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## CHRISTMAS TIME

What joy and peace  
There was in the world  
On that still night  
When Christ was born.

Can we really imagine  
The love that was given  
When the Lord Himself  
Came here from Heaven.

The Shepherds heard  
The angels bring  
Good tidings that  
~~The world would sing.~~

The Wise Men brought Him  
Gifts from afar,  
They came from the East  
They followed a star.

Sing songs of praises  
To the King of Kings,  
Lifting our hearts  
To His glory we sing.

They said, "Where is He  
That is born King of the  
Jews,  
And have come to worship Him  
We did choose.

So let us choose  
At this Christmas Time  
To worship the One  
God's own dear Son.

Betty Washington

"For unto us a child is born,....  
and his name shall be called  
The Prince of Peace."

ISAIAH 9:6

## GOD'S TIMING

Dr. Edith R. Grimes

God has a plan and pattern for each life. Sometimes we want to lag behind or run ahead but God always brings us to "His" time.

God's timing is seen clearly in the revelation He gave to Abraham. God called him to leave his home and country then revealed to him His will. That He would bless him and make of him a great nation. There would be 400 years of captivity and then they would go forth with great substance to a land that He would give them. (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:13-18) This all came to pass according to God's timing.

Jacob, Abraham's son, had twelve sons. Joseph, the second youngest, had dreams from God revealing his future plans for him and the family. He dreamed of sheaves in the field in which his sheaf stood up and the other sheaves bowed down to him. Then he dreamed another dream and the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to him. When he told this to his father and brothers, the brothers hated him even more, for he was their father's favorite.

Joseph was sent with lunch for his brothers who were herding sheep. When they saw him coming they quickly plotted to do away with him. They finally sold him to the Ishmaelites who took him down to Egypt and sold him to be a servant in Potiphar's house. His wife made a false accusation against Joseph and he was put in prison. For ten long years Joseph waited, then Pharaoh had a dream that he needed an interpretation for. Suddenly the Butler remembered Joseph in prison who had interpreted his dream as well as the Bakers and they had come true.

Joseph was sent for. He interpreted the dreams saying there would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Pharaoh made Joseph ruler over the land to store grain during the years of plenty to help provide for the years of famine.

During the years of famine Jacob sent his sons down into Egypt to buy grain. This is when the brothers bowed to him. Later it was arranged for Jacob and his sons to move to Egypt. This was God's way of getting Israel into Egypt where they became a mighty nation.

Four hundred years passed by when God raised up a deliverer to lead them out of Egypt to a country of their own, namely Canaan.

God raised up Moses for this purpose and revealed to him early on that he was to deliver Israel from the Egyptians. In his enthusiasm he tried to do it in his own strength and killed an Egyptian. This was not God's time nor God's way. For forty years Moses herded sheep for his father-in-law. God's time finally came and He called Moses from the burning bush.

Many marvelous miracles took place as Moses moved in God's timing and Israel was led out of Egypt. They had multiplied greatly and were rich and strong. True they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years but eventually came into the land of Canaan. A land flowing with milk and honey that was their very own. God's timing was perfect.

God's timing in the life of Jesus is clearly seen. When Adam and Eve obeyed Satan and disobeyed God, the first promise of a Redeemer was given. (Gen.3:15) He was described as bruising or crushing the serpents head.

The Prophet Isaiah foretold of His coming saying that He would be born of a virgin (isa.7:14). He would be called "Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (isa.9:6,7)

Then we have the angels glorious announcement that "A Savior" has been born "who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-14). The prophecy is fulfilled, the Redeemer has been born.

Many times throughout the life of Jesus we hear Him say "Mine hour is not yet come". At the wedding in Cana He said this to His Mother when she informed Him that they had no wine (Jn.2:4). Then again when the Jews disagreed with His teaching and they went to take Him it says: "No man laid hands on Him because His hour was not yet come" (Jn.7:30). What hour is He talking about?

Jesus was talking to His disciples just before His crucifixion and He said: "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified" (Jn.12:23). Then at the Last Supper it says "when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father" (Jn.13:1). He had already said to His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemene for them to sleep on and take their rest, "Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners" (Matt.26:45).

His hour to pay the Supreme price for our sins and the sins of

the whole world had come. "That through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil" (Heb. 2:14). He rose from the dead victorious "having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly triumphing over them in it" (Col.2:15). Now He is alive forevermore and has the keys of hell and death (Rev.1:18).

God's timing is perfect. All through history, prophecy and God's timing for it is all working like clock work.

God's timing in our own life can be seen when we look for it. He has a plan and pattern for each life. Sometimes you do not understand why God allowed you to live in your unsaved state so long before you accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord. Even then He was training you for a ministry in which to work for Him. The Alcoholic may have seemingly wasted many years in that condition. Now he is saved and a New Creature in Christ Jesus. Who is he best fitted and trained to minister to? Alcoholics. Why? Because he knows how best to reach them with the Gospel.

God's timing and way is perfect. Yield to His will and way. Time spent opposing and working against it is just prolonging life. God will accomplish His will and work whether we like it or not. Why not yield and be obedient to it so He can get the job done and return to take us all to be with Himself!

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#### NEWS

Recovery is on its way for Elsie's leg that was hurt in the car accident. A Diabetic Specialist was found, who had her in the Hospital for four days. No surgery was necessary. Herrleg was kept up so it could drain internally as they were afraid of Staff Infection. By the way she was in Isolation.

Elsie is now home but has to put her leg up as much as possible. The new Dr. took her off all medicine and suggested letting it heal itself. We know it is God and an answer to your prayers. Keep praying and believing for complete healing.

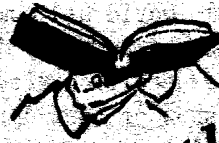
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# The Word

## THE REVELATION

By Dr. Albert Grimes

Part Two



# at Work

THE THEME: CONSUMMATION

The word "Revelation" used as the title of the Book is related to the English word "Apocalypse". It means "disclosure of that which was previously hidden or unknown".

In the unfolding of this central theme, Jesus Christ is in "Glory", in contrast with His earthly ministry in the Gospels. The Book is a record of what the Apostle John saw and heard.

Three major divisions of the Revelation must be recognized. John was commanded in Rev. 1:19 to write concerning:

1. The things which thou hast seen: The Patmos vision. Rev. 1:1-20
2. The things which are: The existing churches. Rev. 2:1-3:22
3. The things which shall be hereafter: The events after the Church Age ends. Rev. 4:1-22:5

### 1. The things which thou hast seen:

In the opening of the Revelation, John, who is the writer to the Seven churches, and the Triune God, give unto those of us who read, the salutation of grace and peace. Rev. 1:4,5 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace from Him who is and who was, and who is to come..."

This is a paraphrase of the unspeakable name of God as in Exo. 3:14. "And God said unto Moses 'I am that I am'; and He said: 'Thus shalt thou say unto the Children of Israel, I am hath sent me unto you' ". The speaker names Himself, thus emphasising His personal identification. It is the announcement of a present God, the one who gave this revelation.

"And from the seven Spirits which are before the throne". This is a description of the Holy Spirit in His sevenfold power as stated in Isa. 11:2, "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;"

This sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit is mentioned in other parts of Revelation as in Rev. 3:1, "These things saith He, that hath

the seven Spirits of God..." Then in Rev.4:5, "And out of the throne proceed lightnings and thunderings and voices; and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God". Then again in Rev.5:6 "And I beheld and low, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth".

Thus this sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit fills all the earth. God the Holy Spirit.

"And from Jesus Christ". Three things are related to Him: Rev.1:5 "Who is the faithful witness". Relating to His earthly ministry. "The first begotten of the dead". "The Prince of the Kings of the earth, in His exalted state".

#### WHAT HE DID FOR US

Rev.1:5,6 "...Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood. And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen".

#### HE WILL COME AGAIN

Rev. 1:7 "Behold He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him;...and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him". Concluded by the Godhead who as Father, Son and Holy Ghost are the beginning and the end. Rev. 1:8 "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty". Mentioned also in Rev. 21:6 and 22:13 are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

#### THE VISION OF THE EXALTED LORD IN THE MIDST OF THE SEVEN LAMPSTANDS

This vision of Christ in the Sevenfold power of the Spirit belongs to the first section, "The things which thou hast seen". Rev.1:9-11. The vision was given to John who was in exile on Patmos, a rocky island off the coast of Greece, because of his faith. John was in the Spirit on the first day of the week, "the Lord's day" Sunday.

#### THE MESSAGE WHICH HE RECEIVED

The same identification in regards to the Triune God is again received, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last". What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches, which are in Asia: unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea".

These seven churches that existed in John's day were chosen by God because of a particular condition that existed in each Church. These conditions were of such a nature that each condition represented a spiritual state relating to the whole of Church History. Not only did these conditions relate to the whole of Church History but to Local Churches, and individual believers.

An understanding of the meaning of the names given to these Churches will help us to realize the prophetic importance relating to them. Ephesus means: "beloved" or "relaxation".

Smyrna means: "myrrh" or "bitterness".

Pergamos means: "high tower" or "thoroughly married".

Thyatira means: "perpetual sacrifice" or "continual offering".

Sardis means: "those escaping" or "renovation".

Philadelphia means: "Brotherly love".

Laodicea means: "the people ruling or speaking" or "the judgment of the people".

When we study the seven messages to these seven churches we will understand the prophetic insight that these names and their meaning give to us.

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NEWS

Bob and Lin Wanat now have three children, two boys and a girl. Bob is doing his clinical rotations in hospitals and hopes to Graduate in May.

## Study

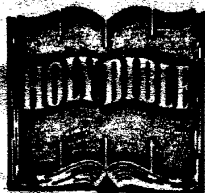
It won't be long till Christmas. It is a busy time, not to mention an enjoyable time that I think, helps us to become closer to the Lord.

Recently, I became so busy, that I put my studying to the side for a few days. When I came back to it, my spirit was enlightened and uplifted. Similar to when my body grows dry for water, and how good it feels to swallow that first cool glass.

After the holidays, I have found is a good time to really study the Word, because it is a quieter time of year. And for those who need to do their Correspondence Course, it would be nice to hear from you.

When you finish, you might say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my (Correspondence) Course".

Carla Miller, Principal C.C.



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COURAGEOUS FOR GOD  
Dr. Edith R. Grimes

The Lord commanded Joshua, after the death of Moses to "Be strong, vigorous and very courageous, be not afraid, neither be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go!" (Joshua 1:9)

Joshua was to conquer fear and be brave but he would not be alone in doing so. Why? Because the Lord would be with him all the way.

When you know God wants you to do something and you have no doubt that it is God's Will; then it is up to you to go ahead and do it courageously. Knowing the Lord is with you and will never leave you.

Courage is making a decision to do something. There is always the possibility, in the natural, that you could fail; but being in God's Will and doing His Will, with His precious promise to be with



all the way gives you that needed courage to go ahead and do it with success.

Courage is a vital necessity in the Christian life. God is not a quitter. He always finishes what He starts and is successful.

Has the Lord started a good work in you? Then He will finish it. Sometimes we get in His way with our selfishness and self-will, then He has to take time to deal with us. Why not be obedient to Him and His Will now? It will same time, accomplish more and you will be successful.

Panic is the opposite to courage. When Paul and Silas sat there in the prison with their feet held firmly in those stocks and four soldiers guarding them continually, they did not panic and wonder what was going to become of them. They had perfect confidence in God. Faith is the opposite of fear. They sang praises to God and glorified Him. Did God do His part? Yes. He shook the very earth with an earthquake and released them. (Acts 16:22-34)

What was the true results? The jailer and his household were saved and baptized in water. Even the magistrates openly apologized to them and let them go. Those who worked in the prison were convinced these men were of God.

Paul truly expressed his courage when he said "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now, as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death". (Phil.1:20)

Courage is something we can always choose and never lose. The Lord commanded Joshua to choose courage and be courageous. Was he? Yes. Think of the courage it must have taken to cross the Jordan River at flood time. Did God do His part? Yes. He caused the water to be stopped and piled up and they crossed on dry ground.

Are there problems or needs in your life that are like great thick walls? Perhaps an unsaved loved one or someone who needs healing or deliverance. Perhaps there is a great financial need? Take courage, have faith in God and the walls will crumble in Jesus Name.

Be strong, vigorous and courageous for God and the Will of God.

# Season's Greetings

*From Our House To Your House*



"Princess Rose" Grimes

Registered Toy Poodle  
Apricot with white face.  
Soft, loving and hugable

# "Crusader"

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