

The Separation of the Harlot and the Bride

In December 1992 one of our number received a vision and prophetic revelation from the Lord and asked if he might share it with us, a small group who had been meeting for several years asking the Lord why the move of God we'd experienced in the late 70's and early 80's was waning. David was one of our group of questioners. So on January 6th 1993 we met together for David to share what he had received. The following is from the notes I made on that occasion.

Within days, quite unexpectedly, we began to find ourselves caught up in a separation we had not imagined. A definite change had taken place that was beginning to effect the body of Christ worldwide, a change which is still ongoing all these years later.

Within weeks many were to find themselves in a wilderness as the organisations of men within the Christian world began to shake. In nearly every town churches have split and split again. Some go from trying one answer to another, to try and keep control of what they have without realising that the Lord wants to be the true Head of His Church. God is shaking that which we call 'Church'.

So this is what we heard on that day in 1993.

Three Systems of Worship

David began by explaining that he saw three temples, three systems of worship, main streams, that we find when we read the Old Testament and he described the detail he saw. One was built according to God's plan but the others were Satan's 'lookalikes'.

David saw the temple of God that we read of in the Old Testament. It was ordained by God although it was only temporary. Moses was the head and it had a High Priest - a way by which man could approach God.

The priest was dressed in priestly robes, a mediator between the people and God. On the altar were animal sacrifices.

Temple made with hands
Priests
Altar - sacrifices
Law - Sabbath, Order of Service, Tithing, Sacrifices



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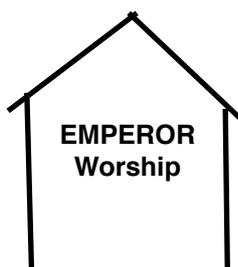
(Not ideal because of sin and the antichrist is still found within)

Next David saw Baal Worship in another temple made with hands. It also had a high priest and a man at it's head, Satan's copy which brought curses on Israel if they trespassed into it. It was Satan's counterfeit of what God had made.

Temple made with hands
Priests
Altar but this time with human sacrifices
Idols



Then David saw a third system, this time involving Emperor worship with its buildings made with hands

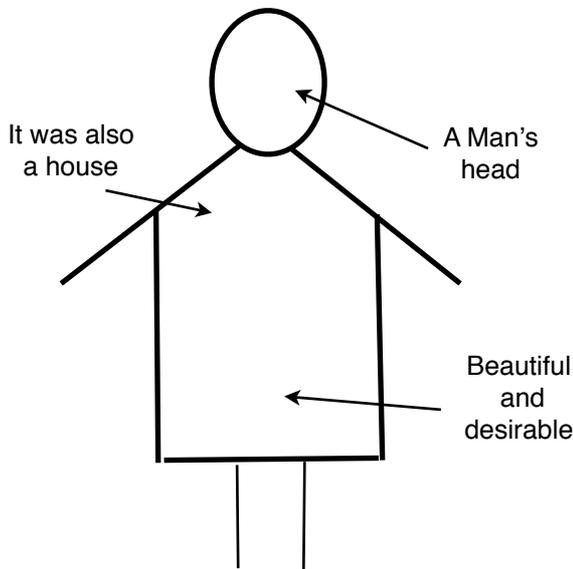


Temple made with hands
Adoration of a man - Pharaoh, Caersar, etc
Sacrifices mainly of people

David explained that he could see these as three temples but then the scene began to change :-

Two Beautiful Women

David described seeing a temple again. a building, but this time it gradually changed into a beautiful woman, one that would be desired by men and then David said that there were two women, both of whom were beautiful. The first however had been a building but then a woman and although she was beautiful she had certain features. The first was provocative and looked as though she had 'been around' but in contrast the second was dressed as a bride.

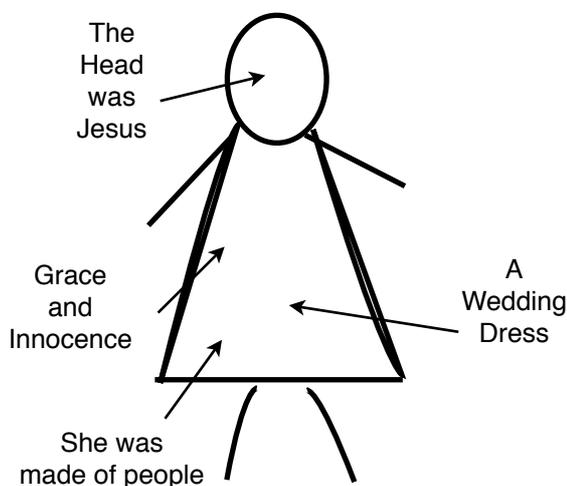


David heard a voice say, "Let us build a system that will be accepted by the world. 'Compromise' was on it's head and David realised that 'compromise' would bring acceptance by the world as 'Truth' would bring rejection!"

This system had certain features:-

- It did the will of man
- It sought the praise of men and the world
- It was built on compromise
- And good works
- It was religious
- Avoided persecution
- And built a kingdom of this world

David saw the frightening reality that this was 'Babylon'- this was the Great Harlot!



But the second woman, David realised, was the Bride of Christ. David heard a voice, "The Church is what you are." This woman was spotless - innocent - and dressed in a wedding gown. And she had different features:-

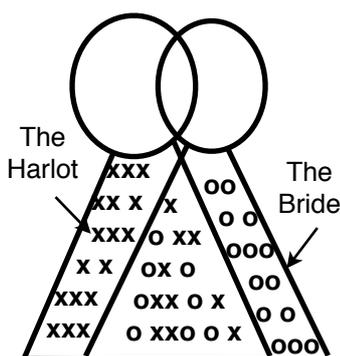
- She displayed Truth which brought rejection
- She brought the praise of God
- She did the will of the Father
- She wasn't religious
- She brought persecution upon herself
- She was made up of people, the sons of God
- And she was also a Kingdom made but without end and she only had one Head - Jesus

She was Jerusalem above

Mixed Together!

Then David saw that these two women were mixed together - but beginning to separate. And as this happened the sons of God were no longer a mixture!

David says that when he received this prophetic vision he did not really understand it all. Only later were we to understand that this is found in scripture in the prophecy Jesus taught of the tares and the wheat and the good and bad fish in the dragnet that will be separated at the end of the age, (Matt.13:24-30 & 37-43 and 47-52).



Where we are currently in the process of the Bride and the Harlot Separating