

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 22, 2022 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 15:1-4 is about Prelude to the Bowl Judgments.

Revelation 15:1

15:1. Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

Verse 1 is about the completeness of the wrath of God, namely the three times seven punishments of God the Father, Son of God, and Holy Spirit God. It is followed by the doomsday with the great fire and brimstone.

The completeness of the wrath of God means as follows:

- There is no time to escape from the wrath of God.
- There is the beginning of the wrath of God, namely flood at the age of Noah.

Genesis 6:1-8

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.

6:3. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

6:4. There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

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.

6:6. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

6:7. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

6:8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

'one hundred and twenty' means one hundred and twenty times fifty years of Jubilee. It equals six thousand years. In the map of age, it refers to the early age which is counted from Adam to Abraham (about two thousand years), the middle age which is counted from Abraham to Jesus' first coming (about two thousand years), and the last age which is counted from Jesus' first coming to Jesus' second coming (about two thousand years). So, the time of the fleshly men to live on the earth is only a short time away.

In the short time the fleshly men in this world work two things as follows:

1. **The flesh of the fleshly men who walk according to the flesh will get bigger**, so they experience the last wrath of God, namely the seven plagues which are ended with doomsday. How can the gigantic flesh happen?

Genesis 6:2,4

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6:4. There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

The birth of the gigantic flesh was the result of the fellowship between the sons of God and the daughters of men. It refers to mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-giving in marriage. The men just follow the lust of eye and the flesh.

Genesis 6:5-6

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.

6:6. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

The every intent of the thoughts of the gigantic flesh man is only evil, so he just does the evil and unclean deeds that aim at the peak of sin, namely sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage. Such of life is making the heart of God grieved, so the wrath of God happens.

Genesis 6:7

6:7. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

If this condition continues up to the last age, men will experience the last wrath of God to destroy the earth and the gigantic flesh men on the earth.

Genesis 6:8

6:8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 9:1,3

9:1. So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

9:3. "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

If we use God's mercy, we will be saved. God opens the way, so we can escape from His wrath. He also renews us, so our flesh does not become gigantic. If we escape from the wrath of God, we will enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace.

Revelation 20:1-6

20:1. Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

20:2. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

20:3. and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

20:4. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

20:5. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

20:6. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

After six thousand years in the world, we will enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace (the Upcoming Paradise) as follows:

- The priest and king who live in God's mercy until Jesus comes a second time will be changed to receive the body of glory.
- Those who experience the martyrdom since the early age will be risen in the body of glory.

Both of them will become one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is ready to enter the eternal kingdom of heaven.

2. The fleshly men willingly use the short time to receive God's mercy, so they can escape from His wrath.

The process of escaping from the last God's wrath is as follows:

1. **We must use God's longsuffering and mercy**, namely He has not come for the second time yet and we still get the lengthening of our life. God's purpose is that we repent and return to Him.

2 Peter 3:9-10

3:9. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

3:10. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

We believe in Jesus and repent. With the heart we believe unto God, and with the mouth we confess our sin to Him and others. Repenting is the same as being dead to sin. Further, we enter into the true water baptism or Noah's ark. It means that we live in God's mercy.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20. who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

The true water baptism is that one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive the heavenly life, namely life in the anointing of Holy Spirit. The heart that tends to do evil continually (the descendants of the viper) is changed into good conscience. We live in righteousness and holiness (the descendants of Abraham).

Proverbs 10:2

10:2. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

2. We must use God's longsuffering and mercy to live in holiness and godliness (ministering to God).

2 Peter 3:11-13

3:11. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

3:12. looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

3:13. Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Where? We can live in holiness and godliness in the Holy Place or the true sheepfold. It is the same as entering Noah's ark. It is God's mercy if we and our family can enter the true sheepfold or Noah's ark.

Genesis 6:14-16

6:14. "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

6:15. "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

6:16. "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

The true sheepfold refers to the three kinds of main service to God.

John 10:1-2

10:1. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

10:2. "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

We must enter the sheepfold by the narrow door, so our flesh does not have power anymore. If we climb up, we will become the thief and robber who go out of the gate of salvation, so we lose our salvation. If the Gentiles who have been saved go out, they will become dog and swine anymore.

Revelation 21:12

21:12. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

The shepherding gate in the world is linked with the last one in the New Jerusalem. Entering the door of the shepherding is the same as entering the door of the New Jerusalem. If we are used to climb up (not persevering in the ministry), we will not be able to enter the New Jerusalem which has a great and high wall. Such life will be left when Jesus comes a second time. He stays outside the New Jerusalem, so he experiences the wrath of God and doomsday.

Let us be shepherded well. We are always in the sheepfold. We always hear and obey the shepherding Word. Our position is like a branch that abides in the true vine. We will experience the purification continuously up to perfection.

John 15:1-3

15:1. "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

15:2. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

15:3. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

In the sheepfold, we are purified by the things as follows:

- **The Word which is spoken by God**, namely the one whose secret is revealed by Holy Spirit through one verse that explains the other verses in the Holy Bible. It is the true teaching Word.

1 Corinthians 5:11

5:11. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.

We must be purified from the six ingrained sins that cause branch to become dry. If the sin abides in us, we will not abide in the true vine. We are also not in the fellowship between branches or the fellowship of the body of Christ. Such life is will enter the fellowship of the dry branches to be burnt.

The branch is small and powerless, but it can bear the sweet fruit because of perseverance, faithfulness, and holiness. Although we are the Gentiles, we can bear fruits too. The example is Cornelius.

Acts 10:1-2,4

10:1. There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 10:2. a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

10:4. And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

Proverbs 8:13

8:13. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Cornelius lived in holiness and godliness. He feared God, namely hating sins up to perverse mouth. He was shepherded well and correctly. The fruit was that he gave alms (loving others as he loved himself). He prayed to God always (loving God more than anything). It is the fruit of love.

Acts 10:24

10:24. And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

We can call other families to be shepherded well and correctly. We receive God's mercy. As a result, our body, soul, and spirit are taken care of up to perfection.

Acts 10:4

10:4. And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

If we live in holiness and godliness, we will be appointed as the priests and kings. The One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace is the place for the priests and kings.

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,

We receive the ministry and Holy Spirit's gift according to the ministry that God gives to us, so we are used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ. Our attitude to the ministry and Holy Spirit's gift is that we must minister to God faithfully, fervently, correctly, and well. If we are faithful and good over a few things, God will make us ruler over many things. Do not sacrifice the ministry because of the worldly things especially sins up to the peak! It is the same as hiding the talent in the ground.

2 Timothy 1:6

1:6. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

- **We are purified by the test of faith.**

Job 23:10-12

23:10. But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

23:11. My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside.

23:12. *I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.*

The kinds of the test of faith are different, but our attitude in the test of faith must be same as follows:

- a. We keep the Word in our heart. We hear, understand, and believe in the true teaching Word. The Word becomes faith in our heart. Job faced the test, but he was not disappointed, doubtful, and desperate as well as he did not leave God. He experienced the total test, but he did not fall from faith.
- b. We keep following Jesus' steps, namely the journey of life according to faith in the true teaching Word.
- c. Mouth can produce good and true words. We become God's witnesses.

As a result, Job received the faith which was like the pure gold. It is the golden pot that had the manna. We are ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time.

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6. *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,*
1:7. *that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*

3. We must use God's longsuffering and mercy to receive the ministry of the High Priest with incense and blood.

The blood sign refers to the sprinkling of blood, namely suffering in the flesh with Jesus or because of Him.

2 Peter 3:14

3:14. *Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;*

1 Peter 2:19

2:19. *For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.*

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12. *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*

4:13. *but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

4:14. *If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*

What for?

- God's mercy escapes us from His punishment or wrath, including the last one.
- Shekinah glory is with us to do the renewal of life. We do not grumble, but keep giving thanks to God. We are happy even though in the suffering. A merry heart does good, like medicine for all diseases. We become strong and of good courage, namely obedience until the flesh does not have power or even speak anymore. Obedience is the same as stretching out our hands to God. We totally surrender to Him.

The incense sign refers to the intercession prayer of the High Priest or Great Shepherd.

Exodus 32:30-32

32:30. *Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."*

32:31. *Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!*

32:32. *"Yet now, if You will forgive their sin -- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."*

The intercession prayer is for the forgiveness of sins until there is no more sin. The intercession prayer also lifts us up from drowning.

Matthew 14:22-23,27-32

14:22. *Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the*

multitudes away.

14:23. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

14:27. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

14:28. And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

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.

'Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side' means that He makes us enter the building of the body of Christ, and He is responsible to lift us up from drowning. The example is Peter. Why did Peter drown? It was because he was doubtful. It is caused by the temptation or the false teaching.

Let us stretch out our hand to God to be lifted up from all of drownings.

The results are as follows:

- God's merciful hand takes care of us in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the age of the Antichrist. God takes care of us with the Word and Holy Communion.

Genesis 7:16

7:16. So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

- God's merciful hand lifts us up from all spiritual decadences, so we return to Him. We are lifted up from the fall into sins up to the peak, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We are lifted up from all failures, so we can be successful and beautiful in due time.

The LORD shuts the door of Noah's ark. It means that He determines all things for us. God takes care of and helps us. God does the thing we cannot do.

- God's hand writes our name in the Book of Life in the New Jerusalem. The fact found in it is peace. All things become easy and light. We are perfected when Jesus comes a second time. We are set free from the punishment. We can stand on the sea of glass to sing the song of victory.

God blesses us.