

Fellowship in Medan III, June 23, 2010 (Wednesday Morning)

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."*

God is offering or giving heavenly joy to us. This is a real joy none in the world may influence even the death cannot influence it.

The heavenly joy is an eternal joy.

Thus, God gives the heavenly joy so that we endure our life in the world until we get the eternal joy in heaven.

There are seven kinds of heavenly joy in the book of Revelation below:

1. Revelation 1: 3
2. Revelation 14: 13
3. Revelation 16: 15
4. **Revelation 19: 9 (the core or the peak of joy)**
5. Revelation 20: 6
6. Revelation 22: 7
7. Revelation 22: 14

These seven joys are as the seven lamps of golden candlestick or the seven lights of joy.

The figure "7" refers to perfection.

The middle one (**the core or the peak of joy**) is in **Revelation 19: 9**.

The other six joys will peak to the joy in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

All joys we get in the world are vain and will end to perdition if they do not head to the joy in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

This joy happens when Jesus comes a second time, when He, Heavenly Bridegroom, meets us, His perfect Church or Heavenly Bride. Afterward, we enter into the kingdom of peace a thousand year (Revelation 20) and into New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22).

Now we are discussing the sixth joy

Revelation 22: 7

22:7 *"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."*

Revelation 1: 3

1:3 *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

The heavenly joy must come from the prophetic Word.

The joy we have in the world must come from the prophetic Word. There is only vain joy heading to perdition outside the prophetic Word.

Comparing Revelation 22:7 and Revelation 1:3, there is no 'READ' and 'HEAR', meaning spiritual famine has already happened, that is to say the famine of the true teaching Word.

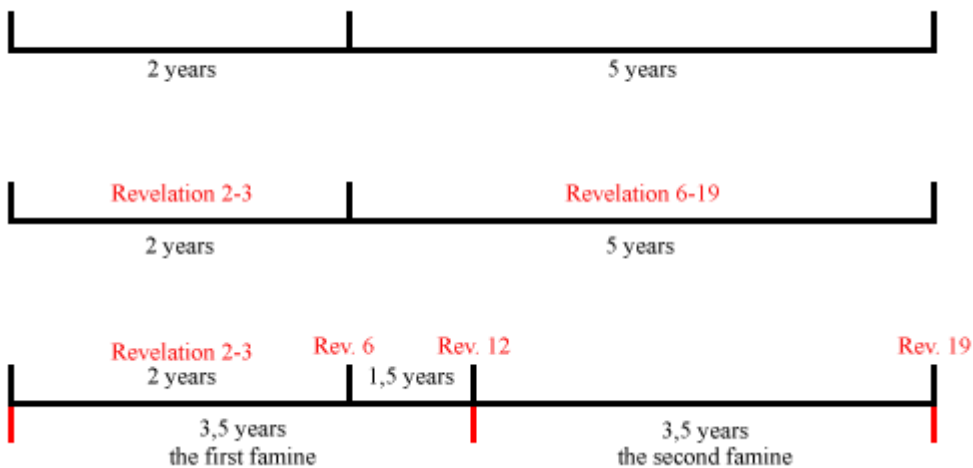
There are two kinds of spiritual famine or the famine of the true teaching Word as follows:

- I. The famine of the teaching Word resulting in fainting or being spiritual lukewarm as the brothers of Joseph has experienced. Nevertheless, there was still a chance to seek grain.
God let this happen so Joseph's brothers might seek the grain, referring to the true teaching Word, and met Joseph again, meaning there is a fellowship of building Christ's body.
- II. The famine of the true teaching Word resulting in spiritual death = the second death in hell [Amos 8:11-14].
There is no more chance to seek the true teaching Word.

Genesis 45:6

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

The spiritual famine is described as the seven years famine in the days of Joseph as well as it is written in the book of Revelation.



In the days of Joseph: 2 years + 5 years.

In the book of Revelation: Revelation 2-3 takes time for 2 years + Revelation 6-19 takes time for 5 years.

In Revelation 6-19, there are two great movements or revivals as follows:

1. The movements of white horse.

Revelation 6:1-2

6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

This equals with **the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain.**

Habakkuk 3:8-11

3:8 O LORD, were You displeased with the rivers, Was Your anger against the rivers, Was Your wrath against the sea, That You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation?

3:9 Your bow was made quite ready; Oaths were sworn over Your arrows. Selah You divided the earth with rivers.

3:10 The mountains saw You and trembled; The overflowing of the water passed by. The deep uttered its voice, And lifted its hands on high.

3:11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; At the light of Your arrows they went, At the shining of Your glittering spear.

He who rode on the horse and went out conquering and to conquer is Jesus.

The bow is Holy Bible.

The arrows are the verses in Holy Bible.

The light of the arrows is the revelation of God's Word through a verse explaining another verse = the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ = the true teaching Word.

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.

Thus, the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain is the revival in Bride Tidings or the revival of the light of the gospel of Christ's glory or the revival in the true teaching Word.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the first rain is the revival of Good News or the revival in Gospel to the sinful men that they can believe in Jesus and be saved.

Afterward, they must increase in the teaching Word.

Revelation 19:9,11-12,16

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."

19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in

righteousness He judges and makes war.

19:12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The end of the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain shows Jesus in glory as Heavenly Bridegroom and the Church in glory as His Bride.

2. The movements of great judgments below:

- Seven times of the judgments of the seal by Holy Spirit God.
- Seven times of the judgments of the trumpet by the Son of God.
- Seven times of the judgments of the bowls by Father God.

We have to enter into the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain or the revival in the true teaching Word, so that we do not enter into the judgments done by the trinity of God.

THE FIRST FAMINE.

Going back to the two kinds of famine above, the first famine happens for 3.5 years and so does the second famine.

The first famine equals to the one in the book of Revelation as follows: Revelation 2-3 (2 years) + Revelation 6-12 (1.5 years).

In Revelation 2-3 (2 years), there is sanctification to the seven churches of the Gentiles. It is the chance for the Gentiles to have the sanctification and perfection.

The sanctification for the Gentiles will happen when they are lukewarm spiritually (the first famine) as the church of Laodiceans has experienced. It happens because the Gentiles are only satisfied with physical blessings but not prioritizing the revelation of the secret of God's Word.

In Revelation 6-12 (1.5 years), there is a chance for the Israelites to be sanctified and perfected. This is the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain.

Israelites got first the revival of Holy Spirit at the first rain but a part of them rejected, so it comes to the Gentiles.

Now, the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain begins with the sanctification to the Gentiles and continues to the sanctification to the Israelites.

The end of the first famine (3.5 years) is in Revelation 12, that Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect and blameless body to appear as a bride having no sin anymore.

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 12:13-14

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.

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 of God is given two wings of a great eagle to be fled to the wilderness, being far away from the eye of serpent of antichrist and not entering into the second famine. We are protected and preserved by God for 3.5 years in waiting the time of Jesus' second coming.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

The last trumpet is being blown, not only the Israelites and the Gentiles are united but so are the dead and the alive.

THE SECOND FAMINE.

Who will enter into the second famine?

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.

Egyptians and Canaanites will.

The Egyptians refer to worldly men. They can endure because of worshiping antichrist but then they perish together with antichrist. The Canaanites refer to Christians who do not seriously seek Jesus or they have received Jesus but not living according to the true teaching Word.

These three things will happen in the second famine:

1. Riches (money and cattle) are conquered by 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.

The practice of being bound by money is stinginess, meaning being unable to give, and greediness, meaning taking away the possession of other people, especially God's possession, i.e. the tithes and special offerings.

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.

2. Bodies are conquered by 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.

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, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

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

The bodies which are conquered by antichrist refer to ones who serve the Lord bodily but not prioritizing even rejecting the true teaching Word until there is no renewal of life.

3. Lands are conquered by antichrist.

Genesis 47:23-24,26

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."

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 lands refer to carnal men.

The figure "5" points to the redemption by the five wounds of Jesus, i.e. two wounds in hands, two in feet and one in His side.

The carnal men who are willing to be redeemed will become the possession of Jesus.

Be careful! The men who lose the redemption of Jesus' blood will become the possession of antichrist.

The practices of keeping the redemption are below:

- o Living in righteousness, there is blood sign or repentance and water sign or water baptism.

Do not exchange righteousness with any other thing!

- Worshiping God until the flesh does not sound anymore, being obedient whatever risk may come. It is as Jesus worshiped God in Gethsemane until He became obedient to the point of death.

Philippians 2:8-9

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,

The results of being obedient servants of God are below:

1. **Being trusted with the name of Jesus** which is powerful to defeat the trinity of Satan (the source of sins, problems, failures, et cetera).
2. **Being sealed with the name of Jesus**, so we are protected from all disasters and judgments.

Revelation 14:1

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.

Revelation 9:3-4

9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

9:4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

3. **We are called with His name**, so there is physical and spiritual preservation, sanctification, and the renewal of life until we are perfect and glorious as Jesus is, we become His Bride.

Isaiah 4:1

4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach."

God blesses you.