

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 24, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

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

The outline of the Revelation which consists of twenty two chapters is with two big parts as follows.

I. Revelation 1-12 refers to the appearance of Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom and of the congregation as the Heavenly Bride.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: *Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb*" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The Heavenly Bridegroom and Bride will meet on the glorious clouds to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb or the perfect spiritual marriage. Afterwards, they will enter the kingdom of peace a thousand years or the Future Paradise, up to New Jerusalem forever.

II. Revelation 13-22 refers to the appearance of false Christ or the antichrist or the beast, and the false church.

The false Christ and church will enter the false marriage and the marriage of blasphemy to get perdition in hell forever.

From the two big parts of the Revelation, we can conclude that we have to keep the righteousness, holiness, and unity of our marriage, from the beginning, during the marriage, up to the end that we can reach the perfection in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 1-12 can be divided as follows.

1. Revelation 1, Jesus appears as the Heavenly Bridegroom in glory.

Revelation 1:12-16

1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.
1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;
1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;
1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Ephesians 5:25-30

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.
5:28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.
5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Jesus appears as the Heavenly Bridegroom who has given His soul to nourish, cherish, feed, protect us carefully, preserve with the warm love, plead, help, solve all problems, and sanctify the congregation until there is no flaw anymore.

2. Revelation 2-12 refers to the appearance of the Church of God as the Bride as follows.

- a. Revelation 2-3 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant.
It means the last sanctification time for the Church of the Gentiles through the Word and the sprinklings of blood until there is perfection or without blemish.
- b. Revelation 4-5 points to the ark of the Ark of the Covenant.
- c. Revelation 6 refers to the rod of Aaron that buds, produces blossoms and fruits.
Revelation 6 is signified with the revival of the white horse or the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. It is the last opportunity for the house of Israel to be sanctified and perfected until they are without blemish as Jesus is.
- d. Revelation 7 points to the golden pot that had the manna or permanent faith.

- e. Revelation 8-9 refers to the two tablets of stone or the perfect love.
- f. Revelation 10 shows the mercy seat.
- g. Revelation 11 points to the two cherubim upon the mercy seat.
- h. Revelation 12 refers to the shekinah glory or the light of glory.

Daniel 9:27

9:27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Revelation 12 is the middle of the time of the one week, referring to seven years, revealed by Daniel.

There are two great appearances in the middle of the seven years as follows.

1. The Church of God is shown as the Heavenly Bride clothed with the sun. She stands upon the moon and has a garland of twelve stars. It means that she has the light of the world without any darkness at all.

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.

2. The great, fiery red dragon standing before the Bride of God.

Revelation 12:3-4

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

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.

Revelation 12:7-8,13

12:7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 12:8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

12:13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

The fiery red dragon is defeated by Michael and the angels, and cast to the earth to become the antichrist.

Revelation 12:17

12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The antichrist appears with the wings of abomination to pursue the Church of God and the descendants.

The target of the antichrist is the sons and servants of God who have the testimony of Jesus, referring to the Golden Candlestick and the commandments of God, referring to the Table of Showbread, but without the Golden Altar of Incense. It means they do not want to worship God or the worship does not reach the measure, namely the flesh does not sound.

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There are two things that will happen in the world when it has been ruled over by the antichrist for three years and six months as follows.

1. The sacrifice is stopped.

It means there is no food of the Word of God or the true teaching Word anymore in the world because it has become the two wings of a great eagle that are brought by the Church of God to the wilderness.

The consequence is spiritual famine in the world. There is no satisfaction, so human pursues the pseudo-satisfaction in the world until he falls in the sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. He falls and there is no power to rise because there is no food anymore. Finally, he perishes in sin. Whatever our condition in the physical and spiritual fall is now, we can be helped and risen by God when we are still able to hear the true teaching Word.

2. The offering is stopped.

It means that the redemption done by the blood of Christ or the moon has not worked because it has been the footing of the Heavenly Bride to be brought to the wilderness.

If a son or servant of God is left in the days of the antichrist reigning over the world, he will face the persecution and beheading done by the antichrist as follows.

- a. To bear the condemnation of sins with his own blood.
Now, the blood of Jesus bears the condemnation of our sins as long as we confess our sins.
- b. To fulfill the measure of worship, namely until our flesh does not sound anymore or the Veil is torn.

Such people will be resurrected in the glory together with Jesus when He comes a second time.

Nevertheless, only few can endure the persecution done by the antichrist. Only few can keep on worshipping Jesus because many people will deny Jesus and worship the antichrist. The people who worship the antichrist will not get the persecution but they will perish together with him.

Revelation 12:1, 14

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.

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.

To face the antichrist with the wings of abomination, the perfect Church is given the two wings of a great eagle to be evacuated to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the serpent. The Church is protected and preserved directly by God with the teaching Word and Holy Communion for three years and six months. The Bible Study Service we do now is a training to be evacuated to the wilderness.

1 Timothy 6:6

6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

The two wings of a great eagle can be derived from the service and ministry to God with contentment.

John 4:34

4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Such service will satisfy God with the obedience and faithfulness until the end. As a result, we get the great gain, namely the two wings of a great eagle.

The process of the growth of the two wings of a great eagle is as follows.

1. To get **the sanctification done by the true teaching and the anointing of Holy Spirit**(Urim and Thummim) that is increasing, so there is no more unclean and evil lusts in heart, deed, and saying until one does not stumble in word but becomes perfect as Jesus is. The practice is as follows.

- a. We can say *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

Acts 20:33,35

20:33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

It continues until we can submit our whole life to God.

- b. We can prioritize the service and ministry to God more than anything in the world.

Psalm 84:10

84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

2. To get **test.**

Deuteronomy 32:11-12

32:11 *As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,*

32:12 *So the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.*

Facing the test, we must only hope in Jesus with the grace and kindness of God, not in others. As a result, our life will be easy and light.

3. To consume **the carcass or the Holy Communion.**

Matthew 24:28

24:28 *"For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.*

It makes us strong and of good courage as follows.

- a. Not to doubt facing false teachings, but to keep on holding fast to the true teaching.
- b. Not to doubt facing temptation and problems, but to keep on believing and hoping in God.
- c. Not being tempted by the sins, but keeping on living in righteousness.
- d. To keep on worshiping God whatever thing may happen.

Acts 27:22-25, 34-36

27:22 *"And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.*

27:23 *"For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,*

27:24 *"saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'*

27:25 *"Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.*

27:34 *"Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."*

27:35 *And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat.*

27:36 *Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves.*

Paul must face the wave and storm of the sea, but he can be strong and of good courage only to hope in God's grace because of consuming the Holy Communion. As a result, we will not lose one hair of our head. It means that we are preserved, protected, and helped by God when we are strong and of good courage although we are powerless as a hair only. We will be perfected also to become the Bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Daniel 3:16-18,24-25

3:16 *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.*

3:17 *"If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.*

3:18 *"But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."*

3:24 *Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."*

3:25 *"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."*

For example in the Old Testament, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego must face burning fiery furnace that is heated seven times more than the usual. It refers to the impossible temptation. They keep strong and of good courage to worship God. As a result, God stretches His hands to protect and preserve them.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

1:7 *and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire*

Afterwards, we will be exalted in glory when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.