

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 16, 2023 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 19:1-5 is about heaven exults over Babylon.

Revelation 19:1-2

19:1. After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!"

19:2. "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

A great multitude in heaven says "Alleluia!" It is linked with the three things as follows:

1. The salvation.
2. The glory.
3. The power of God.

The two kinds of God's power are as follows:

A. God's power to judge Babylon who has corrupted the earth with her fornication(verse 2a).

The fornication of Babylon refers to the spirits of evil and uncleanness.

Revelation 18:2

18:2. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

The facts are as follows:

1. Genesis 6:5,1-2

6:5. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:1. Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

6:2. that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

The spirits of evil and uncleanness control human's heart including the sons of God, so their heart tends to be evil and unclean, and their sight is just the fleshly one. The fleshly sight causes men to enter the false marriage. Men just see the physical or fleshly thing, but without the spiritual consideration, even they sacrifice the spiritual thing to get the physical one. The unity of the marriage is broken, so mixed-marriage happens. The holiness of marriage is broken, so divorce-remarrying happens. The glory of marriage is broken, so marrying-giving in marriage happens.

1 Corinthians 5:1

5:1. It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles--that a man has his father's wife!

The church of Corinthians refers to the one of the Gentiles. The marriages of men are broken because of the growth of Babylon, so there is a man who has his father's wife. Even the sins of Babylon control the rich, great, and famous men. For example, Herod was controlled by Babylon, so he had his brother's wife--divorce-remarrying and marrying-giving in marriage.

Revelation 17:2

17:2. "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

Babylon truly breaks and destroys the marriage of men including the servants of God, so they cannot enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God but be destroyed forever. They will be surely left when Jesus comes a second time.

2. 1 Samuel 2:22

2:22. Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

The fornication controls the servants of God. The example is Hophni and Phinehas. We must minister the body of Christ in holiness with our fellow servants of God, so we are not used by Babylon. If the marriage of the servant of God is broken through infidelity, *et cetera*, his ministry will be broken too.

1 Samuel 4:21

4:21. Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

Consequently, Ichabod happens. The glory of God has departed. There is no more remission of sin, so the servant of God is ashamed.

There is no Ark of Covenant. It means that the congregation cannot become perfect as Jesus' bride. The Ark of Covenant consists of the mercy seat and an ark. The mercy seat with the two cherubs refers to the Son of God, God the Father, and Holy Spirit God, namely Lord Jesus Christ. The ark refers to the congregation, namely the acacia wood of the sinful men is overlaid with gold or the divine nature.

So, Babylon with her fornication destroys the marriage and ministry of the servants of God, even all men in the world, so they are destroyed forever. That is why God judges and punishes Babylon. Babylon is destroyed in one hour.

Revelation 18:19

18:19. "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

B. God's power to avenge on her the blood of His servants shed by Babylon(verse 2b).

Revelation 6:9-11

6:9. When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

6:10. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

6:11. Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

The souls of those who had been slain keep crying with a loud voice for the revenge. It is the blood cry. The blood cry is the continuous prayer from the heart until God answers their prayer by punishing Babylon (verse 11). The time of revenge is when both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who will be killed as they are in the age of the Antichrist, is completed. Those who are beheaded by the Antichrist are those who have the Word and testimony of Jesus, but they have not fulfilled the measurement of the worship yet. They become martyrdom.

Acts 12:1-3

12:1. Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

12:2. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

12:3. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

The murder refers to the hatred--the unclean bird; Revelation 18:2. The Babylon will flatter. If one cannot be flattered, she will hate and murder. Do not play with Babylon! Babylon with the hatred without a cause got James and John the Baptist killed, as well as seized Peter.

1. Herod kills James. James refers to the faith--he writes the book about the faith.

In the Tabernacle, the faith refers to the Table of Showbread, namely the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. The true teaching Word and Holy Communion will become the stable faith in our heart, so we may not be shaken.

Herod kills James. It means rejecting the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. Rejecting the pastor who preaches the true teaching Word and Holy Communion is the same as killing James.

2. Herod seizes Peter. Peter refers to holiness or hope. In the Tabernacle, Holy Spirit who gives us hope refers to the Golden Candlestick and Aaron's rod in the Ark of Covenant. If we persevere in the General Service, Holy Spirit will give us hope to live in righteousness and holiness.

Herod seizes Peter. It means rejecting the perseverance in committing the General Service. Do not reject the general service whatever the reason is! Rejecting the ministry means being controlled by Herod.

3. Herod kills John the Baptist. John the Baptist refers to the love (Matthew 14).

In the Tabernacle, love refers to the Golden Altar of Incense, namely the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. In prayer, we experience the tearing of the flesh, so we can love God more than anything. We can love others even our enemy by repaying good for evil. Being unable to do the good thing, at least we do not do the evil thing.

Herod kills John the Baptist. It means rejecting to worship God--the Golden Altar of Incense.

Babylon controls Herod and kills the servants of God. It means rejecting the correct and good shepherding, especially the one that is brought up by the true teaching Word. Rejecting the shepherding is the same as spoiling God's vineyard.

Song of Solomon 2:15

2:15. HER BROTHERS Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes.

Babylon uses the little foxes to spoil the vineyard that has tender grapes, namely the sweet and beauty marriage. If the little foxes come, the marriage will be broken suddenly. The vineyard that has tender grapes also refers to the increasing shepherding to become sweet and beauty.

The meanings of little foxes are as follows:

1. **Matthew 20:11-12**

20:11. "And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,

20:12. "saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

The little fox refers to the tongue that likes to grumble because of demanding the physical wages in the ministry.

Consequently, one loses a denarius. The denarius refers to God's mercy and kindness, so we can go through the upcoming famine in the world.

Revelation 6:5-6

6:5. When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6:6. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

Now, there are many ministries which are made as profession for getting the physical wages. Consequently, there is envy to one another. One grumbles because he demands the physical blessing. He has envy to others who are blessed by God although he has been blessed by God too.

2. **James 5:8-9**

5:8. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

5:9. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

The little fox refers to the tongue that always grumbles because of judging or blaming at others.

The right thing is that we use our tongue to judge ourselves. The two things that may be judged are ourselves and the true teaching Word--we receive the Word selectively.

Matthew 7:5-6

7:5. "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

7:6. "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

The pearls and holy thing refer to the true teaching Word. We may judge the teaching Word. It means that we must hear or preach the true teaching Word selectively.

3. **Number 13:27-28; 14:1-2**

13:27. Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

13:28. "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

14:1. So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

14:2. And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!"

The little fox refers to the tongue that grumbles in temptations because of making the temptations bigger than the promise of God. The consequence is dying in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:29

14:29. *'The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.'*

We must be watchful. The little foxes aims the beautiful marriage and shepherding. If there is a fox, the star or the servant of God can become an animal. As soon as we grumble, the flower will fall, and the suffering happens. The first can become the last. The animal refers to the fleshly men who rebel against God. Consequently, one lives in horror up to perdition in the hell with Babylon.

Isaiah 66:24

66:24. *"And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."*

Men have become the same as animal, but God still wants to help. How can God help?

Matthew 24:27-28

24:27. *"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."*

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

Jesus, the Son of God willingly becomes carcass, so we who have become carcass can become the eagles that eat the carcass or Christ's sacrifice. Jesus willingly dies on the cross and bears all of our lawlessness. The eagle refers to one who waits for Jesus' second coming.

Isaiah 40:30-31

40:30. *Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,*

40:31. *But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

If we can eat the carcass, we will become the eagle that is strong and of good courage to wait for Jesus' second coming.

- We keep ministering to God faithfully and fervently.
- We do not get disappointed and desperate as well as leave God regardless of anything that happens. We confess our weaknesses and infirmities to God. We are unworthy and unable because we have many sins and weakness. We just depend on God's mercy.

Luke 18:1-3,7-8

18:1. *Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,*

18:2. *saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man."*

18:3. *"Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'"*

18:7. *"And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?"*

18:8. *"I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"*

Further, we can lift up the blood cry, namely the continuous crying from our heart to God without getting bored until He answers us. The blood sign is resulted from the suffering of the flesh because of Jesus. The example is fasting prayer, all night-long prayer, one hour prayer, *et cetera*.

The results are as follows:

1. God justifies us. It means forgiving our sins, so we can live in righteousness. If our sins are finished, the impossible problems will be finished too by God.
2. **Zechariah 2:6-8**

2:6. *"Up, up! Flee from the land of the north," says the LORD; "for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven," says the LORD.*

2:7. *"Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon."*

2:8. *For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you*

touches the apple of His eye.

God is able to set us free from Babylon, namely sins up to the peak. We can live in holiness. We become the apple of God's eye. We are protected and taken care of by God in the midst of the difficulties and crises in the world up to the age of the Antichrist.

Spiritually, we are protected from sin and the false teachings, so we can keep following and ministering to God until the finish line. It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We are ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.