

Will Kill Her with Death

- Their “works” were religious, sometimes very religious, but with only a “ form of Godliness” and absolutely contrary to the “Revealed word of God.” for their age.
- Calling good evil, and evil good, they refused to accept the word for their age.
- “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate” (TITUS.1:16)

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- The false Church always think they are righteous. Like Cain think their offering is sufficient. Only to find it is rejected by God because it's contrary to His word.
- The Lord does not ask us to be religious, but He does ask us to be spiritual, giving His Word, not the church creeds preeminence in our lives.

Choose Ye This Day

- If you haven't already done so may be now is the time to stop and consider whether or not your attitude, motive, objective and life is 'according to ' or contrary to the word of God.
- In the Bible, we have been instructed by the Lord to “ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves , how that Jesus Christ in you, except ye be reprobates”
- If Jesus Christ is in you, then you will endeavor to live by His Word.

The Message to Thyatira

(Revelation.2:24-28)

- But unto you I say , and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 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. And I will give him the morning star.

The Message

- Not forgetting His own who labor under the strain of the forces of unbelief , our Lord graciously acknowledges those in Thyatira who have not defiled their testimony with doctrine of “that woman Jezebel”.
- Rather than experiencing the “depths of Satan” by compromising on the true Word, they experienced the depths of God by staying true to that measure of the Word, the revelation to them in their age

The Message

- Here, our Lord promises that He would not “put upon them none other burdens”. The pressure of the Dark ages was either bend, or broken, bow or die.
- It was the inquisition, the power of the Empire backing up Satanic worship. Be organized or pay with your life.
- Each age had its pressures. The great burden of the last age is the pressure of riches. Soft living and nervous tensions in a complex age that we seem unfitted to live in.

The Message

- The Lord encourage them to “hold fast till I come”, and points them to the reward reserved for the over comer.
- He identifies the “ over comer” as “ he that keepeth my works unto the end”.
- They that “keep His works” are they that “do those things which please God, not the church.

The Message

- To more fully understand the reward of “power over the nations” we must understand the promised reward to the over comer in the seventh church age (Laodicea)
- The promised in the seventh age
- “ to him that over cometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne”
- (Revelation.3:21)

The Message

- The throne represents a position of “power and authority”. To sit with him, our Lord Jesus Christ, in His throne is to share in His “ power and authority”
- All judgment was committed unto the Son, and the Son in turn declared through Paul that the Saints shall judge the earth.
- The elect bride will sit with Him in that position in eternity.

The Message

- With more words of encouragement the overcomers are promised “ the Morning Star”. Of course, the Morning Star is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Jesus said “ if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto my self; and where I am there ye may be also.”
(John.14:3)
- To receive the Morning Star is to be gathered with Him, in resurrection and rapturing glory into eternity



Columba

**Dark Ages
Climax**

Thyatira
606 - 1520

TRUE CHURCH

(The Bride of Christ)

- The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;
- The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;
- The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;
- The spider taketh hold with, and is in kings palaces.
- (PROVERBS.30:25-28)

THE FIFTH PARABLE

(The Church Age)

- AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE UNTO TREASURE HID IN A FIELD; THE WHICH WHEN A MAN HATH FOUND, HE HIDETH, AND FOR JOY THEREOF GOETH AND SELLETH ALL THAT HE HATH, AND BUYETH THAT FIELD.
- (Matthew.13:44)

Fifth Church Age (Church in Sardis)

- REVELATION.3:1-2
- And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirit of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
- Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

The Fifth Church Age (The Church in Sardis)

- REVELATION.3:3-4
- Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, 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.
- Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

The Fifth Church Age (The Church in Sardis)

- REVELATION.3:5-6
- He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; 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.
- He that hath an ear , let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches

The Time Period of Sardis

- The Sardisean – The Fifth church age lasted from 1520 to 1750 AD. A total of 230 years.
- In church history , this period of time is usually referred as the Reformation; but more than reformation, it was a beginning of a restoration, a restoration of the truth or the world which was taken from the people during the dark age.

The Time Period

- It was during the early stages of this age , Christopher Columbus discovered the New World – America. With that discovery, many in Europe were able to find freedom away from the oppression and bondage of the Roman Catholic Church.
- Not only was the Roman church wounded by the Martin Luther's reformation , but by about 300 years later , in 1808 AD , Napoleon Bonaparte dethrone the Pope , deepening the wound on the head of the Beast. (Rev.13:3)

The wounded Head

(Revelation.13:1-3)

- And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
- And the beast which I saw was like unto leopard , and his feet were as feet of bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him power., and his seat , and great authority.
- AND I SAW ONE OF HIS HEADS AS IT WERE WOUNDED TO DEATH; AND HIS DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED; AND ALL THE WORLD WONDERED AFTER THE BEAST.

The Four Great Empires

(Daniel.7:3-8)

- And four great beast came up from the sea, divers from another.
- The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and mans hearts was given to it.
- And behold another beast,, a second , like unto a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it.; and they said unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

The Four Great Empires

(Daniel :7-6-7)

- After this I beheld , and lo another, like a leopard, which, had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the best had also four heads; and beast and also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
- After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth : it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it was diverse from all the beast that were before it; it had ten horns

The Great Empires

(Revelation.7:8)

- I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were mouth. e eyes of man and speaking great things.

RUINATION & RESTORATION

- That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left cankerworm eaten; and that which cankerworm hath left the caterpillar eaten. (Joel.1:4)
- And I will restore to you the years that locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and caterpillar, and palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. (Joel.2:25)



THE MESSENGER
MARTIN LUTHER

THE TIME PERIOD
1520 TO 1750 AD

THE CITY
SARDIS

BIBLE REF.
REVELATION.3:1-6

The Messenger –Martin Luther

- Martin Luther to this age is the best known messenger to all ages because history identified him to be the one who spear headed the great spiritual reformation of the church.
- The church that had been over completely to the false doctrines of the Nicolaitans, Balaam, and the woman Jezebel.

Martin Luther

- Luther was a brilliant scholar. He was studying to be a lawyer when he entered the Augustinian convent at Erfurt in 1505 AD. Where he studied philosophy and also the word of God.
- He lived the life of severest penance , but all outward acts could not banish his sense of sin and alienation from God.
- He said “I tormented myself to death to make peace with God, but I was in darkness and found it not”

Martin Luther

- Like millions before him he made a pilgrimage to Rome – fulfilling a vow he had made himself.
- Beholding the city which sits on seven hills he prostrated himself upon the earth exclaiming “Holy Rome, I salute thee” but, he discovered the city was anything but certainly not holy.

Martin Luther

- Luther was filled with astonishment and horror at the iniquity which existed among all classes of clergy in Rome and all over. He witnessed corruption on a scale he had never witness before.
- In the place of sanctity he found only profanity. Later he wrote “ What sins and infamous actions are committed in Rome; They must be seen and heard to be believed. Thus they are in the habit of saying, if there is hell, Rome is built over it. It is an Abyss whence issues every kind of sin.

Martin Luther

- Martin Luther was sincere and he determined to perform all religious duties customary for a pious visitor in Rome.
- One of those duties was to avail of an indulgence offered by the Pope to all who ascend upon their knees “Pilate’s staircase”
- One day Luther found himself on his knees, with hundreds of pious visitors devotedly climbing step by step.

Martin Luther

- While climbing and meditating on the things of God, a voice, like thunder suddenly echoed in his soul the words of Romans.1:17 “The Just shall Live by Faith.”
- The spiritual lightening of God illuminated his soul showing him the futility of church imposed ritual, dogma and works that would bring salvation.
- The word of God struck home to his heart – it was finally quickened made alive – a living reality in his soul. He spring to his feet, rushed back down the staircase.

Martin Luther

- Turning his back on all deception of Roman Catholic Church, his eyes were opened and were never to be closed again to the delusion of Papacy.
- From that time the separation grew wider, until he severed all connections with the Papal church.
- He clearly saw the fallacy of trusting in human works and religious ritual for salvation. Now, he saw only the absolute necessity of constant faith in the merits of Christ.

Martin Luther

- On his return trip from Rome, the evangelical truth (Romans.1:17”Just shall live by faith”) flooded his mind and his he was set free from sin and born into the kingdom of God.
- With a determination to devote his whole life to study and faithfully expound and defend the Holy scriptures, Luther was no longer monk or professor.
- He was now “ a messenger to an age” the Sardis age. The torch in his soul was lighted with the eternal fire from the Almighty God.

Martin Luther

- It was only a matter of time and the revealed word to God's messenger soon came unto open conflict with the abuses of church creeds and doctrines.
- Thus when Leo x become Pope, and John Tetzel came to sell indulgences for sin, Luther had no choice but to rise up against this anti scriptural teaching.
- First he thundered from the pulpit against it and then wrote his famous 95 theses which on oct.31 1517 AD. He nailed to the door of the castle church of Wittenberg, setting Germany ablaze.





THE CASTLE CHURCH OF
WITTENBERG

Martin Luther

- Luther, himself was a sensitive Spirit filled Christian. He was definitely a man of the Word for he not only had a profound passion to study it but to make it available to all in order that all might live by it.
- He translated the New Testament and gave it to the people. He gathered around him a group of Hebrew scholars amongst whom were Jews and translated the Old Testament.

Martin Luther

- His translation of the scriptures, enabling the common man to read. He was a mighty preacher and teacher of the Word, and insisted especially in his first years of public ministry, that the Word of God was the sole criterion.
- He was a man given to much prayer and had learned that the more work he had to do more time in prayer needed.
- More of his time he gave to God in prayer in order to ensure more success and result.
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Martin Luther

- It is recorded in the history, Martin Luther was a “ Prophet, Evangelist, Speaker in tongues , interpreter, in one person endowed with all nine gifts if the Spirit.”
- Luther’s ministry and the revelation of the truth “Just shall live by faith” signifying the ‘rebirth’ of the Church Spiritual, which had been martyred by millions during the Dark Ages.
- The truth was beginning to restored to the true sons and daughters of God. Luther will be forever known as the instrument in the hand of God , the Messenger to the Age.

Martin Luther

- His marvelous understanding of Sovereignty , Election ,Predestination and other truths show him to be a great man in the Word.
- God used him to bring to the people God's standard against works, "Just shall live by faith"
- He spear headed this period of reformation making him a "Reformer" not a "Prophet". He was a fine teacher with some of the manifestation of the Spirit in his life.

Martin Luther

- Martin Luther did not qualify as a Prophet, nor did his ministry fit the profile of that of Bible prophet.
- A Prophetic ministry was reserved for the last church age.
- Luther was not able lead the church back to the while truth as would a man like Apostle Paul who was both Apostle and Prophet.

Martin Luther

- As time went on other influences came in to play in Luther's life, causing him time to time to falter in his steps.
- At first he had been so gentle, so fearless, so patient and constantly waiting on God to work out the problems.
- But vast numbers began to come to his banner – not all came with right motives objectives.. On the contrary some had political motives.
- They wanted to break yoke of the Pope. Then there were fanatics, which of course follow every revival.

Martin Luther

- Soon he was dragged into political affairs and decisions that actually way out side the realm of the church spiritual.
- The responsibility of the church was , through prayer, preaching and conduct to set a standard to guide man in all the affaires of life including political affairs.
- The church was not to make political decisions, but rather pray for those making those decisions.

Martin Luther

- God used Luther in many different ways despite he was distracted in make political decisions.
- After Martin Luther's death, his followers organized the second Christian Religion – The Lutheranism.
- If Lutherans could get back to Luther's teaching and serve God , He could bless them.

The City - Sardis

- Sardis was the capital of ancient Lydia. It passed from the hands of Lydian monarchs to the Persians, Alexander the Great , Antiochus the great . The kings of Pergamos and finally the Romans took over. Today it is a heap of ruins.
- The city was at one time very important commercially. It was center of wool dying and carpet weaving.
- It had a goodly amount of silver and gold in the area . It also had a slave market.

The City - Sardis

- The religion of this city was the impure worship of the goddess Cybele.
- Mother and son worship that was strong in Pergamos age carried into this age in the form of Cybele and Deoils.

Attributes attached to the Pagan Mother & Son

- He was the sun god. She was moon goddess.
- He was the lord of heaven. She was the queen of heaven.
- He was the revealer of goodness and truth. She gentleness and mercy
- He the mediator. She the mediatrix.
- He with the key that open and shuts the gates of invisible world. She with an identical key doing likewise.
- He as the judge of the dead. She as standing at his side.

The City - Sardis

- Without a doubt the reformation started in this Sardis age caused the Jezebel false church to consolidate and emphasize her doctrine of Mary.
- The protestants who denied Mary any part whatsoever in the plan of salvation apart from favor with God as the virgin chosen to bear the babe.

The City – Sardis

- As Luther crystallized the doctrine of Justification by faith, the false church held to works , penance, prayers and other unscriptural means.
- As the freed Christians glorified the Son, the Roman Catholic Church increased their deification to Mary until the twentieth century saw Pope Pius literally exalt Mary to glorification in a resurrected body.
- This ascension doctrine is absolutely the Babylonian concept. The son carrying the mother bodily to heaven