



The Seven Churches of Revelation Chapters 2 & 3

Church	Ephesus 7v	Smyrna 4v	Pergamum 6v	Thyatira 12v	Sardis 6v	Philadelphia 7v	Laodicea 8v
Defined:	“Darling”	“Myrhh”	“Perverted Marriage”	“Continual Sacrifie”	“Remnant”	“Brotherly Love”	“Rule of the People”
Time Period:	Apostolic Church AD 30-100	Persecuted church AD 100-312	Imperial church AD 312-606	Papal church AD 606-tribulation	Reformed church AD 1520 - trib.	Missionary / faithful church AD 1750- rapture.	Apostate church AD 1900 - trib.
Back-ground:	Harbor town, magnificent city, large pagan temples, seed / missionary church to Asia. Acts ch. 19 <u>Political center</u>	<u>Commercial cntr.</u> Crown city. Harbor town. Polycarp martyred Modern city of Izmir.	<u>Religious center.</u> Emperor worship 29 BC. Great altar to Zeus (Satan’s throne) New Babylon.	<u>Trade center</u> Military outpost & defensive fortress Known for fine brass works. Destroyed and re-built several times.	Ancient capital of kingdom of Lydia Luxury garment industry. Conquered 2x’s after falling asleep. Crossroads to Asia between, Ephesus, Smyrna & Pergamum	Colonial outpost under jurisdiction of Sardis. Lots of earthquakes Greek / pagan culture Grapes / Dionyse Wine / revelry Resisted Muslim influence until 14 th century.	Militarily unreliable so they got along with everyone (compromise) Prosperous <u>banking center</u> . Manufacture clothing “Phyrgian powder” a useless eye salve. Self sufficient, refused help from Rome to rebuild after earthquake in 60 AD.
Attribute of Christ:	“He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:	Alpha & Omega. Raised from the dead. Victory over death.	Sharp two-edged sword. The Word of God	“Son of God” Eyes like a flame of fire. Feet like fine brass. (Judgment)	He that has the 7 Spirits of God & the 7 stars. (control)	He that is Holy He that is true Has key of David. Power to open or close.	The “Amen” (only place in scripture this title used) Faithful & True witness, Creator. Beginning, Alpha, not Omega
Parable:	Sower Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23	Tares Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43	Mustard Seed Matt. 13:13:31-32	Leaven Matt. 13:33	Hidden Treasure Matt. 13:44	Pearl great price Matt. 13:45-46	Dragnet Matt. 13:47-50
Assertion of knowldge:	I know your works, labor and patience.	Works, tribulations, poverty (worldly) Spiritual riches Those who blaspheme them. Persecution.	Works Where they live by Satan’s throne. Hold fast my name. Not denied My faith.	Works, love, service, faith, patience & increase works.	Works. Said faith vs living faith. Alive on outside but dead on inside.	Works & good fruit Open door Jesus is their strength, faithful to Word of God, did not deny Jesus. Jesus loves them. Waited on Jesus patiently.	I know your works (negative). Luke warm. You say “I am rich and need of nothing” - self reliant
Commend:	Good deeds, hate deeds of the Nicolaitans, hard work, perseverance, no toleration of wicked men, testing all to see & find out. Enduring hardships, have not grown weary.	Works of the Spirit Tribulation - suffer for Christ, worldly poverty, spiritual riches, blasphemy / slander / reproach.	Know their works, circumstances, difficult place to witness. Remained true to His name. Defend deity of Christ. Didn’t renounce faith in Jesus, even to death.	Works, love, service, faith, patience, increased works.	None	Their works, good fruit. Open door, they stepped in. Little strength, relied on Jesus. Kept God’s Word Not denied His name. Jesus loves them. Waited on Jesus, patience.	None
Rebuke:	You’ve left your first love.	None	Tolerated doctrine of Balaam / Gnostics / Nicolaitans. Led to eating things sacrificed to idols & sexual immorality.	Tolerated Jezebel, false teachers & prophets. Fornication: Spiritual & phys. Eat things sacrificed to idols.	White washed tombs. Nice on the outside, dead on the inside. Praise with lips but far from Him. Works not perfect before God.	None	I spew you out of My mouth. I reject you. You are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.
Admonitn’ to heed:	Remember (2:5) Repent. Do the first works.	Warning of persecution to come. Prepare.	Repent	Repent, Hang on. Cast into sick bed w/those who commit adultery. Cast into great tribulation. Killed w/ death.	Repent, be watchful, wake up. Strengthen what remains through the Word. Remember & repent. Hold fast to what is left.	Hold fast!	Obtain righteousness from Me. Let Me make you rich, clothe you, feed you, and open your eyes. Let Me into your hearts.
Promise:	Tree of life.	Not hurt by 2 nd death. Crown of Life.	Hidden manna. White stones. New names.	Morning Star. Power over the nations. Psalm 37:4	Walk w/ Jesus, white garments. Not blot out name from the book of life. Confess name before Father.	Un-believers to worship. Kept from the great tribulation. Made a pillar in the Temple of God. God name on them, new name	Sit with Jesus in His throne.
Personal applicatn:	Works are not a substitute for loving Jesus and making Jesus pre-eminent in my life. 3 “R’s” Remember, repent, repeat.	Endure all things for Christ. Matthew 16:24 Prepare: Be strong in the Spirit. Ephesians 6:11-18 Put on the full armor.	2 Cor 6:14, Ps 139:23-24 Acts 17:11 Examine my life to see what I have / am tolerating, what I’ve let creep in.	Heb. 12:1 set aside the things that have hindered me. Remove the idols. Love comes first then works. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Hold fast Good intentions aren’t good enough. We need to finish strong keep our eyes on Jesus - motives, reconcile inside w/ outside. Stick to the plan v:1-4	Receive the mark of God. Serve God, look for opportunities Rely on Jesus, Jn. 15:5, Phil 4:13 Keep the Word of God Don’t deny Jesus.	Don’t try to do it on my own. Don’t try to be self-sufficient. Let God. Know my need for God, He is my strength. Psalm 18:2