

Bible Study Service in Malang, November 24, 2020 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 12:3

12:3. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

This is the clear and complete appearance of Satan with all of his activities.

Revelation 12:4-18

12:4. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

12:5. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

12:6. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

12:7. And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

12:8. but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

12:9. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

12:10. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

12:11. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

12:12. "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

12:13. Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

12:14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

12:15. So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

12:16. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

12:17. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

12:18. Then I stood on the sand of the sea.

There are six activities of Satan as follows:

1. [Revelation 12:4a] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven.
2. [Revelation 12:4b] Devouring.
3. [Revelation 12:7] Fighting.
4. [Revelation 12:13] Persecuting or catching up fast.
5. [Revelation 12:15] Causing the woman or the church of God to be carried away by the flood.
6. [Revelation 12:17] Making war or persecuting.

ad. 1. **His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.**

The star refers to the shepherd.

Generally, the star refers to one who is used to glorify God, namely the priest and king or the servant of God.

Romans 8:29

8:29. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

The star is the sinful man who is called, chosen, and glorified by God.

Being called means that the sinful man is justified or saved by the blood of Jesus on the cross, so he can repent. It is the same as being dead to sin and living in righteousness. It is the death experience or mark with Jesus.

Being chosen means that one is taken to be purified from among the people in the world.

The term of being purified is that we must be in the Holy Place or sheepfold, namely the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God. We must be purified by the true teaching word, starting from the heart up to the mouth, so we can live in holiness.

If we have been chosen, purified, and shepherded, we will be equipped with the ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit. It is the resurrection experience. We are appointed as the priests and kings to be used to minister to and glorify God until we are glorified with Him.

The example of the star is Joseph.

Genesis 37:2-3,5

37:2. This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

37:3. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

37:5. Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

Joseph was called, chosen, and glorified, so he received a tunic of many colors, namely the gifts of dream. He was appointed to become the star until he was glorified by God through his wheat which was able to resolve the famine in Egypt.

Genesis 41:45

41:45. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

Joseph was married with Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. It means that the Gentiles receive the mercy of God to be called, chosen, and glorified like Joseph.

To keep becoming the shining stars forever, we must face the two things as follows:

1. Joseph faces the three kinds of test as follows:

○ The truth test.

Genesis 37:18-20,23-24,31

37:18. Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him.

37:19. Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming!

37:20. "Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!"

37:23. So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him.

37:24. Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.

37:31. So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

Joseph was cast into an empty pit and his tunic was dipped in the blood.

The empty pit refers to the worldly thing, hatred without a cause, empty spirituality, the crisis of economy and health, and so on that we face.

When he was cast into a pit, his tunic was dipped in the blood.

It means that when we face the crisis in this world, it is our opportunity as the Gentiles to experience the tunic's being dipped in the blood or redemption by the blood of Jesus.

We do not sin but repent and keep on living in righteousness. It means that we pass the truth test.

Genesis 37:33

37:33. And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces."

○ The test of holiness.

Genesis 39:7-12

39:7. And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

He refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.

39:9. "There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you

are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

39:10. So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.

39:11. But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside,

39:12. that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

Joseph faced Potiphar's wife who was unclean. It refers to the Babylon, namely the sins of eating-drinking, fornication, marrying-giving in marriage, and false marriage.

The character of the sin of Babylon is flattering, enticing to the point of insisting. If one has fallen, he will be tied, so it is hard to be released.

Only God's mercy and goodness in the true teaching word can set us free from the sin of Babylon.

Joseph was firm. He willingly left his garment.

It means that we are firm to stop doing the sin of Babylon and leave it. We are also firm to keep the righteousness, holiness, and unity of the marriage, starting from the beginning up to entering into the marriage whatever risk may come,

Joseph passed the test of holiness.

2 Timothy 2:8-10

2:8. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

2:9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

2:10. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The body of Joseph or Paul the apostle can be chained, but not the word of God.

Instead, in the prison, the gifts are increased to the point of perfection.

Genesis 37:6-10

37:6. So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

37:7. "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

37:8. And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

37:9. Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

37:10. So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

The gift of dream or the revelation of the Word to Joseph is as follows:

a. Joseph's sheaf stood upright; and indeed his brothers' sheaves bowed down to his sheaf.
It means that all of the revelation of the word will increase to the Bride Tidings or Joseph's wheat.

b. The sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to Joseph.
It means that the Bride Tidings prepares the church of God to become God's bride.

- Joseph was put into the prison without a mistake. It refers to the sprinkle of blood or suffering in the flesh without any sin.

Genesis 39:20

39:20. Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

We will also experience the sprinkle of blood.

The forms are being slandered or blamed although we are not wrong as well as arbitrary deed, violence, and persecution.

These are done by Satan, so we enter into the atmosphere of prison. All things are limited. We experience difficulty, failure, dead end, and sorrow that make us disappointed and desperate until we leave God and ministry and go

toward perdition forever.

God allowed Joseph to be put into the prison to use him to interpret the dreams of the butler, the baker, and Pharaoh, so he was out of the prison.

Joseph passed the test of glory. He received the wisdom of God. He was glorified by God and became the prime minister or the shining star.

2. Facing the dragon's tail.

Revelation 12:4a

12:4a. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

Isaiah 9:14

9:14. The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

Matthew 24:4-5,11,24

24:4. And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

24:5. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

24:11. "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

24:24. "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

The deception is written four times to the point of deceiving the elect or a third of the stars.

The false teaching controls the four corners of the world.

The deception is greater than raising the dead.

It means that returning one who has been deceived is harder than raising the dead.

What must we do to face the false teaching?

- We must heed the true teaching word or the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God or the Bride Tidings.

2 Peter 1:19

1:19. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Matthew 25:6

25:6. "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

Taking heed the Bride Tidings is the same as taking heed God.

We must focus on the Bride Tidings like heeding a light that shines in the dark place. It means hearing the word earnestly and practicing it.

The steps are hearing earnestly, understanding, and believing in the word, so it becomes faith in our heart.

The heart is purified from the evil desire, unclean desire, and bitterness or envy.

As a result, the pure heart will emit the shekinah glory, namely we become the light in the household, the light before men until we become the light of the world or the bright and morning star.

Revelation 12:1

12:1. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

- Taking heed God's mercy and goodness. It is the same as taking heed the ministry. We just trust and cry to God. We stretch out our hands to God, and He will remember and care for us. He stretches out His merciful hands to us.

Psalms 107:43

107:43. Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

The results are as follows:

- a. Redeeming us. God lifts us up from the fall like the king David.

Psalms 107:1-5

107:1. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

107:2. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

107:3. And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

107:4. They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

107:5. Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

We confess all of our weaknesses. God will forgive us and lift us up from the physical and spiritual falls.

- b. God's merciful hands are able to take care of us miraculously in the finite world up to the abundance. We experience relief and peace, so all things become easy and light.

- c. Giving the way out of the impossible problems.

Psalms 107:28-29

107:28. Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.

107:29. He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

- d. Performing the spiritual miracle, namely purifying and changing us up to perfection. We enter into the haven of peace or the New Jerusalem forever.

Psalms 107:30

107:30. Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

God blesses us.