

Prayer Service in Malang, October 08, 2020 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 12 in Tabernacle tells about *Shekinah glory* or the light of glory.

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.

The term '*a great sign appear in heaven*' is the fulfillment of all signs about the second coming of Jesus to the world, namely the perfect church that becomes the light of the world in the light of glory. It is the heavenly bride who is ready to be flown to the wilderness that is far away from the eyes of Antichrist whose rules over the world for three and a half years and exalted to the glorious clouds and meet Jesus who comes for the second time as the heavenly Bridegroom. We enter the spiritual marriage, paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

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.

The term '*another sign appear in heaven*' is the fulfillment of all works of Satan in the world to hinder and destroy the church of God, namely the Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years.

The growth of the church of God to the perfection is always hindered by Satan so that it is not perfect, but left when Jesus comes for the second time and perishes forever. It has happened when Israelites grew fast in Egypt and faced the freedom from Egypt to Canaan. At that time, they faced the hindrance from Pharaoh or Satan so that they could not go out from Egypt.

In Exodus 1:8-22, there are three ways of Satan to destroy Israelites or the church of God as follows:

1. The ingenuity (It has been explained in the Bible Study Service in Malang, October 06, 2020)

Exodus 1:10

1:10 "come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

2. The rigor.

Exodus 1:13

1:13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor

3. The killing.

Exodus 1:16-22

1:16 and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

1:17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

1:18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?"

1:19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."

1:20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty.

1:21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

1:22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

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Exodus 1:11-14

1:11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

1:12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.

1:13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor.

1:14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage -- in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

The rigor of Pharaoh or Satan happened through burden.

There are two kinds of burdens as follows:

1. The term '*in mortar, in brick*' tells about Israel who made bricks from mortar to build Pithom and Raamses or the supply cities of Pharaoh.

The mortar refers to the sinful men.

So, the sinful man is formed and burnt by the fire of Satan or the fire of sins, lusts of the flesh, and the bad influences of the world to be made as brick.

The brick refers to the instrument of Satan to build his city as follows:

- a. Pithom. It means being surrounded. When one is surrounded, he has been bound, so he cannot go to anywhere. It means that all activities in the world are often used by Satan to bind the priests of God, so they feel forced or they are not happy but only feel hard and murmur and when they serve and minister to Him.

When it is continued, they become the priests who are not faithful in the service and ministry to God.

- b. Raamses. It means the god of sun or idol.

It means that all activities in the world make the servants and ministers of God leave the service and ministry to Him.

All great activities in the world which make the servants and ministers of God not faithful; even leave Him are the burden or oppression from Satan.

Consequently, all things become useless and make men suffer. If it is continued, they become die spiritually until they perish forever.

A servant of God who feels forced to serve and minister to Him becomes unfaithful, leaves the ministry, or does not regret when he does not serve and minister to Him is in the burden or oppression of Satan to be formed as brick that is used in the edification of the city of Babylon which will be destroyed in one hour.

2. The term '*in all manner of service in the field*' refers to the field of Pharaoh which is the same as the one of swine. It means that the servant of God who feels forced in serving and ministering to God until leaving it and does not regret when he does not do it is active in doing sins up to the peak for sure, namely the sins of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse) and marrying-being given in marriage until he becomes the bride of Satan (the woman of Babylon) who will be destroyed forever.

1 Peter 2:5

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.

Therefore, the sinful men must struggle and groan to become the living stones which are used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ. We do not become the brick but the living stone.

The processes to become the living stones are as follows:

1. We struggle to be shepherded well and correctly.
Previously, the mortar or clay is burnt by the fire of sin to become the brick.

Now, the clay must be burnt by the fire of God as follows:

- The Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ. We are burnt by the fire of the word of God and Holy Communion.
- The Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit. We are burnt by the fire of Holy Spirit.
- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. We are burnt with the fire of the love of God.

The clay is burnt in the shepherding pen. Therefore, we must struggle to be in the shepherding pen. Do not laugh when you are not in it!

The fleshly man must be shepherded to be formed and sanctified by the fire of God, so they become the living stone.

Being the living stone means that we become the priests and kings who are used in the ministry of the edification of the perfect body of Christ or the spiritual house.

After being the living stone, the priests and kings still can become the brick again if they are not faithful. Therefore, there is the next process.

2. We struggle to always remember that we are dust. It is the same as struggling to humble ourselves. Do not be arrogant when you have been used by God

We confess our spiritual and physical weaknesses that we are powerless in facing the world on the last days.

We also confess that we do not hope to other thing but only sit at the feet of God.

The meanings are as follows:

- We do introspection in our life much. Do not become like Job who sat on the dust after he had experienced the total test.
Being used and blessed by God, we humble ourselves. It is a great thing. When we experience the total test, we must fast to humble ourselves.
Doing the introspection in our life is the same as surrendering all of our sins. When men do not want to surrender their sins, they cannot surrender their life as well.
- We worship God much. We surrender our life to God and hope on His mercy. We stretch out our hand, cry out, and surrender to Him.

When we remember that we are only dust, God also remembers us as dust. It means that He watches, cares, and struggles for us. It is His mercy for us. Even the death cannot limit His mercy.

Psalms 103:14

103:14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

It is that we must hold. There is still the mercy of God in every condition that we face.

The results are as follows:

- The merciful hand of God forms the clay to be His glory vessel.
Isaiah 64:8-9
64:8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.
64:9 Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look--we all are Your people!

He changes us to be His servants who are obedient and fervent in spirit and patient.

When does the formation happen? It happens when we face the suffering in economy, health, and marriage. Do not run away from the suffering, but we must be patient. This thing can glorify God. It is the same as feeding Jesus and satisfying Him.

John 4:34

4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

The term '*do the will of Him*' refers to the obedience.

The term '*finish His work*' refers to the faithfulness and patience.

In the middle of journey, there is a broken vessel. Let us sit in silence. God still can re-form it.

Jeremiah 18:4

18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

- When we can glorify God, His merciful hand gives assured preservation to our life in the midst of difficulties in the world until the age when the Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years.

- The merciful hand of God is able to make the broken things become good, the failed things become successful and beautiful, and the impossible ones become possible. All problems can be finished by His mercy.
When Jesus comes for the second time, we will be changed to be as perfect as Him to be worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds by saying "*Alleluia*". We enter paradise and the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.