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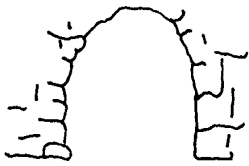
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THE EMPTY TOMB  
Dr. Edith R. Grimes



A grave or Tomb reminds of the loss of a loved one or some great person.

A Mohammedan said to a Missionary, "We have our Prophets tomb to show you, but you have nothing!" "Oh yes we do, we have an Empty Tomb. He is risen!"

Can you hear the cry of that great crowd "Crucify Him, Crucify Him. Give us Barabas!" What had Barabas done? Committed Murder. What had Jesus done? Nothing. True He had claimed to be the Son of God and that He was. He had healed the sick and cast out demons. Performed miracles turning water into wine and feeding a multitude with a little boy's lunch of loaves and fishes.

Watch that mock Coronation as they crown Him King of the Jews! See Him there clothed in purple as they bring a crown of thorns and place it roughly on His lovely brow.

They place a reed in His hand for a Sceptre and for Worship they spit upon Him and mock Him. They take the reed from His hand and beat down on the crown of thorns causing them to penetrate His head and blood to ooze out.

Jesus was nailed by huge spikes to a large wooden cross. Then the cross was raised and dropped into a hole where it was secured. Can you imagine the pain suffered as it thumped into the hole!

Wine and Myrrh were given Him to drink but He refused as it was to help deaden the pain. Two thieves were crucified beside Him. The Chief Priests and Scribes mocked Him. God even forsook Him. Why? God could not look on sin. Whose sin did He have? His own? No! It was yours and mine.

The Veil of the Temple was torn from the top to the bottom. Why? Now there would be freedom of worship through faith. Tradition and Ceremony were broken down and over. Salvation was now free to Jew and Gentile alike. (Eph. 2:12-16) No longer was there a wall of partition between them. Jesus had humbled Himself and paid the full price for all.

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Joseph of Armithea had a new tomb. He asked Pilate for the privilege of having Jesus' body laid in it. The body was wrapped in new linens. A great stone was rolled over the door.

The big question on Resurrection morning was "Who shall roll us away the stone?" The women came with their sweet spices to put on the Body of Jesus but how would they get in?

Surprize! Surprize! The stone was rolled away. Quickly they entered to hear the Angel announce "He is Risen!" Then say "Go tell His Disciples and Peter". Why was Peter especially mentioned? Because he had denied the Lord three times.

What if Christ had not risen? Then we would be under Satan's power and rulership. Satan's great ambition would have been fulfilled that he had killed the King of Glory.

Remember the temptation in the wilderness, how Satan said, "All this will I give thee if thou shalt fall down and worship me". Jesus answered "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve". Satan wanted to keep Him from going to the Cross and rising as Victor.

What actually happened at the Cross? Satan's head was crushed (Gen. 3:15) and his works were destroyed (Heb.2:14,15). What were they? To steal, to kill and to destroy. Jesus destroyed death and the fear of death and all Satan's works.

Where did Jesus go while in the tomb? He went into Hell and took the keys of hell, death and the grave from Satan. He went into the Paradise Section where the Christians were and led them forth triumphantly to Heaven.

Jesus rose as a Triumphant Victor. Because He lives we live also. If there was no resurrection then the Tomb would not be empty, but it is! Hallelujah!

Why was the stone rolled away? To let Jesus out? No! So we could see in and know that Christ was risen.

Now we can say, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? (1 Cor. 15:55) Jesus is Victor over all and we through Him. (End)

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THE REVELATION  
By Dr. Albert Grimes  
PART SIX



THE APOSTATE CHURCH

In this message is predicted the Apostate Church of the Last Days, as it joins together with this system that Jezebel represented in Rev. 2:22,23. "Behold I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds!"

This is speaking of all the religious systems of the last days as they become a part of the great Ecumenical World Church. It is being organized in our day and is also referred to in Rev. 17:1-6. "And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, and talked with me saying unto me, Come here: I will show unto you the judgment of the great harlot that sitteth upon many waters. With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drink with the wine of her fornication. So he carried her away in the Spirit into the wilderness, and I saw a woman sit on a scarlet coloured beast, full of the names of blasphemy having seven heads and ten horns. And upon her forehead was a name written "Mystery Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and the abominations of the earth".

This same Apostate Church formed from all different kinds of religious systems will become the bride of the Antichrist referred to in Rev. 17:3. The woman sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast with seven heads and ten horns refers to the kingdom of the Beast during the first part of the Tribulation period.

The kingdom of the Beast shall destroy this Apostate Church in the last half of the Tribulation as stated in Rev. 17:16. "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the Beast, these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate, and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire".

Christ predicted the final end of this system in Rev. 2:22 "Behold I will cast her into a bed and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds".

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It is also evident that there were others in this Church who did not accept this woman's teaching. These are also spoken to by the Lord in Rev. 2:24-29. "But unto you I say, and unto the rest of Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak." This term relates to their depths of Satanic knowledge, their mysteries, referring to what the woman was teaching.

"I will put upon you no other burden. But that which you have already, hold fast till I come". This statement is made again in Rev. 3:11, "Behold I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown".

#### THE PROMISE

In Rev. 2:26-29 he says, "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. And He shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers, even as I received of my Father".

This promise will come to pass when we in the Thousand Years Reign will rule over the nations with the Lord in the Kingdom.

"And I will give him the morning star". The star is Christ Himself, as in Rev. 22:16 "I am the root and offspring of David and the bright and morning Star". This giving of Christ as the morning star is in contrast to the term "the depth of Satan" speaking of the depth of knowledge.

The Child of God when Glorified will receive Christ as the Morning Star or in other words, He who is the Fountain of Knowledge and Wisdom. "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches".

#### THE MESSAGE TO SARDIS

The Church as dead, yet having a believing remnant. Rev. 3:1-6. It is necessary to look at the Lord's opening statements to this Church. Rev. 3:1 "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith He that hath the seven spirits of God!" This as we have already stated refers to the seven fold power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is anointed with the sevenfold power. "And the seven stars" referring to the teachers and leaders of the churches.

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From the former message we see the Church under the controlling power of the Apostate Church. All doctrine and practise which we were taught in the Book of Acts and in the Epistles was lost to the Church. A pagan system of worship and practise had overcome.

Now the Lord approaches this church which relates to an age in Church History, with the statement that He has the completeness of power through the seven fold Spirit. He also controls the seven stars which are messengers or teachers of the Churches.

#### THE WARNING

Rev. 3:2 "Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain" or become awake and on the watch. According to verse 4, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis that have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy".

It is evident that there was a believing remnant, and they were encouraged to strengthen what they had. No doubt truth, that did not relate to the Apostate Church system which had overcome the Church. A warning of judgment is given to those who continue under the Apostate System.

Rev. 3:3 "Remember, therefore, how thou hast received and repent. If therefore, thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee, as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee".

In order to find out and understand the teaching relating to this Church we must find out the meaning of the name "Sardis". It means "Those escaping" or "renovation", to make over new.

So in this message, the Christ that has the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit; the One who controls the messengers or teachers in the Church; will out of the believing remnant left in this Church, will raise up those who will break the power of the Apostate System and release the Church from its bondage.

It was through this believing remnant that the Reformation took place.

#### THE PROMISE

Rev. 3:5 "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white

raiment"(relating to the righteousness of Christ) in contrast to the garments of the Apostate System. In Rev. 17:4 "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and bedecked with gold and precious stones and pearls". Going back to verse five we read:" And I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels".

This statement, in contrast to the power of excommunication which this Apostate System held over their members, they could be cut off from communion with the Church, excluded from membership, or the privileges of the church by ecclesiastical authority.

Thus the Sardis period relates to the Reformation of the Church from the bondage of the Apostate System.

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GOOD NEWS



Rev. Paul Armstrong, who led in Prayer at Albert's Funeral and was our interim, was finally Installed as our Pastor last Sunday at the Ivanhoe Presbyterean Church where we attend. The Lord gave me a Prophecy for him during the Installation Service but I also received a check in my Spirit that, that was not the time to give it. Tuesday evening we had a Christian Education Committee Meeting that ends with a time of Prayer. I, along with two elders present moved over and laid hands on the Pastor. The Prophecy came forth confirming his Ministry as a true "Shepherd" with Gifts of the Spirit to go with it, including the Gift of Healing. One of the Elders also gave a prophecy. It was all so encouraging. What a blessing! How Wonderful!

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Greatness is success with a purpose. Jesus gave the Blue Print in Mark 10:43. "Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be servant of all". Rather than trying to suppress that drive, Jesus channelled it in the right direction.

Do not try to get God to endorse your work. Keep pace with His work.

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## NEWSLETTER

It was a joy to hear from Art and Anita Butterfield in Alaska. They say Alaska is beautiful but full of witchcraft, depression, divorce and drunkenness. The Churches are having a real struggle in such an environment. What a needy field for the Gospel of Grace and the message of Deliverance! Praise the Lord He is opening opportunities for them to minister in different ways. What a good place for a Spirit-filled Prophet to bring Revival! Uphold them in Prayer.

A surprize phone call followed by a letter came from Nancy Soteris. Remember Nancy taught a Beginners class in Art and Millie Gillingham's front room while Albert taught in the class room at the back? Nancy and Tony have three girls ages 18,11,and 8. They live in Chehalis,Wash. Nancy is starting a C.T.C. Class. Praise the Lord!

Ben and Carolyn Liebsack are teaching a mid-week class on "Gifts and Ministries". The Word and Teaching is going out in so many places. Let's keep up the good work and get it out wherever we can.

Robert and Ellen Milligan are doing a good job here in Visalia with a School on Ministries and Gifts, one or two nights a week.

I have been able to get a couple books printed but still have three that are urgently needed. Your financial help will be greatly appreciated.

Just received a letter from Holland, from Jan Chris Pennekamp. He is serving as an Interpreter for the Full Gospel Business Men's Meetings now. He says it is wonderful how the Lord helps him and brings the right word to mind just at the right time.

The Sunday night service is growing. Souls are being saved and filled. Now they are planning a water baptismal service. They have also started a Foundational Bible Study Group that is going well. Praise the Lord!

A treasure chest is within you. It can bless no one unless you let it out.

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