

Bible Study Service in Malang, April 13, 2021 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 13:2

13:2. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

The Antichrist is the combination of four beasts as follows:

1. He is like a leopard.
2. His feet are like the feet of a bear.
3. The mouth is like the mouth of a lion.
4. The dragon gives him his power.

ad. 2. His feet are like the ones of a bear.

The peculiarity of the feet of a bear is that its claw has the powerful gripping, so its target cannot be free. Its claw also has the powerful tearing to destroy its prey.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

6:9. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

6:10. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The Antichrist or bear grips the servant of God with the root of the love of money, namely loving money, so the servant of God does not love Him and others. It is the same as not having the two tablets of stone. He becomes hard-hearted man, so he just hunts for money.

The consequences are that the servant of God becomes as follows:

1. The bear. It means having money but being bound by the will of money.
2. The Antichrist.

The facts found in it are as follows:

1. One just looks for money or physical thing in ministering to God or he does not want to minister to God because of looking for money.
2. Looking for money in an illegitimate way.
3. Being stingy and greedy or loving and worshipping money.

Consequently, one falls into temptation. He is bound by foolish acts as well as harming the soul. He pierces himself through with many sorrows. He strays from the faith or the true teaching word up to perdition. He lives in tears forever like Esau.

Mark 10:23-27

10:23. Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

10:24. And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

10:25. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

10:26. And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"

10:27. But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

The Israelites are great, good, successful, and rich, but they are bound by the will of money. It is the same as being clawed by the bear of the Antichrist, so they become hard-hearted man. They do not use the good chance to be set free from sin and saved up to eternal life.

Consequently, they cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. They are failed in the midst of success up to perdition with the Antichrist forever.

[Mark 10:25] "*It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle*". A camel is an unclean animal. It refers to the Gentiles.

Leviticus 11:3-4

11:3. *'Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves and chewing the cud -- that you may eat.*

11:4. *'Nevertheless these you shall not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you;*

Acts 16:27-30

16:27. *And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.*

16:28. *But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."*

16:29. *Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.*

16:30. *And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

The hardness of heart of the Israelites is that they do not want to love God. They reject Jesus. It is used by the Gentiles. The Gentiles are failed and worthless but they willingly use the chance which is like an eye of a needle to be set free from sin or paganism, so they are saved up to eternal life.

If the Gentiles are bound to the sin of paganism especially stinginess and greediness, they will live just for dying up to perdition, no matter how great they are, because they believe and hope others until they do not love God.

That is why the Gentiles must use the chance which is like an eye of a needle to get salvation. We are set free from the bond of paganism to enter the eternal kingdom of heaven.

The Gentiles use three chances which are like an eye of a needle to enter the great kingdom of heaven as follows:

1. The Gentiles use the chance which is like an eye of a needle to be saved.

Acts 16:31-34

16:31. *So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

16:32. *Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.*

16:33. *And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.*

16:34. *Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.*

The process of being saved is as follows:

- Believing in Jesus as the only Savior by hearing the Word.
The time of hearing the Word is the decisive time, whether we are saved or not.
- Repenting.
If we hear the Word earnestly, it will show our sins, so we can realize, regret, and confess it to God and others.
As a result, the blood of Jesus washes our sin. We stop sinning and return to God. We die to sin.
- The true water and Spirit baptism. It means being newly born from water and the Spirit.
As a result, the door of heaven is opened. We receive a new life, namely life in righteousness or living by faith.

Galatians 3:7

3:7. *Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.*

As a result, we become the sons of Abraham spiritually. We have the right to receive Abraham's blessings.

We are saved and blessed by God as well as becoming the blessing for others.

If one lives in righteousness or by faith, his family will have a great chance to be saved.

That is why we may not sin if one of our family do the sin. Do not agree the sin! Do not judge others! But, we pray for them. We worship God a lot.

2. The Gentiles use the chance which is like an eye of a needle to be the sheep of God.

Matthew 15:21-28

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."*

15:23. *But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."*

15:24. *But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

15:25. *Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"*

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.*

Actually, God's sheep is just the Israelites.

The Gentiles are just like dog and swine, but a part of the Israelites rejects Jesus, so there is opportunity for the Gentiles to become God's sheep by eating the crumbs. It means eating the Word whose secret is revealed, understanding, believing, and practicing it.

The crumbs also refer to Christ's sacrifice or the Holy Communion.

The teaching Word and Holy Communion purify the Gentiles from the characteristics of paganism as follows:

- A dog licks vomit. It refers to meaningless words. It is purified to become the true, good, and honest words.
- A sow, having washed, returns to her wallowing in the mire. It means repeating sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.
It is purified to the true and good deed, so we live in holiness.

If the Gentiles are purified from the characteristics of paganism, they will be changed from dog and swine to God's sheep that are holy and honest as well as being shepherded well and correctly.

The terms are as follows:

- We are always in the sheepfold or the Holy Place. It refers to the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main services to God as follows:
 - a. The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in committing the General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.
The sheep drinks, so we do not experience the spiritual dryness and death.
 - b. The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
The sheep eats, so we are strong. We keep ministering. We do not fall into sins up to the peak but living in holiness.
 - c. The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.
The sheep breathes up to eternal life.

Why must we be in the sheepfold? In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be clawed by the bear.

We do not become the dog and swine anymore, but holy and honest sheep.

- Believing and obeying the Shepherd's voice. It is the steady and holy faith, so He leads us to the living fountains of waters in the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 7:17

7:17. "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

We will never be lost because of the false teaching. We do not experience the spiritual dryness, but the heavenly satisfaction, so we always give thanks to God.

We do not need to look for the worldly satisfaction that makes us fall into the sins of Babylon. We have beautiful and successful future. All things become easy and light until we can say "*I shall not want*", namely we get the perfection like God. We are worthy to enter the New Jerusalem, the last sheepfold.

3. The Gentiles must use the chance which is like an eye of a needle to enter the building of the perfect body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5,9-10

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.

2:9. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10. who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Who can minister to God in the building of the perfect body of Christ? The priests and kings can.
A priest is the true man and one who ministers to God.

Actually, the priests and kings are only the Israelites from the tribe of Levi and the descendants.

Genetically, the Gentiles cannot become the priests and kings.

But, because of the mercy of God through Christ's sacrifice on the cross, the Gentiles can be lifted up to become the sons of God (the Court), His sheep (the Holy Place), and the priests and kings.

The requirements of becoming the priest and king are as follows:

- Living in holiness.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

The Gentiles will be equipped with the ministry and Holy Spirit's gift to be lifted up to become the priest and king who are used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

- Experiencing the renewal of life through the sprinkle of blood.

1 Kings 5:6

5:6. Now therefore, command that they cut down cedars for me from Lebanon; and my servants will be with your servants, and I will pay you wages for your servants according to whatever you say. For you know there is none among us who has skill to cut timber like the Sidonians.

1 Kings 7:13-15,21

7:13. Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

7:14. He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

7:15. And he cast two pillars of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each.

7:21. Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple; he set up the pillar on the right and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name Boaz.

It is like the Sidonians and the men of Tyre who use the chance which is like an eye of a needle to enter the building of the Solomon's temple of God.

Now, the Gentiles must use the chance which is like an eye of a needle to enter the ministry of the building of the body of Christ, starting from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding up to the perfect body of Christ.

Cutting down cedars and the burning of bronze refer to the sprinkle of blood or suffering in flesh or feeling because of Jesus (the Most Holy Place), so the shekinah glory happens. We experience the renewal of life from the characteristic of paganism, namely anxiety. We can totally surrender to God. We put Him as the Head.

The bronze is used for making the two pillars, namely Jachin and Boaz. It refers to being strong and of good courage. It means that we do not get disappointed and desperate as well as leave the true teaching word and ministry, and God. It is the perfect faith which is like pure gold.

The examples and results are as follows:

- **Matthew 8:5-10**

8:5. Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

8:7. And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

8:8. The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak

a word, and my servant will be healed.

8:9. "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

8:10. When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

A centurion of the Gentiles refers to father and shepherd who face the diseases in his own body, marriage, finance, and so on.

Let us confess that we are not worthy. We confess our physical and spiritual infirmity and weakness, namely the doubt.

We cry out to God, so He heals all diseases. The impossible thing becomes possible. God helps all of us.

- A woman of Canaan whose daughter is sick. It refers to the destruction in marriage and children, and decay. We confess the infirmity and weakness in our tongue, namely stumbling in words. We can be honest. We believe and cry to God, so He helps all of us. Our marriage will be justified and unified up to perfection, namely entering into the marriage supper of the Lamb of God. All tears will be wiped, and our marriage will be happy.

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

Daniel 3:15-18

3:15. "Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

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."

It is the perfect faith.

At last Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego come from the midst of the fire. They experience God's preservation and protection from the burning fiery furnace that is heated seven times until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

There is beautiful and successful future. We become God's witnesses.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time in the fire of glory that we are changed to become as perfect as He is, so we are worthy to greet His second coming on the glorious clouds until we enter into the New Jerusalem.

God blesses us.