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

Revelation 22:20

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

"Surely I am coming quickly" refers to the readiness of Jesus to come a second time soon in the glory as the King of all kings, Heavenly Bridegroom, or Head on the glorious clouds.

"Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" refers to the readiness of the Church to welcome Jesus' second coming.

There is a meeting on the glorious clouds to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the one thousand years kingdom of peace or the Future Paradise, and the eternal kingdom of heaven or New Jerusalem.

The relationship between Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom and the perfect Church as the Heavenly Bride is shown by **the Ark of the Covenant**.

It consists of these two things.

1. The mercy seat made of pure gold or godly matter.
It consists of these three things.

- The first cherub that refers to Father God or the LORD.
- The mercy seat with seven sprinklings of blood that refers to the Son of God or JESUS.
- The second cherub that refers to Holy Spirit God or CHRIST.

The mercy seat refers to the Trinity of God in the Lord Jesus Christ with His glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom and the King of all kings.

2. The ark made of shittim wood overlaid with pure gold inside and out until the wood cannot be seen anymore.
The wood refers to the Church or human in flesh and blood who is brittle and ready to perish. It is overlaid with pure gold inside and out until the wood cannot be seen anymore or the Church has been perfect as the perfect Bride of God.

THE ARK

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.

We learn the **BASE** to be the Heavenly Bride.

From the measurement of the ark, we can get the area of the base. The ark is hollow and there is the mercy seat upon it.

The area can be derived from the length multiplied with the width = 2.5 x 1.5 as follows.

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This is the base to be the Heavenly Bride.

The figure five refers to the five wounds of Jesus on the cross or the sacrifice of Christ.

The figure three refers to the glory of the Trinity of God in Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom.

The figure four refers to the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

THE FIGURE FOUR BEARS THE FIGURE FIVE

It means the gospel that preaches Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross with five main wounds and save the sinful.

It is said as the gospel of salvation or good news (Proverbs 25:25).

Ephesians 1: 13

1:13. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Only Jesus is the Savior because He is the only human who does not sin.

The gospel of salvation brings **the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain** to call the sinners to believe in Jesus and be saved.

The proofs of being saved are as follows.

1. Believing in Jesus as the only Savior.
2. Repenting or stopping sinning to return to God.
3. Being baptized or reborn of water and Holy Spirit to result in new life or heavenly one, namely the life in righteousness. Righteousness means salvation. Unrighteousness means there is no salvation.

The revival of Holy Spirit adds the quantity of the members of the body of Christ from twelve people at the upper room of Jerusalem, three thousand people, five thousand people, until now there are many billion of Christians.

THE FIGURE FOUR BEARS THE FIGURE THREE

2 Corinthians 4: 3-4

4:3. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

The gospel is called as the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the true teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword or Bride Tidings that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings and Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and prepare us to be the perfect Bride of God.

It brings the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain to **choose** the saved people and sanctify them to be perfect as Jesus is and become the bride of heaven.

It results in the quality of the body of Christ to reach perfection.

Be careful! Many are called, but few are chosen. Many people will fall on the journey, so they cannot reach the perfection.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the early and latter rain can be described as the **two times of the breaking of bread** as follows.

1. Five loaves and two fish for five thousand men.

Matthew 14: 13-21

14:13. When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

14:15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

14:16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

14:17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

14:18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

14:19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

14:20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

14:21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The five loaves mean as follows.

- The figure five refers to the five main wounds of Jesus on the cross.
- The bread refers to the Word.

Thus, the five loaves refer to the gospel of salvation that preaches Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross to bring the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain to call the sinful to be saved.

2. Seven loaves for four thousand men.

Matthew 15: 32-39

15:32. Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

15:33 Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"

15:34 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."

15:35 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

15:36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.

15:37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.

15:38 Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

15:39 And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.

The seven loaves mean as follows.

- The figure seven refers to perfection.
- The bread refers to the Word.

Thus, the seven loaves refer to the true teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword or Bride Tidings that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings and Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and prepare us to be the perfect Bride of God.

It brings the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain to choose the saved people and sanctify them to be perfect as Jesus is and become the bride of heaven.

The five loaves were broken for five thousand men and the seven loaves for four thousand men. The loaves increased, but the people decreased. It means that the revelation of Word becomes abundant but the people who eat decrease. Many people reject the true teaching Word or Bride Tidings, so they cannot be perfect like Jesus. They cannot welcome Jesus' second coming, but fall on the way and perish forever.

There are three stories between the first breaking of bread in Matthew 14 (the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain) and the second one in Matthew 15 (the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain). They refer to the spiritual deterioration as follows.

1. **The spiritual deterioration in Israelites or Jews** in Matthew 15: 1-20.

Matthew 15: 18-20

15:18. "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts⁽¹⁾, murders⁽²⁾, adulteries⁽³⁾, fornications⁽⁴⁾, thefts⁽⁵⁾, false witness⁽⁶⁾, blasphemies⁽⁷⁾.

15:20 "These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

It happens in **the destruction of HEART**.

The hearts of Israelites become hard or corrupt with these seven evil and unclean desires.

- Evil and unclean thoughts judging others.
- Murders or hatred, revenge, jealousy, even without any cause like the brothers of Joseph to him.
- Adulteries.
- Fornications or living in repeated adultery.
- Thefts.
- False witness or lie.
- Blasphemies or blaming the right teaching, God, and people.

The consequences are as follows.

- Being empty from the seven loaves or rejecting the true teaching Word until there is spiritual dryness and dissatisfaction. The proof is murmuring and grumbling. We must be filled with the true teaching Word to get the satisfaction.
- The service and ministry cannot please God.

Matthew 15: 3, 7-9

15:3. He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

15:7 "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

15:8 *'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

15:9 *And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'*"

Such service and ministry are rejected by God because of holding fast the tradition and rule of human that is not in line with the Word of God.

The fact found in the two consequences is hypocrisy or pretense of doing good things to cover the sins.

For example, Judas Iskariot's heart was filled with money, not the bread. His service and ministry could not please God because he made friendship with the scribes and held the tradition. Consequently, he became a hypocrite and pretended to do good things to cover his sins.

John 12: 5-6

12:5. *"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"*

12:6 *This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.*

Judas Iskariot stole the possession of God. It refers to the tithes and offerings. Consequently, one cannot attach to God, but to the antichrist or mammon (money) to be the same as the antichrist and destroyed.

Judas sold and betrayed Jesus until he died spiritually and perished forever.

The solution is being filled with the seven loaves or the true teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword that is able to sanctify our heart and mind from the seven evil and unclean desires.

The results are as follows.

- The service and ministry can please God.

Luke 10: 39, 42

10:39. *And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.*

10:42 *"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."*

'heard His word' = the true teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword.

Mary was willingly filled by the seven loaves or the true teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword.

Her service and ministry became the best and pleased God. As a result, God will make all things good in His time. Moreover, the service and ministry became eternal ('which will not be taken away from her'). We get the eternal life with God,

- There is sanctification to the heart, mind, and mouth.

Matthew 5: 27-28, 37

5:27. *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'*

5:28 *"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

5:37 *"But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.*

The mouth is sanctified until we are perfect. We can say "yes" if yes and "no" if no. We do not stumble in words (James 3: 2). We only say 'Alleluia' to welcome the Lord.

2. The spiritual deterioration or destruction in the Gentiles in Matthew 15: 21-28.

Matthew 15: 26

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

It is the deterioration of CHARACTERISTIC, namely like dog and swine.

The dog returns to licking its vomit and the swine to the wallowing in the mire.

This is the characteristic of the Gentiles, namely living in sins up to the peak without repenting, even they are the same as Satan (the child in this story was demon-possessed).

The facts found in it are as follows.

- Dog refers to idle words such as lie, gossip, slander, vilifying others and so on.
- Swine refers to sinful deeds up to the peak that is repeated. The peak of sin is as follows.
 - a. Sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse.
 - b. Sins concerning marrying, being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all its kinds, sexual deviation (homosexuality, lesbianism, sexuality to oneself), and wrong marriage (mixed-marriage, remarrying, marrying-being given in marriage).

Be careful of our words and deeds because there will be consequences behind them.

Matthew 15: 21-22

15:21. Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

The consequences of the destruction in the characteristic are as follows.

- The marriage and children are corrupted.
- Suffering severely with many tears, there is no quietness, but distress.
- Everlasting perdition.

Matthew 15: 26-28

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

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

15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour."

The solution is the dog must lick the crumbs, not vomit. **The idle words must be stopped**, or else there are destruction and dryness in the ministry.

The crumbs means as follows.

- The revelation of God's Word, namely a verse explains other verses in the Bible.
- The Holy Communion or the body and blood of Jesus. The Gentiles must persevere in the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion so that the sanctification and lifting up from the characteristic of dog and swine will happen. We can be the sheep of God.

Ezekiel 20: 37

20:37. "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

The duty of a pastor is bringing the rod of shepherd to lead the sheep to enter the pen.

The rod of the shepherd is the shepherd's voice or shepherding Word. It is the true teaching Word God trusts to a pastor.

The shepherding pen refers to the Holy Place in which there are three kinds of equipment that refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

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

We have our body, soul, and spirit. Our God is the Trinity.

Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God in the shepherding, so we **are counted by Him**.

Being counted by God means as follows.

- God cares for us although we are powerless like a hair (Matthew 10: 30).
- God preserves our life as follows.
 - a. Physically, we are preserved abundantly until we can give thanks and do not grumble.

b. Spiritually, we have the peace and silence. All things are easy and light.

- The Lord protects us, so we can be silent and peaceful.
- He helps us in all our problems.
- We are possessed by Him.

3. **The spiritual deterioration or destruction to the Church (the Gentiles and Israelites)** in Matthew 14: 22-32.

The representative is Peter.

Matthew 14: 29-32

14:29. So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

The destruction in the Church happens in the FAITH, namely the doubt because of facing the wind and waves in the sea of the world as follows.

- The wind of temptation that makes us doubtful about the power of God.
- The wind of false doctrines that make us doubtful to the true teaching Word or Jesus Himself.

Be careful! The sign of Jesus' second coming in Matthew 24 is many people deceive and are deceived, even the Lord said it four times. Finally, the elect or the people who have been in the Bride Tidings are deceived.

The figure four refers to the four winds. We will face the temptation and false teachings wherever we are.

James 1: 6-8

1:6. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The consequences of being doubtful are as follows.

- Being unstable in life.
- Not receiving anything from God. It means that the life is empty and dissatisfied.
- Sinking like Peter or being in failure and deterioration physically and spiritually. If it continues, one cannot welcome Jesus' second coming, but sink in the sea of fire and brimstone or perish forever.

Matthew 14: 30-31

14:30. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

The solution is stretching out the hand to God.

Peter stretched out his hand two times as follows.

- When he almost sank (Matthew 14: 30-31). Peter cried the name of the Lord or worshiped Him because he was in distress and needed the help.

It must be increased.

- Peter stretched out his hands to the Lord as the sign that he loved Him or placed Him as the Head or Heavenly Bridegroom, not because of being in distress or knowing Jesus as the helper, physician, and so on.

John 21: 18-19

21:18. "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to

him, "Follow Me."

Peter was **obedient** until his flesh did not speak anymore. He **willingly sacrificed all things**, even his soul for God. As a result, God stretched out His hand and Peter was under His mighty hand.

1 Peter 5: 4-6

5:4. and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

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,

The Lord stretches out His hand to **embrace and exalt** us in time of need. It means as follows.

- a. He helps us in time of need.
- b. He makes all things successful and beautiful in time of need.
- c. He uses us in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain to build the body of Christ. The more we are exalted, the more we are used.
- d. He gives us the crown of Bride. It means that we are sanctified and renewed continually. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in doing the service and ministry until we are as perfect as Jesus is and worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.