

THE SIGNS OF A DEAD CHURCH

EZEKIEL 37:1

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

EZEKIEL 37:2

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

EZEKIEL 37:3

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

EZEKIEL 37:4

4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

EZEKIEL 37:5

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

EZEKIEL 37:6

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

EZEKIEL 37:7

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

EZEKIEL 37:8

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

THE. SPOKEN. WORD. IS. THE. ORIGINAL. SEED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_ 62-0318

18-4 To mix it brings forth a hybrid crop; and a hybrid crop is a dead crop--far as rebreeding.

It won't breed itself; it can't, 'cause God said so. It has to bring forth of its kind, and you've mixed it. Now, you can see the church right there, where we're going to wind up.

It dies there, for it cannot bring forth of its kind. Why? It's mixed. You can't do nothing with it. It's dead; it's finished. All right. That's why each generation has its own revival, a chance at the Word.

Oh, the sovereign God at the judgment. . . John Wesley's group will raise up, and these "starched-washed" Methodists of today will answer for it. Luther will raise up. The Catholics will raise up. And back behind Irenaeus, Martin, Polycarp, and those, and will have to stand the judgment for hybridizing the Word of God to dogmas.

This group of Lutherans that followed Lutherans' revival will answer the same thing. The group of Baptists that followed John Smith's revival will do the same thing. Alexander Campbell's will do the same thing. And the Pentecostals will do the same thing.

That original revival, when the Holy Ghost fell, called out a people, and God trying to get His Word to it, and they organized it, and set over here, and denominated, *and died right there.*

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19-2 Now, that's why each revival has its own revival--each generation has its revival. God raises Him up a man, sets him with His Word, and starts him out for the message for that age.

And as soon as that man's taken off the scene somebody else catches it and hybreeds it.

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19-6 Hybreeding first started in Eden, started in Genesis. It's the beginning. That's where. . . And it ends up over here in Revelations at the second coming of Christ.

Now, remember. Correctly: that's why each generation has its own revival; it gets a chance at the Word. Then they hybreed it; instead of taking on, they go somewhere else.

88-1 EPHESIAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 3
Now history keeps repeating itself. In the generations of Israel we see revival in one generation, only to see the fires fading in the next.

In the third generation, embers may be glowing slightly, but in the fourth there may be no vestige whatsoever of that original flame. Then God lights the fire again, and the same process is repeated. It is simply the manifestation of the truth that God has no grandchildren.

Salvation is not passed on by natural birth any more than is there any truth to apostolic succession. It isn't in the Word. You start out with truly born-again believers, and when the next generation comes along they are no longer just plain Christians, but they have taken a denominational name and are now Baptists, Methodists, etc.

That is exactly what they are, too. They are not Christians. You have to be born of the will of God, not the will of man, to be saved. But these folks are all coming together now by the will of man.

I don't say that some of them aren't right with God. Not for a minute do I say that, but the original fire has died down. They are not the same any more.

88-2 EPHESIAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 3

The fervent desire to please God, the passion to know His Word, the cry for reaching out in the Spirit, all begins to fade and instead of that church being on fire with the fire of God it has cooled off and become a bit formal.

That is what was happening back there to the Ephesians. They were getting a bit formal. The abandonment to God was dying out and the people weren't too careful about what God thought of them as they began to be careful about what the world thought of them. That second generation coming on was just like Israel.

They demanded a king to be like the other nations. When they did that, they rejected God. But they did it anyway. That is the history of the church. When it thinks more of conforming to the world instead of conforming to God, it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially.

They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behaviour. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed--drifting.

89-1 EPHESIAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 3

That cycle of revival and death has never failed. All you have to do is recall this last move of God in the Spirit when men and women dressed like Christians, went to church, prayed all night, took to street corners and weren't ashamed of the manifestations of the Spirit.

They left their old dead churches and worshipped in homes or old store buildings. They had reality. But it wasn't too long a time until they began to get enough money to build fine new churches. They put in a choir instead of singing unto God for themselves. They put gowns on the choir.

They organized a movement and ran it by man. They soon began to read books that weren't fit to read. They let down the bars and goats came in and took over.

The cry of joy was gone. The freedom of the Spirit was gone. Oh, they kept on with a form; but the fire had died down and the blackness of ashes is about all that is left.

ISRAEL. AND. THE. CHURCH. 2_ JEFF. IN IC 35-64 THURSDAY_
53-0326

45 Oh, they believe theology. They're so calloused and drug
back till you can't speak to them in no way. I can take a man
out there, never heard of God, worshipping an idol,

and do more with him in five minutes than you can do with a
fellow that professes to be a Christian, an old mossback
something that's hung along and had a lot of this embalming
fluid, and jerked into his veins. Puts me in the mind of one of
them old cold morgues down here somewhere, like an
undertaker establishment.

That's right. Settle down down there, go in, put. . . I go in them
old, big old churches, and it puts me in the mind of a--a
morgue; the spiritual thermometer go a hundred below zero.
You have to wade yourself in almost. I'm not saying it for a
joke, but it's the truth.

Some of them know no more about God, stand up there and
say, "Well now, I'll tell you; oh, I believe it's all. . . " My,
goodness. Why, you deceiver of man. You stay out of the
Kingdom of God and teach others to stay out.

They put some fluid in, like taking a dead man to a morgue. They--they take all of his blood out and put something in there to be sure that he's dead.

Well, that's about the way they do: take what little religion the people's got, or what little faith they got, and inject some old, and--and theology into them, and kills them worse, and keeps them dead. That's all. That's right. Terrible.

THE. RESURRECTION. OF. LAZARUS_ EVANSVILLE. IN SUNDAY_
53-1122

They pump out of him what God put in him. That's. . . It puts in mind, going round like a big old morgue, you know, out there, cold, dead, place, the icicles, the spiritual thermometer about ninety below zero, and go in to it. A--a morgue,

GIFTS_ BROOKLYN. NY FRIDAY_ 56-1207

The church today isn't needing power. It's needing faith to operate what power it has. You've had so much embalming fluid pushed into you that the days of miracles is past and some old cold morgue with the icicles--the spiritual icicles hanging down with ninety below zero. . .

And somebody in there with some dead fluid to pump into you to be sure that you stay dead. . .

It's become such a place till the Spirit of God has been grieved, and any church that denies the Supernatural, it'll die as sure as I'm standing this pulpit.

THE. RESTORATION. OF. THE. BRIDE. TREE_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-15
SUNDAY_ 62-0422

First thing you know you're setting in a big morgue, you know, setting there, all of them dead. Some of these embalming fluids of so-called doctrine of creeds pumped into their veins where the Spirit of God ought to be running,

where the old church creed pumped in there, no wonder they're icy, cold and dead; spiritual thermometer, ninety below zero. Yeah. Somebody say, "Amen"; everybody stretch their neck around like some kind of goose or something, want to know what said that.

It's a shame, when the Spirit of God ought to be joy, peace, love. But this little old bug started eating on it, and he eat all the joy away.

AND. THEN. JESUS. CAME_ PHOENIX. AZ SATURDAY_ 57-0302

People would rather stay in an old, stale, formal, ungodly, indifferent condition, than to put up with a little wildfire now and then. I'd rather have it thousand times to one.

15-3 THE. REVELATION. OF. JESUS. CHRIST - CHURCH. AGE.
BOOK CPT. 1

Now remember this. Christ in the True Church is a continuation of the Book of Acts. But the Book of Revelation shows how that the antichrist spirit would come into the church and defile it, making it lukewarm, formal and powerless.

MATTHEW 23:27

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones,

THE. TRUE. VINE. AND. A. FALSE. VINE_ MACON. GA TUESDAY_
55-0607

a funny experience. As I rode along, I come over an old burn over where's a lot of old trees had been burnt down years ago--some forest fire--how the sun gets hot and burns off strips like that, sets a fire.

And all the pine, big tall swaying trees, was all burnt down. Just a great big bunch of bleached white looking trees standing, and that moon shining down on them. Mmmm.

Oh, looked like a graveyard with all the big white tombstones. Well, something or other the Holy Spirit seem to said, "Stop a minute. " I stopped. My old horse is getting tired anyhow and hooked him around the--an old limb laying there.

I got up on a log and looked around. I said, "Well, God, I don't know why I'm up here, but you got me here for something. "

THE. TRUE. VINE. AND. A. FALSE. VINE_ MACON. GA TUESDAY_ 55-0607

I just kept watching. I hear the wind come, you know, when it blows against them old trees. They'd moan, mmmmmmm. I though, "Oh, my, what a place, way back in the earth, this old bleached out place, burnt over dead. . .

I said, "What a place. Looks like a graveyard. " And I took--listened top that mmmmm, mmmmm. I thought, "Well, Lord, what do you want me here for?

And just then the Holy Spirit spoke to me, and give me this Scripture. "What the Palmerworm has left, has the caterpillar eaten; what the caterpillar has left, has the cankerworm eaten.

I thought, "Yes, it come to me that one time was a great fine green tree, but the fires has burnt all the life out of it. " See?

I thought, "That's true. What the Baptist left, the Methodists has eaten. What the Pentecost has eaten. " I thought, "Oh, my, it's all stripped down. "

I thought, "Well, what's the matter with them old trees?"
They're too starchy. "Why don't they bend with that wind?"
And the wind's a blowing; they go mmmmm, just moaning.
And I thought, "Well, my, what a spooky looking sight. "

I thought, "Yes, that reminds me of these great big old high
steeped churches around different places, just as dead as they
could be

THE. TRUE. VINE. AND. A. FALSE. VINE_ MACON. GA TUESDAY_
55-0607

E-49 What's the matter? What one left, the other one eaten.
It's cut all down. Well, I looked over here in the Scripture, and
He said, "But I will restore, saith the Lord. " What a hard Word
is that. The wind started blowing.

I thought, "What's the use of sending the wind if they're going
to act like that?" I looked down and underneath there had
come a little bunch of undergrowth, called in the world today,
back wash--something like that.

But they were green and flexible. Every time the wind would
hit them, they'd just sway back and forth and frolic as hard as
they could. I said, "Praise be to God, I will restore saith the
Lord, though they be blown. " I said.

There come from heaven, a sound like a rushing mighty wind called the Holy Ghost, and all those big old formal church could do is holler, "Mmmmmm, days of miracles is past. Mmmmm, there's no such thing as Divine healing. , Mmmmm, it's of the devil.

Mmmmm, don't believe it, don't go to it. " But all the time, God's got a growth coming on, a church. . . ?. . . "I will restore saith the Lord. "

THE. TRUE. VINE. AND. A. FALSE. VINE_ MACON. GA TUESDAY_ 55-0607

All of His former glory will return to it again. All that it was in the first place will come back again. I thought, "What does God send the wind for anyhow?" To shake them trees.

Every time you shake a tree, it loosens up the root, and cause it to grow deeper, deeper. Every time the Holy Ghost falls on the church in an old fashion revival, it shakes up the roots like this so it can get rooted and grounded, ready for the storms and trials as they come upon the earth. Hallelujah!

THE. INVISIBLE. UNION. OF. THE. BRIDE. OF. CHRIST_ SHP. LA
V-2 N-15 THURSDAY_ 65-1125

31 A true picture of the modern church today! Neither does the modern church want any of these here, screaming, shouting, tongues-speaking, Acts 2:38 young'ns around her. Yeah. Yeah. See? Yeah.

She don't want any of them whooping, and crying, and screaming, "Amen! Hallelujah!" Why, such a child would immediately put her out of her denomination. They had one like that in one of the churches, why, they'd throw her out right quick.

"Why you letting such stuff as this go along?"

THE. INVISIBLE. UNION. OF. THE. BRIDE. OF. CHRIST_ SHP. LA
V-2 N-15 THURSDAY_ 65-1125

132 So, you see, she's pregnated with something, 'cause she's bringing forth members all the time. But she don't want none of them screaming, hollering, blabbering, Acts 2:38, miserable creatures that she thinks they are.

It would certainly embarrass her. It would ruin her and her educated, ethical, scientific society church that she belonged to here. They would throw her out, at the next council.

She can't have it. So she don't want to be pregnated with the Word, because that's the only kind that the Word can bring forth.

133 Born of the Spirit of God, it has the Spirit of God in it. No intellectual church-join and creed-going, bobbed hair, painted face; there's no such a thing as that in all of It.

You don't find that in the Word of God. You find an old-fashion, sanctified, Holy Ghost-filled child, born of the Spirit of God, screaming, hollering, shouting, praising God.

WHOOPING : a loud cry of exultation or excitement

b. a shout uttered by a warrior

c. to utter a loud shout or cry

d. to call out , to urge on , to express joy with noisy celebrations, to cheer

SQUALL: make high pitched noises , to utter a sudden loud cry

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Romans 10:7

“So then Faith cometh by hearing , and hearing by the word
of the God”.

HEBREWS 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper
than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing
asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow of
the bone

EKIEL 37: 5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones;
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EZEKIEL 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

JOSHUA 6:10

10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

JOSHUA 6:16

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

JOSHUA 6:20

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet,

and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

I SAMUEL 4:6

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

I SAMUEL 4:7

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

I CHRONICLES 15:28

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

I CHRONICLES 15:29

29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

REVELATION 6:1

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

REVELATION 5:7

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

REVELATION 5:8

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

REVELATION 5:9

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood

REVELATION 5:12

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

REVELATION 5:13

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

IT. IS. THE. RISING. OF. THE. SUN_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY_65-0418M

94 As Christ was the first One to raise, from all the prophets, and so forth; although typed in many places, He was the Firstfruits of those that slept.

In the Bride, coming of Christ, coming out of the church, there'll have to be a Sheaf waved again in the last days. Oh, my!

95 Waving of the sheaf! What was the sheaf? The first one that come to mature, the first one that proved it was a wheat, that proved it was a sheaf.

96 Hallelujah! I'm sure you see what I'm talking about. It was waved over the people. And the first time there will come forth, for the Bride age, for a resurrection out of dark denominationalism, will be a Message,

that the full maturity of the Word has turned back again in Its full Power, and being waved over the people, by the same signs and wonders that He did back there.

IT. IS. THE. RISING. OF. THE. SUN_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY_65-0418M

97 "Because I live, ye live also," speaking to His Wife.
"Because I live, ye live also. " What a resurrection that that was!
And what a resurrection this is, to be quickened from the dead, "to be made alive in Christ Jesus," by God's quickening Power.

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104 We have put too much stress on the Mechanics and nothing on the Dynamic. It needs the dynamic Power of God, the resurrection Power of Jesus Christ upon the Church, to manifest and to bring to pass that This is gasoline.

It might be in a gasoline can; could still be water, see. But the only proof of it, is, put this Life on it, and It'll prove whether it's gasoline or not.

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105 And when you try to put the Holy Spirit in a denomination, you are as much as trying. . . You can get a splutter; you'll ruin your engine, by getting it full of carbon.

106 But, oh, I'm so glad that there is a ten thousand octane Power, the Word of God and a Holy Ghost to light It up, and to resurrect the Power of God into a man's life, or a woman's life, or into a church.

That shoved that Cadillac down the road yonder, under the dynamic Power of the Holy Ghost which came back and was waved over the people at the Day of Pentecost, making Him the same yesterday, today, and forever.

IT. IS. THE. RISING. OF. THE. SUN_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY_
65-0418M

107 There was the first Sheaf come up from all the prophets,
which was the Son of God, the King of all prophets.

108 There has been churches, churches, brides, brides,
churches, brides, brides.

109 But there has got to come One! Hallelujah! There has to
come a real Bride! There must come One that's not only got the
Mechanics, but the Dynamics of It, makes that Church live,
move in the Power of His resurrection. Until we come to that
place, until we find that place,

WHAT. SHALL. I. DO. WITH. JESUS. CALLED. CHRIST_ JEFF. IN V-
6 N-6 SUNDAY_ 63-1124M

116 The Dynamics of this Church will be a refilling of the Holy
Spirit that we have worked in a small measure while the
Headstone is coming down to unite with the Body.

But when that Head and Body unites together, the full power of
the Holy Ghost would raise Her up just exactly like that; even
the dead, that's dead in Christ, for hundreds of years ago, will
rise in the beauty of His holiness, and take a flight to the skies.
The Dynamics is the Holy Spirit.