

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 06, 2023 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 19:11-16 refers to the second coming of Jesus in the glory of the High Priest who is Faithful and True, He sits on a white horse. It means that He leads the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the one of white horse, namely the one of the building of the perfect bride or body of Christ, so we can enter the heavenly kingdom forever.

Revelation 19:15

19:15. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Jesus as the High Priest who is Faithful and True leads the revival of the last rain with a sharp sword that goes out of His mouth.

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

The Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword is the Urim and the Thummim

The Urim refers to the light of Holy Spirit.

The Thummim refers to the sword of the Word.

The Urim and the Thummim are on the breastplate of High Priest. The Urim and the Thummim refer to the Bride Tidings or the Ark of Covenant. Jesus is the mercy seat, and the congregation is the ark.

The revival of the white horse or the one of Holy Spirit in the last rain, namely the one of the building of the perfect body of Christ--the heavenly bride--will go to the New Jerusalem.

Joshua 3:1-6

3:1. Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.

3:2. So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;

3:3. and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

3:4. "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

3:5. And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

3:6. Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

The revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the perfect body of Christ is the journey of the church of God to the New Jerusalem. It is led by the Bride Tidings. It was prophesied by the last journey of Joshua and the Israelites to Canaan which was led by the Ark of Covenant.

Our attitudes to the Urim and the Thummim--the Bride Tidings--determine our life. **Joshua and the Israelites had the positive attitude to the Bride Tidings as follows:**

- **Seeing and going after the Ark of Covenant** (Joshua 3:3).

It means that all of our life personally, in company, marriage, ministry, working, study *et cetera* must imitate the Bride Tidings. Thus, we can become the example for others.

Unfortunately, we often glamorize the Bride Tidings just in the word. The teaching Word is only measured by the physical blessing that we received, but our life is not in line with the Word, namely without holiness and the renewal of life. Consequently, the Bride Tidings is insulted by many people, so they do not want to hear it.

- **Taking up the Ark of the Covenant** (Joshua 3:6).

It means that we are responsible to do the Word in our life, so it becomes the strong seal in our life that cannot be charged against by anything. Further, we are responsible to testify the Bride Tidings to others, and invite them to receive it. We can

share the link of our live streaming or invite them to come in the fellowship. If the Word has become the seal in our life, Holy Spirit will help us when we testify. He will convince the listener to receive the Bride Tidings too.

Joshua 3:17

3:17. Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

As a result, the Israelites could cross over into the Jordan to enter Canaan. The miracles and the miraculous helping of God happened. We can become the perfect body of Christ or the perfect bride to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace, and the New Jerusalem forever.

Be watchful! There are **negative attitudes** to the Bride Tidings or the Ark of the Covenant in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the journey of the Israelites to Canaan as follows:

1. Joshua 6:1

6:1. Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

The negative attitude of the Jericho--the Gentiles--is **shutting up the gate**.

It means that the servant of God closes his heart to the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain and the Bride Tidings. He rejects the true teaching Word because of envy and hatred without a cause, and he does not want to be active in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the perfect body of Christ. He rejects the true thing and chooses the false one.

Joshua 6:21

6:21. And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

Consequently, he experiences the sword of the punishment. The servant of God can experience the spiritual death, namely he is not fervent anymore in the ministry and prayer. There is no more revelation of the Word. He just commits sins up the peak.

Joshua 6:26

6:26. Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates."

The next consequence is being destroyed physically and spiritually up to perdition forever.

Be watchful! We may not have the negative attitude while there is the revival of the Urim and the Thummim. Do not gossip! Not agreeing something, we should pray. It is better than speaking to others.

2. Joshua 7:10-12

7:10. So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face?"

7:11. "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.

7:12. "Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.

Joshua 6:24

6:24. But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

The negative attitude of the Israelites is shown by Achan who **steals the possession of God**. Such life is following the revival but without obedience. There are many servants of God who enter the revival of the building of the body of Christ, but they do not obey the true teaching Word, so they do not experience the purification. They keep being bound by money. It is the last bond. They also steal the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offerings.

In the past, Achan stole the money, so he himself experienced the punishment. But we must be watchful. On the last days, God's trust to a shepherd to receive the tithe and special offerings is stolen. Consequently, the congregation bears the consequence, namely there is no spiritual food. They enter the famine up to the punishment forever.

Joshua 7:16-21

7:16. So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

7:17. He brought the clan of Judah, and he took the family of the Zarahites; and he brought the family of the Zarahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

7:18. Then he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

7:19. Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me."

7:20. And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done:

7:21. "When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

The working of Urim and Thummim revealed the sin of Achan. At the first when the tribe of Judah was taken, Achan should have realized that he had sinned. Further, the family of the Zarahites, Zabdi, and Achan were taken. Actually, Achan had a chance to experience the working of Urim and Thummim that showed the hidden sins. But Achan did not confess until he was alone and cornered.

When the Word shows our sin, we should realize and confess it quickly. Realizing and confessing sin means honoring God. On the contrary, hiding sin means challenging God as well as not fearing and honoring God as the High Priest who is Faithful and True. Why? Because we hide the false thing, so we look great.

At last Achan confessed his deed. But the confession without conscience and regret will not result in the forgiveness, but the other consequences as follows:

- The thirty six of the Israelites died. Thirty six is nine times four.

Joshua 7:5

7:5. And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

If there is no purification by the Bride Tidings, the congregation will keep being bound by money, so they cannot return the tithe and special offerings. Consequently, they cannot receive the nine times four as follows:

- a. The nine ministries.
- b. The nine deeds of love.
- c. The nine gifts of Holy Spirit.
- d. The nine fruits of the Spirit.

They were defeated by Ai, the small town. They were stumbled by the small thing in the church of God, namely money. There are many churches of God that are destroyed by the small thing. The small thing in our body is tongue. It is the little member but it can overthrow us if we produce the idle words such as evil-speaking and gossip. The small thing can divide the body of Christ.

Proverbs 11:11

11:11. By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

- The bedstead of king Og.

King Og was a giant. His bedstead had very big size. It refers to the sin of uncleanness. An iron bedstead refers to violence in marriage.

Deuteronomy 3:11

3:11. "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

- Achan was brought to the valley of Achor. It means that Achan experiences distress up to perdition forever.

Joshua 7:24-25

7:24. Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of

gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor.

7:25. And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

But praise the Lord. There is the positive attitude of the Gentiles, namely Rahab in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the last journey of the Israelites to Canaan.

Joshua 2:10-11

2:10. "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

2:11. "And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

The rod that dries up the water refers to the cross of God. Verse 10 refers to the experience with the Gospel Word and the teaching Word or the Bride Tidings.

The Gentiles--Rahab--were used in the building of Babylon, the bride of Satan who is perfect in evil and uncleanness. Rahab refers to the harlot who is not faithful, but unclean. But Rahab believed in God. She willingly opened her heart to hear and obey the good news, so she believed in Jesus as the only Savior, repented, and received the water baptism and the Spirit baptism. As a result, she could live in righteousness. It is God's wonderful thing. By Rahab--one person--who believed in Jesus, her whole family could be saved.

The Gentiles--Rahab--heard that God defeated Sihon and Og. The Gentiles who commit sin willingly open their heart to hear and obey the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword--the Urim and Thummim--, so they can be shepherded well and correctly. After being saved--entering the Court of the Tabernacle--we must enter the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God. It means entering the Holy Place. In the journey of the Israelites, there shall be a space between them and the Ark of the Covenant, about two thousand cubits by measure. The volume of the Holy Place is two thousand cubic cubits.

Joshua 3:4

3:4. "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

In the shepherding, we experience the purification of the heart, deed, and idle words. We can live in holiness. We are set free from sins up to the peak. We are set free from anxiety, so we can minister to God.

Joshua 2:18-19

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.

2:19. "So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.

Rahab hid the two men who had been spies no matter risk might come to her and her family. And so do we. We surrender our whole life to God. As a result, the Gentiles--Rahab--receive the line of scarlet cord which was bound in the window. It means that we receive the sign of scarlet in our heart and mouth, so we can be honest and worship God by saying "*Alleluia*". The line of scarlet cord refers to the blood or Christ's sacrifice--'Hide there three days'. The sword and the cross cannot be separated.

Joshua 3:2

3:2. So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;

If we receive the sword and the cross, we will receive the power in Jesus. We can be honest and obedient. The results are as follows:

1. Isaiah 52:13-14

52:13. Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14. Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

The power of Christ's sacrifice gives the guarantee of certainty to change our life. The power of Jesus' blood changes us who has been as marred as dog and swine--disobedience--to become the spiritual man, namely obedience, so our faces beam and become beautiful. We experience peace, so all things become easy and light. The bad things become good.

2. Rahab and her family were saved. The power of Christ's sacrifice gives the guarantee of certainty to protect and take care of us in the midst of the difficulties of the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. There is the guarantee of certainty of the beautiful and successful future.

3. **Ephesians 2:13-16**

2:13. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15. having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16. and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

The power of Christ's sacrifice gives the guarantee of certainty to create us to become a new man of the perfect body of Christ that consists of the Israelites and the Gentiles; those who die and those who live. We are ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. The Holy Communion or Christ's sacrifice or the line of scarlet cord is our guarantee.

God blesses us.