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Edward Church

WE WERE WARNED

REVELATION

THE END OF DAYS™

7 Churches pt. 9

Sardis –(3:1-6)

“Walking Dead”

1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 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. 4 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. 5 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. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches –Rev 3:1-6

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**The Lord Comes to His Churches...
...to Speak to Them About**

- **Where They Are...**
- **Where He Wants Them to Be...**
- **He Comes to Them w-...
...a Message Of Comfort**

REVELATION

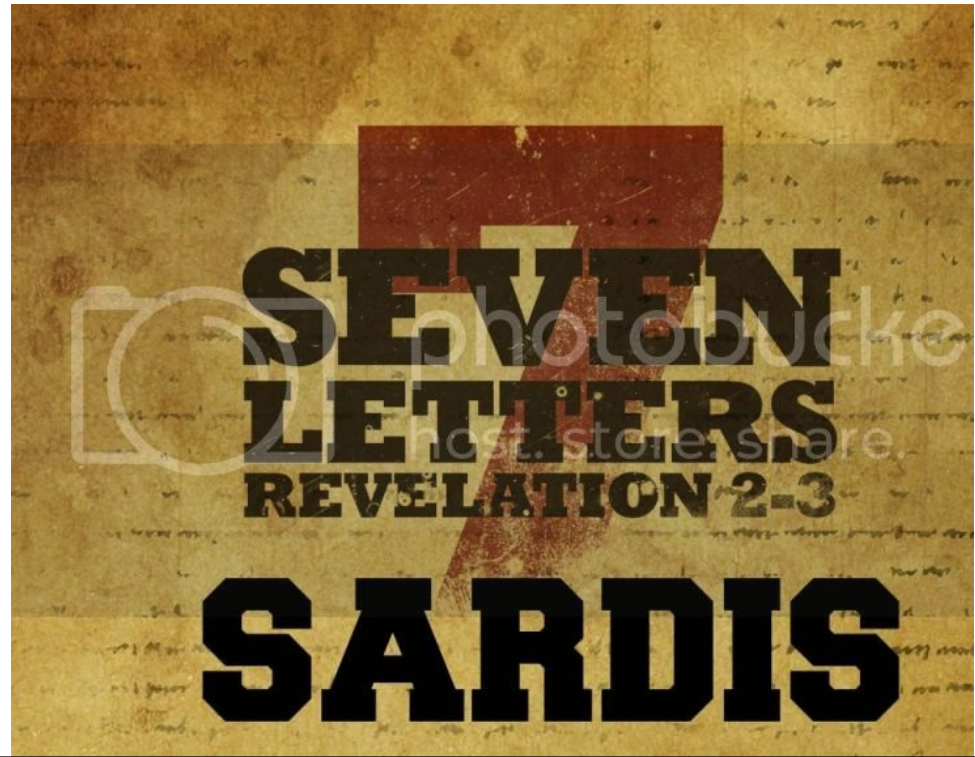
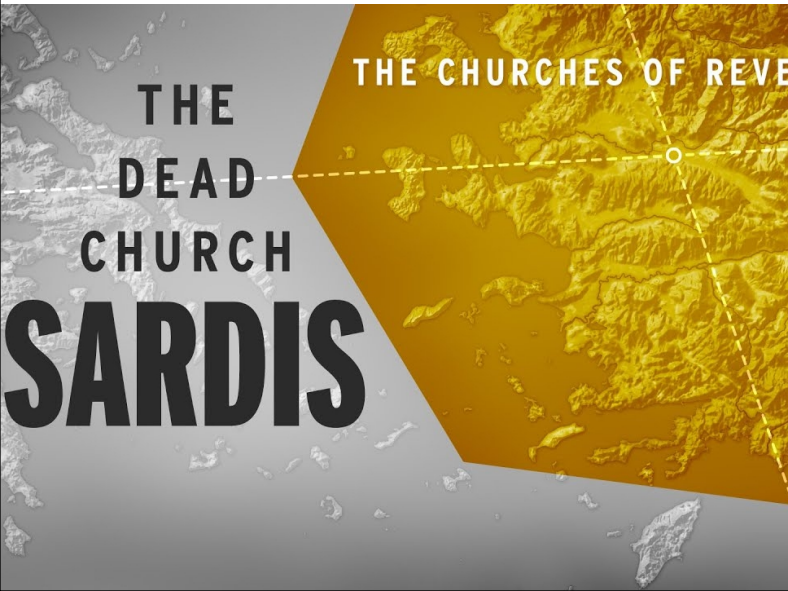
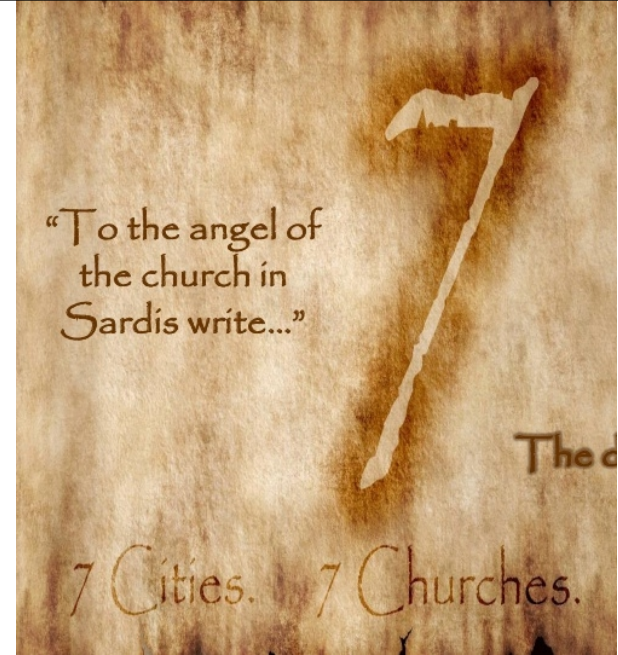
THE END OF DAYS



SARDIS:

CHURCH OF THE

WALKING DEAD





**SEVEN
LETTERS
REVELATION 2-3**

**Jesus Eyes Sardis
...the Church of Walking Dead!**

Sardis

Different Type of Message

Of the four examined so far, this church is in the worst shape.

The others start off with words of praise, but this church is different. There is some praise later, but the downside is greater!

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THE CHURCH THAT IS

Dead

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DEAD

A dark, atmospheric scene with a red, glowing word 'DEAD' in the center. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric, with some faint, glowing light sources. The word 'DEAD' is written in a stylized, red, glowing font that appears to be floating or attached to the surface.

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**This Church had a Reputation of Being Alive
...but in Reality was Dead.**

- Reputation = *what others thought*
- Appeared to Be Alive = *what others see*
- But was Really Dead = *what is not seen*

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The Sardis Church had a Great Past...

...but they were nowhere near that now.

- **Reputations don't always reflect reality.**
- **Even with past glory, a church cannot live on that past success.**
- **The church had been great...
...but it had fallen along way.**

Churches Often Go Through Four Stages of Life

Movement Stage

- **Nearly 100% Committed....**

Magnificence Stage

- **Commitment Dips to between 50 & 70%**

Monument Stage

- **Commitment Level Dips to between 10 to 30%.**

Mausoleum Stage

- **Attendance Levels are 10 to 50% on any Sunday**

The Mausoleum Church is Most Often...

...Identified as the “Dead Church”

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A Church is in Danger of Death When It:

- begins to worship its own past or history, its reputation or name in the church**
- more concerned with forms than with function**
- more concerned with numbers than w- the spiritual quality of life it is producing in its people**
- more involved with management than with ministry or with the physical over the spiritual**

SARDIS

THE CHURCH THAT IS

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SEVEN
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REVELATION 2-3

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7 Cities. 7 Churches. 7

WALKING DEAD

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REVELATION 3:1-6



REVIVE The RUSTY (2)

Rust indicates that most useful days are in the past.

REMEMBER what was RECEIVED (3)

Look back / remember what they received in the past.

Not to live off the past, to help growing closer to God

REPENT the WRONGDOING (3)

**“Repent means a “change of mind =
Change the Inner [Person] to Meet God’s Will.”**

REVEALING the REMNANT (4)

***“Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who
have not soiled their garments.”***

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**↑ Are You a Part of the Walking Dead...
...Or the Faithful Remnant?**

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FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE**

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BEFORE MY FATHER
AND BEFORE HIS ANGELS**

REVELATION 3:5

REWARDS for REAL FAITH

White CLOTHES

God Will Clean the Slate- Count Us Blameless

Place in HEAVEN

Not Blotting Our Names Out of the Book Of Life...

...Means We Gain Entry to Heaven

This Doesn't Mean Eternal Security

He Says We Must Be Faithful to the End

Confession Before GOD

Christ Will Confess Our Name Before God.

Confession Means "Agreement."

He Will Agree That We Are His.

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What does **Jesus** think of you?



Time to...

- **Wake Up**
- **Get Up!**
- **Shape Up!**
- **Show Up!**

What does **Jesus** think of you?