Bible Study Service in Malang, January 08, 2019 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 8:8-9

8:8. Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

8:9. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

The second trumpet is the condemnation of the Son of God to the people who reject the shepherding word. It is signified by something like a great mountain burning with fire which was thrown into the sea.

The great mountain refers to increasing sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

Isaiah 17:12

17:12. Woe to the multitude of many people Who make a noise like the roar of the seas, And to the rushing of nations That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

The sea refers to the Gentiles.

So, a great mountain burning with fire which was thrown into the sea means the sin of Babylon that controls the Gentiles.

Consequently, a third of the sea becomes blood. It means that one never experiences satisfaction and happiness.

There are two triggers of the sin of Babylon as follows:

- 1. The lust of flesh. It must be repressed in the sheepfold.
- 2. Evil and unclean spirits (fox and bird).
- 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!

ad. b. Evil and unclean spirits.

Matthew 8:20

8:20. And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

The growth of evil and unclean spirits is so fast towards the building of Babylon or Satan's bride who is perfect in evil and uncleanness.

The growth of evil and unclean spirits from era to era is as follows:

1. <u>The era of God the Father that is counted from Adam to Abraham</u>. Genesis 6:1-2,5

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.

6:5. 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.

In the early age, the evil and unclean spirits destroy the marriage created by God.

The evil and unclean spirits destroy man's heart, so every intent of the thoughts of his heart is only evil and unclean continually.

Consequently, man falls into mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying up to marrying-giving in marriage. It destroys the righteousness, holiness, and unity of the marriage, so it leads to the false marriage (blaspheming God).

Why is it so? If man's heart is controlled by evil and unclean spirits, his sight will be the fleshly one.

The consequence is being condemned with the floodwaters.

The way out is that Noah must enter his ark. The spiritual meanings are as follows:

<u>The true water baptism</u>.

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,

Eight souls or four couples enter the Noah's ark. It means that the marriage must be in one true water baptism.

Romans 6:2-4

6:2. Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

6:3. Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 6:4. Therefore we <u>were buried</u> with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ <u>was raised</u> from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in <u>newness of life</u>.

Matthew 3:16

3:16. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

The true water baptism is 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 new life or the heavenly one.

1 Peter 3:21

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 <u>a good conscience</u>toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

The new life means having a good conscience that is anointed by Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:11-14

6:11. O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open.

6:12. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections.

6:13. Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

6:14. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

The good conscience is the sincere one.

For the pastor, the sincere heart means that the heart and mouth are wide open to preach the true teaching word whatever risk may come.

For the congregation, it means that the heart is wide open for spiritual thing, especially the true teaching word.

As a result, we are firm for not entering mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-giving in marriage. We also firmly keep the righteousness, holiness, and unity of the marriage.

The true marriage are as follows:

- a. Being in line with the bible or the true teaching word.
- b. Being blessed by physical and spiritual parents.
- c. Being blessed by government (it is recorded in civil registry).
- d. Being blessed by God, namely keeping the holiness of marriage.

The true and holy marriage will become one.

• The Tabernacle.

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. 6:16. "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 ark and Tabernacle are made by God's will, and they have three parts. The physical Tabernacle does not exist anymore. Now, it refers to the teaching of Tabernacle in the light of the Bride Tidings, namely the true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, so our life increases from righteousness to holiness up to perfection.

If the spiritual thing increases, the physical one will increase too.

• The shepherding.

We have to fight to enter the sheepfold.

Matthew 18:19

18:19. "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

Ephesians 5:31

5:31. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

If the marriage is in one baptism, teaching, and shepherding, it will become one heart and flesh.

As a result, the marriage becomes the house of prayer. It lifts up the incense that produces fragrance before God, and the prayer is answered by Him.

2. <u>The era of the Son of God or the middle age, that is counted from Abraham to Jesus' first coming</u>. Matthew 15:3,7-9,19-20

15:3. He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 15:7. "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

15:8. 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 15:9. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

15:19. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts⁽¹⁾, murders⁽²⁾, adulteries⁽³⁾, fornications⁽⁴⁾, thefts⁽⁵⁾, false witness⁽⁶⁾, blasphemies⁽⁷⁾.15:20 "These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

The evil and unclean spirits destroy the ministry.

The heart of man is controlled by seven evil and unclean desires, so the ministry is just for physical thing and tradition. It is the same as the false ministry.

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⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,

3:3. unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self-control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,

3:4. traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,

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

Consequently, his life does not change, but keeps the flesh and blood man with its eighteen characteristics up to disobedience to the true teaching word.

Luke 5:1,3

5:1. So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 5:3. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

<u>The main purpose of ministry is hearing the word of God</u>, especially the true teaching word that is sharper than any twoedged sword. It is the same as pressing about Jesus. We can feel God's presence as the High Priest in the midst of us. We have to hear the true teaching word in any situation, especially in failure. The true teaching word is able to make all things in our life successful and beautiful.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

3:16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

3:17. that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

If we prioritize the word, willingly get the purification, and obey the word, we will be equipped for every good work. We just

do the good thing. We do not repay evil for evil, but repay good for evil.

3. The era of God the Holy Spirit or the last days, that is counted from Jesus' first coming up to the second one.

The evil and unclean spirits destroy both marriage and ministry. It is the same as destroying the building of the perfect body of Christ.

• The betrayal in marriage, namely being unfaithful in marriage.

Revelation 17:4-5

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.

A husband does not love his wife, but does bitterly toward her until he leaves her and the children. A wife does not submit to her husband, but teaches or has authority over him until she leaves him and the children. A child does not obey his parents.

The parents do not care for their children.

It continues up to the quarrel and violence in marriage, infidelity, divorcement, divorce-remarrying, and so on.

Ephesians 5:31

5:31. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

The marriage formula is 1+1=1. The cross must be between the husband and wife. It means confessing and forgiving one another.

• The ministry only shows prosperity and entertainment, but without the sword of the word.

Revelation 18:6-7,10

18:6. "Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.

18:7. "In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow."

18:10. "standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in <u>one houryour judgment has come.</u>"

The consequence is being punished by God in one hour.

Mark 14:37-39

14:37. Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?

14:38. "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 14:39. Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words.

The worship prayer is a process to tear the flesh with all of its weakness and infirmity, so we do not fall into the sin of Babylon.

Luke 22:42-43

22:42. saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 22:43. Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

As a result, we experience the anointing of Holy Spirit or the hands of God that give us extra power to face our weakness and infirmity.

Romans 12:11

12:11. not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Holy Spirit makes us faithful and fervent in the ministry to God and the true marriage until the finish line, namely our death or Jesus' second coming.

1 Corinthians 7:39-40

7:39. A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

7:40. But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment--and I think I also have the Spirit of God.

Titus 3:5

3:5. not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and <u>renewing of the Holy Spirit</u>,

Holy Spirit renews and gives us extra power, so we do not live in our weakness. Holy Spirit changes us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus, namely being honest, believing, and being obedient.

It is the same as stretching out our hands to God, so He also stretches out His hands to do anything that we cannot do and think.

Luke 23:40-43

23:40. But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?

23:41. "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."
23:42. Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
23:43. And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

A criminal who is crucified next to Jesus is in curse. But, he is honest and believing, so God is able to help and move him to Paradise atmosphere. It continues until we are worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.