

General Service in Malang, October 09, 2022 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 17:3,5,7

17:3 *So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

17:5 *And on her forehead a name was written:*

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS

AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

17:7 *But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.*

There are two mysteries as follows:

1. The mystery of the woman.
2. The mystery of the beast.

The position is that she sits on the scarlet beast.

Matthew 21:4-5,7

21:4. *All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:*

21:5. *"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey. A colt, the foal of a donkey."*

21:7. *They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.*

Jesus sits on a donkey. It is the prophecy of Zechariah the prophet.

Jerusalem means the peaceful city. The center of Jerusalem is the temple of God.

Exodus 13:13

13:13. *"But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.*

The donkey refers to the Gentiles who have been redeemed by Christ's sacrifice and reborn to become the firstborn. It means having the right to become the heavenly bride or the perfect body of Christ.

So, Jesus enters the New Jerusalem with His bride, namely the perfect body of Christ.

Jesus sits on a donkey. It means that He becomes the Head for His body. He is responsible for our life until He dies on the Place of a Skull. He arranges every step of our life.

Revelation 17:3-6

17:3. *So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

17:4. *The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.*

17:5. *And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

17:6. *I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.*

The woman sits on a scarlet beast. It contradicts Jesus. The woman wants to become the head by teaching and having authority over man in the household and ministry, so she enters Babylon to be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:45-50

15:45. *And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

15:46. *However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.*

15:47. *The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.*

15:48. *As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.*

15:49. *And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*

15:50. *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*

There are two kinds of body in a person as follows:

1. The natural man, namely the blood and flesh man. It refers to the beast on whom the woman sits.
2. The spiritual man. It refers to a woman who has adornment.

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Revelation 18:16

18:16. *"and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!*

The woman of Babylon contradicts the will of God. It can be known from her adornment which has no spiritual meaning but just shows the physical one, so she will be destroyed in an hour.

Romans 13:13-14

13:13. *Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.*

13:14. *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

That is why we may not indulge our physical body with the worldly satisfaction. Otherwise, it will become wild. It becomes the tools of evil and uncleanness because Babylon or the spirit of disobedience sits on it.

Ephesians 2:1-3

2:1. *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,*

2:2. *in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*

2:3. *among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

Such life will experience the spiritual death. One has the separation with God. He is not fervent in the spiritual things, namely praying, reading the bible, and ministry. He just commits sins up to the peak, namely the sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

Revelation 17:6

17:6. *I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.*

Consequently, he becomes the target of Babylon. Babylon is drunk to persecute and throw down the saints. It is for the fleshly satisfaction.

So, Babylon is the spiritual body that rebels or disobeys God because of following the own lust of the flesh and the will of Satan, so it will be destroyed in an hour.

1 Timothy 2:9-12

2:9. *in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,*

2:10. *but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.*

2:11. *Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.*

2:12. *And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.*

1 Peter 3:1-6

3:1. *Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,*

3:2. when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

3:3. Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--

3:4. rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

3:5. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

3:6. as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

The holy woman who ministers to God refers to the church of God or a donkey--the Gentile-- on whom Jesus sat. It is the spiritual life who has the spiritual adornment, namely gentleness, quietness, and submission.

Revelation 19:7-8

19:7. "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

19:8. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

It continues up to the robe of the bride, namely the righteous and holy acts of the saints.

The process of having the spiritual adornment is as follows:

1. The redemption by Christ's sacrifice, so we are set free from the sin.
2. The new born in the water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism.
3. Being shepherded well and correctly, so we always experience the purification and renewal of life continuously up to perfection.

James 1:16-18

1:16. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

1:17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

1:18. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

If we want to receive good gift from God or hear and obey the true teaching Word, we will be purified and changed, so we become the firstfruits of His creatures. We have the right to become the heavenly bride.

1 Corinthians 2:15-16

2:15. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

2:16. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Our physical body becomes the place of the spiritual body that has the mind of Christ. We always follow the will of God. We are in line with the will of God.

1 Corinthians 3:9

3:9. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

We become God's field, namely the place to sow the seed of the true teaching Word, so we grow in holiness until there is no more anxiety. It results in the sweet fruits, namely the heavenly bliss, so we give thanks to God.

We become God's building, namely the fellowship. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ. It starts from marriage, shepherding, and so on. It is the same as the building of the spiritual house, so we become the temple of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

3:16. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

3:17. If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

The temple of God is the place of Holy Spirit that belongs to Jesus.

That is why we must ask God's mercy, so Holy Spirit is poured out in our life.

The usefulnesses of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Holy Spirit is able to give life.

Romans 8:9-11

8:9. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

8:10. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

8:11. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Holy Spirit takes care of our spiritual life with the power of resurrection, so we keep living in righteousness and holiness, and holding fast the true teaching.

Holy Spirit also protects and takes care of us physically in the midst of the difficulties and impossibilities in the world until He heals us from the disease that is impossible to be cured.

2. Holy Spirit helps us to glorify God in our body and our spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

6:19. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

6:20. For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

We can minister to God faithfully and fervently. We always do the good thing to others until we repay good for evil. It continues until we are glorified and lifted up with God.

3. Holy Spirit guides us to the New Jerusalem as the place of the spirits of just men that are made perfect.

Hebrews 12:22-23

12:22. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

12:23. to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Holy Spirit changes us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus. We just say: "*Abba, Father.*" It means becoming honest and obedient. We become the house of prayer. Holy Spirit is able to take away all of impossibilities until we become perfect to greet Jesus when He comes a second time.

God blesses us.