

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 15, 2022 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 15:1-8 is about Prelude to the Bowl Judgments.

Revelation 15:1-2

15:1. Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

15:2. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

Verse 1 is about the completeness of the wrath of God, namely the three times seven punishments. It is followed by the doomsday (the heavens will pass away and the elements will melt) up to the hell.

Verse 2 refers to those who stand on a sea of glass mingled with fire before the throne of God, a new heaven and a new earth or the eternal New Jerusalem.

Revelation 4:6a

4:6. Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal.

Who can escape from the wrath of God to stand on the sea of glass? Those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name

Revelation 13:1,14-15,17-18

13:1. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

13:14. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

13:15. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

13:17. and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:18. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Those who defeat the Antichrist will be set free from God's punishment on the earth and the hell, so they can stand on the sea of glass.

Genesis 1:26-28

1:26. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

1:27. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

1:28. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

In the creation day, the animal of the sea was fish, but on the last days, it has become a beast rising up out of the sea. It means that the great growth has happened. That is why we must be watchful, so our spirituality can grow fast and not stop. As a result, we cannot be touched and seen by the Antichrist, so we are not marked with 666 on forehead (mind, heart, and inmost minds), right hand (physically), and all of our life (body, soul, and spirit).

If we are marked by the Antichrist with 666, we will worship him through his image, so we become the same as him or the beast that must be destroyed forever with the wrath of God.

That is why all of our life must be marked by God, so the Antichrist cannot mark us. We defeat the Antichrist. The mark of the Antichrist has no relationship with the physical things such as vaccines, electronic ID Card, *et cetera*.

The three kinds of the seal of God are as follows:

1. The seal of redemption by the blood of the Lamb.

Exodus 13:13,16

13:13. "But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

13:16+. "It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."

The blood of the lamb refers to the one of Jesus which is without sin. The Gentiles must be redeemed by Jesus' blood. Before God, the Gentiles are just like a donkey that is worthless. A lamb must be slain to redeem a donkey. If Jesus had not died for the Gentiles, the neck of the donkey must have been broken. It means having no relationship with Jesus as the Head or being spiritually dead. All of the spiritual things they have done will be in vain. If we cannot worship God, all things will be in vain. The Gentiles must receive the seal of Jesus' blood.

Romans 10:10

10:10. *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

The process of the Gentiles to receive the seal of Jesus' blood is through Christ's sacrifice that saves the Gentiles and the Israelites with the five major injuries on the cross. He has died with four major injuries, two at hand and two at feet to save the Israelites. The fifth injury is used to save the Gentiles with the water and blood signs.

The fact is that the heart believes in Jesus, and the mouth confesses Him. It starts from confessing our sin to Jesus (vertical) and others (horizontal). We do not commit sin anymore, so we are set free from sin.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8,11

5:7. *Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

5:8. *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

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.*

Passover means the freedom from sin.

'not even to eat with such a person' means that we may not have fellowship with those who live in the sin.

The Gentiles must be set free from the six ingrained sins, namely the ones which bind body (the sexually immoral and a drunkard), soul (the covetous, an extortioner, and a reviler), and spirit (an idolater). If we are not set free from sin, we will surely become idolater. The idol is all things that hinder our relationship with God. For example, the thing that makes us decrease the time to read the Bible. We do not minister to God faithfully anymore until being unable to worship God. Consequently, we worship the image of the Antichrist. We are defeated by the Antichrist. If the Gentiles are not set free from the six ingrained sins, they will surely worship the image of the Antichrist, so they cannot stand on the sea of glass.

If the Gentiles receive the seal of Jesus' blood on the forehead and hand, they will be set free from the six ingrained sins, so they can live in righteousness, holiness, and sincerity. It means being holy up to our heart. So, we defeat the image of the Antichrist. We can worship God and surrender our life to Him. We will experience the atmosphere of the feast of heaven even though in suffering. We are saved and blessed by God.

2. The seal of the Word of God or the true teaching Word.

Deuteronomy 6:4-8

6:4. "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

6:5. "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6:6. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

6:7. "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

6:8. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

The true teaching Word is taught regularly. It is called the shepherding Word.

Philippians 3:1b-2

3:1b. *For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.*

3:2. *Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!*

The circumcision refers to the water baptism. The mutilation brings to the false water baptism.

Why must the Word be repeated?

- The repeated Word gives us safe or the assurance of faith, so we cannot be shaken by the false teachings.
- The repeated Word becomes the spiritual food for the sheep, so they become strong and grow to the perfection.

Actually, God's sheep are just the Israelites, and the Gentiles are just donkey. The donkey must be bound to the true vine after being redeemed and marked with Jesus' blood. It means becoming the sheep that are shepherded well and correctly. The fact is that we are always in the sheepfold or the perseverance in the three kinds of the main service to God. It is the absolute need.

Not being shepherded, the Gentiles who have been redeemed will return to become wild donkey, namely just following the lust of the flesh, so they cannot be advised and reprov'd. We are not in the will of God. Further, we become the onager, namely harlot or Babylon who lives in uncleanness. The wild donkey and the onager will be destroyed forever.

In the sheepfold, we experience the seal process of the repeated true teaching Word.

The Gentiles must persevere in hearing the shepherding Word earnestly and with a need like a dog which licks the crumbs until we understand the Word. That is why the Word must be repeated, so we understand more. Understanding the Word means that the Word is written on the forehead. The fact found in it is keeping silent or doing introspection in our life. The Word should make us more humble.

The Gentiles believe in the shepherding Word, so it becomes faith in heart that can save them.

The Gentiles must practice the Word in everyday life. It means that the Word is engraved at hand.

As a result, the repeated shepherding Word will become God's wisdom and power to stabilize our salvation. We keep living in righteousness. We do not commit sin anymore up to being unable to sin. Further, the Word will purify and change us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus, starting from tongue.

Deuteronomy 6:7

6:7. "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

The tongue of the Gentiles was like the dog, namely idle words. It refers to the words which are not in line with the Word, including lie, gossip, evil speaking, and blasphemy even to God, His tabernacle, and those who are holy. It is the same as blaspheming the Bride Tidings in the light of the Tabernacle. The tongue is an unruly evil. They blaspheme the righteous and justify the false one. If the tongue blasphemes, one will become the same as the Antichrist, so he will be swallowed by the beast.

Revelation 13:5-6

13:5. And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

13:6. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

The dog which licks vomit must be changed into the one which licks the bread. We talk about the Word. We produce the true words as well as testify and worship God, so we experience the renewal of life. We defeat the Antichrist. On the mountain, Jesus experienced the renewal of face including mouth in the prayer.

James 3:2

3:2. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

If we have the true teaching and worship (Luke 9), the spiritual miracle will happen, namely the renewal of life or the true tongue. If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will happen too up to being as perfect as Jesus. If the tongue is wild, the whole body will become the beast. But, if the tongue is perfect, the whole body will become perfect like Jesus.

3. The seal of God's name.

Exodus 28:36-38

28:36. " You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

28:37. "And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban.

28:38. "So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

A plate of pure gold on which is engraved God's name was entrusted to Aaron the High Priest (the Old Testament) and Jesus the High Priest (the New Testament). How can the seal of God's name be trusted to us? We must become the priests and kings who minister to God according to the ministry and Holy Spirit's gift that God gives to us. In pandemic, we minister to God as the prayer team. As the part of the body of Christ, the priests must minister actively up to the perfect body of Christ. We become God's forever.

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.

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

One hundred and forty-four thousand men are the Israelites as the center of the bride, and the Gentiles who are called, chosen, and perfected complete it. Both of them become one perfect body of Christ with a plate of Jesus' name. We belong to Him forever.

How can Jesus receive the name which is above every name? Jesus must become obedient to the point of death on the cross to bear all of our sins and its curse, so we can be set free.

Philippians 2:8-10

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.

2:9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Jesus marks His name in our life through the true water baptism.

Colossians 2:11-12

2:11. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

2:12. buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

In the Old Testament, there was the agreement of the physical circumcision between Abram (the Israelites) and God (Jehovah). Abram was circumcised to become Abraham. He received the seal of God's name. The name of Abram was added A and H from God's name.

In the New Testament, there is the agreement of the spiritual circumcision in the true water baptism. One who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new name. The name of Jesus is marked in our name.

Matthew 28:19

28:19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

The true water baptism must be in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, namely the Lord Jesus Christ. The Trinity of God is marked in our body, soul, and spirit. We can obey Him until the flesh has no power anymore (the Holy Place or the fullness of Holy Spirit) even the flesh does not speak anymore (the Most Holy Place).

We are stable even increase in holiness up to perfection. We obey the parents, shepherd, and God or the Word. If we become obedient, the Antichrist will not be able to give the mark of 666 on our forehead and hand, but God gives His name on our forehead and hand. We win over the mark of 666 (the number of the Antichrist's name).

We always remember God, and He always remembers to struggle with us.

As a result, our position is in the God's merciful hand.

Isaiah 46:3-4

46:3. "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, Who have been upheld by Me from birth, Who have been carried from the womb:

46:4. Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.

God bears us. It means that He is responsible for our life and death. He is responsible to protect and take care of us in the midst of the difficulties of the world until we can give thanks to Him. We can become the blessing for others. God also heals us. He gives healthy as well as beautiful and successful future up to the eternal life.

God carries us. It means that He carries all of our burdens, namely He finishes all of our problems up to the impossible ones. The fact found in it is that we experience peace although we have problem. God carries our problem and He will finish it in His time.

God upholds us, so we will not fall into sins and the peak. We are used in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ. If we fall, God will lift us up, so we can keep living in righteousness and holiness. God upholds us with the two wings of a great eagle to be evacuated to the wilderness, far from the Antichrist.

God delivers us. It means that He purifies and perfects us, so we are ready to greet His second coming. From the wilderness, we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb and the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace. We can stand on the sea of glass before the throne of heaven (the New Jerusalem) forever. We win with God. God is responsible for our whole life.

The Word and Holy Communion are the proof of God's attention for us. He is the One who bears, carries, upholds, delivers, and perfects all of us.

God blesses us.