingdom is opened and we receive the baptism of Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The results are as follows:

- We get the new or heavenly life, namely in righteousness in the midst of the evil generation. It is a great sight. The righteous new life cannot sin anymore like a newborn baby. We are reborn of water and Spirit. We are admitted as the Son of God. We are saved and blessed by God.
- We can do the will of God like Jesus in Gethsemane.

Mark 14:36

14:36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

We do the will of God or become obedient until we sacrifice our own will.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Now, the church of the latter rain does the will of God until sacrificing the self-interest through the perseverance in doing the three main services to God in the sheepfold or the Holy Place as follows.

- The Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts.
- The Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and sacrifice of Christ.
- The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

Exodus 3:1-5

3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

3:4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

In the shepherding pen, Moses saw a great sight, namely the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Why? It happened because the fire came from heaven, namely the fire of the true teaching Word (the Table of Showbread), the fire of Holy Spirit (the Golden Candlestick), and the fire of God's love (the Golden Altar of Incense).

The body, soul, and spirit of the fleshly man who is sinful must be sanctified by the fire of the true teaching Word, Holy Spirit,

and God's love. In the shepherding pen or the perseverance in doing the three main services to God, we are sanctified until taking off the sandals (the outward and inward man) and being the newborn baby.

1 Peter 2:1-2

2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

We are sanctified from the five main sins are follows:

- The root of sin is malice, namely the love of money, stinginess, greediness, and stealing the possession of God.
- The bud of sin refers to the deceit, hypocrisy, and envy.
- The fruit of sin is the evil speaking.

The five main sins must be sanctified in the shepherding pen, so we always desire the pure spiritual milk, the repeated true teaching Word, or the will of God.

The baby makes himself empty of the arrogance (feeling superior than others and resisting against God), pride (loving to get praise or relying on something more than God), and egoism (self-interest and insisting much).

Being sanctified from the five main sins and making ourselves of no reputation, we will be the same as Jesus is.

Philippians 2:5-8

2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Thus, in the shepherding pen, we can take the example of Jesus who is obedient to the point of death on the cross. It means being obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore or doing all the wills of God (the Veil is torn). We become like a newborn baby. It means that we cannot sin or we are as perfect as Jesus is (the Most Holy Place). We are used in the edification of the body of Christ.

Exodus 31:18

31:18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

2. The two tablets of stone.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Loving others like we love ourselves, not doing evil things, and not repaying evil for evil, but repaying good for evil or loving the enemy.
- Loving God more than anything, prioritizing the service and ministry to God more than anything, and worshiping God.

The relationship between the body and the head is in love, the neck, or worship prayer.

Judges 7:5-6

7:5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink."

7:6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water.

Being shepherded is the same as being sanctified or isolated. We are no longer the dog licking vomit, but the water of God's great love and mercy. The renewal to the tongue happens, so we can be honest. We can testify and worship God much more.

Song of Solomon 4:3

4:3 Your lips are like a strand of scarlet, And your mouth is lovely. Your temples behind your veil Are like a piece of pomegranate.

The red color refers to the blood of Jesus or God's love and mercy.

We confess our physical and spiritual weaknesses and God stretches out His hands to give us the scarlet cord like Rahab (a Gentile) has experienced.

Joshua 2:1,18

2:1 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

2:18 "unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

The results are as follows:

- The merciful hands of God are able to protect and abundantly preserve the Gentiles who are weak and powerless in the midst of the difficulties in the world until being blessings for others; even until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.
Spiritually, we are protected from sins up to the peak, the false teachings, the Antichrist, and the judgment of God. We can also become the witness or salvation for our family.
- The merciful hands of God are able to finish the impossible problems. All destroyed things can be made good. The failure is changed into success and beauty. The rotten things can be fragrant.

Matthew 1:5

1:5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

Rahab could welcome Jesus' first coming. Now, we, the Gentiles, can welcome Jesus' first coming or be saved. Nevertheless, the Gentiles can also be changed and sanctified until being perfect for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the eternal New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses you.