

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 18, 2017 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:5-6

6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

The book of Revelation prophesies all things that will surely happen on the last days, especially about Jesus' second coming and the judgment to the world.

Revelation 6:5 refers to the opening of the third seal. It is the same as the third judgment of Holy Spirit God to the world, namely the revival of the black horse.

Revelation 4:7

4:7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

The third living creature has a face like a man. It means that the revival of the black horse refers to the judgment that is related to the main needs of human, so the famine happens physically and spiritually, especially of the Word of God.

Genesis 45:6

45:6 "For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

The seven years of famine in the days of Joseph prophesied about the famine which will happen on the last days. Such famine happens in two periods, namely two years [Revelation 2-3] and five years [Revelation 6-19].

The seven years can be divided into two parts as follows.

1. 3.5 years of the first famine = the days before the persecution of the antichrist happens. It refers to Gethsemane.
2. 3.5 years of the second famine = the days of the persecution of the antichrist.

The first famine that happens for three and a half years can be divided into two parts as follows.

1. Two years [Revelation 2-3], namely the sanctification to the seven churches of the Gentiles until they are perfect. It happens by the true teaching Word and the sprinkling of blood.
The sign is that the servants of God who previously appreciated the true teaching Word get bored. They do not appreciate it, but criticize and leave it.
2. One and a half years [Revelation 6-12], namely the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the revival of the white horse.
The revival in the teaching Word is brought by the people who belong to Gentiles to sanctify the Gentiles. Afterwards, it is brought to the house of Israel. This is the last opportunity for the house of Israel to believe in Jesus, who will come a second time, and to get the sanctification by the sword of the Word. As a result, the Gentiles and the house of Israel become one perfect body of Christ, the bride of God, or the light of the world.

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

Revelation 12:4, 6, 14

12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

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.

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The perfect church is given the two wings of a great eagle to fly to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the antichrist that

reigns over the world for three and a half years. We are set free from the antichrist and the famine. We are preserved directly by God through the true teaching Word and the Holy Communion. The Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion becomes a training to fly to the wilderness so that we are not touched by the antichrist. Our duty is to wait for Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds. The two wings of a great eagle will lift us up to the glorious clouds to meet Jesus. Afterwards, we will enter the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace and the eternal heavenly kingdom.

The second famine happens when the antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Genesis 47:13

47:13 Now there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.

Who will experience the famine?

1. The land of Egypt. They refer to the people of the world who do not believe in Jesus.
2. The land of Canaan. They refer to the Christians who do not seriously look for the Word. Their life is not in line with the Word.
The land of Canaan also refers to the pastors who do not have the spiritual food or the revelation of the Word, so they cannot feed the sheep or the congregation. Consequently, the spiritual famine happens.
The land of Canaan also refers to the spiritual revival that does not prioritize the preaching of the Word, but only physical things such as money, artist, and so on. Consequently, the people are hungry and sick or sinning.

There are three things that happen when the antichrist reigns over the world or the second famine happens as follows.

1. **Money and livestock are dominated by the antichrist.**

Genesis 47:18

47:18 When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands.

All kinds of the riches of Christians which are left will be blocked by the antichrist.

Revelation 13:16-18

13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

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.

Men cannot sell or buy, except they willingly worship the antichrist and get the stamp, namely 666.

The sons or servants of God who willingly worship the antichrist and get the stamp or 666 will be in the days when the antichrist reigns over the world to be the same as him and destroyed.

The facts found in being bound by the will of money are as follows.

- Serving and ministering to God only to look for physical blessings. The service and ministry to God become as the profession, not the ordination anymore.
- Leaving the service and ministry to God only to look for physical things.
- Looking for money in illegal ways.
- Stinginess and greediness. The stinginess means that one cannot give the time, energy, money, and so on to the work of God. The greediness means stealing the possession of others and God, namely tithes and offerings.

Proverbs 11:4, 8

11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

11:8 The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.

If we rely on the Word, we will be saved and set free from the death. We do not perish. We are blessed up to our descendants and become blessings for others.

2. The bodies are dominated by the antichrist.

Genesis 47:18

47:18 *When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands.*

They are stamped with 666 by the antichrist.

Revelation 13:16

13:16 *He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,*

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:*

3:2 *For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,*

3:3 *unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self-control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,*

3:4 *traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,*

3:5 *having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

They are the Christians who serve and minister to God, but do not experience the renewal of life. They keep the eighteen characteristics of the flesh, from the egoism or not loving others to disobedience or rebellion against God.

They have served and ministered to God, but do not experience the renewal. Why?

- Because they do not seriously serve to God. They do not appreciate the Word.
- Because they reject the power of godliness, namely the teaching Word and the cross or the suffering in the flesh without any sin.

The serious service to God is signified by the cross and the sword of God's Word. It will result in the renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one.

3. The lands were dominated by Pharaoh and one fifth of the harvest had to be given to him.

Genesis 47:18, 23-24.

47:18 *When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands.*

47:23 *Then Joseph said to the people, "Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.*

47:24 *"And it shall come to pass in the harvest that you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones."*

The number five refers to the five wounds of Jesus.

John 19:31-34

19:31 *Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.*

19:32 *Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.*

19:33 *But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.*

19:34 *But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*

Actually, Jesus has died with four main wounds, namely two wounds in hands and two wounds in feet, for redeeming the house of Israel or the chosen people of God. The fifth wound in His side is the biggest and the deepest one for redeeming the Gentiles.

The lands which were dominated by Pharaoh refer to the men of clay who are dominated by sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. They enjoy sinning and do not experience the redemption by the blood of Jesus. They only cost the dog and swine. Such men are dominated and stamped with 666 by the antichrist.

Thus, the Gentiles must experience the redemption by the fifth wound of Jesus, namely in His side, out of which blood and water came. It means as follows.

- The blood of Jesus sets the Gentiles free from sins up to the peak. The proof is that we repent, stop sinning, and die to sin.

The water refers to the water baptism. The true water baptism happens when one who has died to sin is buried in the water baptism with Jesus and raised to get the new life, namely the heavenly one. It means the righteous life. We become the sheep that is shepherded by God.

- We are appointed as the priests and kings to serve to God.

Revelation 1:5-6

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Genesis 47:26

47:26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have one-fifth, except for the land of the priests only, which did not become Pharaoh's.

The land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's. It means that the men of clay who have experienced the redemption by the blood of Jesus and been appointed as priests and kings to serve to God will have the guarantee of protection from Him until they cannot be touched by the antichrist.

The duties of a priest are as follows.

- Being the living stones which are used in the edifying of the spiritual house or the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

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 faithful and fervent in spirit in doing the service and ministry to God according to the priest's office God has entrusted to us until the end line.

The edifying of the body of Christ starts from the marriage. A husband can love his wife as his own body. A wife can submit to the husband in everything. A child can obey the parents.

It continues to the shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and the Gentiles.

Why do we have to be the priests serving the Lord? We must be the priest serving the Lord so that we do not serve to Babylon or the bride of Satan, who will be destroyed. We must also be the priest serving the Lord so that we can be the living stones. We can live anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances. We live by the mercy of God.

Becoming the dead stones, one will be drowned like the millstone.

- Offering the spiritual sacrifice, namely the worship prayer. 1 Peter 2:5

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.

The worship prayer is the process to tear the flesh until it does not speak anymore. We confess that we are only the clay. We are not worthy because we have so many mistakes and sins. We are not precious at all. We feel that we are small and cannot do anything. We only hope to the great grace of God and lift up our hands to Him. We fully believe and entrust our life to Him. As a result, He will stretch out His merciful hand to us.

John 4:46-53

4:46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

4:47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

4:48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

4:49 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

4:50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

4:51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

4:52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

4:53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

For example, God allowed a father to experience the sickness of his child at the point of death. Why? It is because fathers or men often feel great and relies on the position, salary, riches, and intelligence. God allows the impossible problem to happen so that they can stretch out their hands to Him. As a result, God will stretch out His hands to resurrect the dead and solve all impossible problems.

The woman of Canaan had many mistakes in the saying until the child was demon-possessed. Nevertheless, she could confess and justify the Word. As a result, God helped her. Her destroyed marriage and child could be restored.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

Young people are often arrogant, so they cannot be obedient. They get the failure and live in sin. If we can humble ourselves, the hands of God will be stretched out to lift us up and make all things successful and beautiful in time of need.

It continues until we are changed to be as perfect as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We can welcome Him on the glorious clouds to be with Him forever.

God blesses you.