

Seven Churches of Revelation

Churches	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamum	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
Verses	• Rev 2.1-7	• Rev 2.8-11	• Rev 2.12-17	• Rev 2.18-29	• Rev 3.1-6	• Rev 3.7-13	• Rev 3.14-22
Title of Christ	• Holds 7 stars in his right hand • Walks among the 7 lampstands	• Him who is First & Last • Who died & came to life again	• Has sharp double-edged sword	• Of Son of God • Whose eyes are like blazing fire • Whose feet are like burnished bronze	• Of him who holds the 7 spirits of God & the 7 stars	• Of him who is holy & true • Who holds the key of David • What he opens no one can shut & what he shuts no one can open	• Of the Amen • Faithful & true witness • Ruler of God's creation
Commendations	• Deeds known • Hard working • Persevering • Intolerant of wickedness • Discerned false apostles • Endured hardships • Have not grown weary • Hate practices of Nicolaitans	• Know your afflictions & poverty – you are rich! • Know you are slandered by non-Jews from synagogue of Satan	• Know you live where Satan has his throne, but remain true in my name • Did not renounce your faith in me, even when Antipas was executed	• Know your deeds • Know your love & faith • Know your service & perseverance • Know that you are now doing more than you first did	• Deeds known • You have some people who have not soiled their clothes	• Deeds known • Have placed an open door that no one can shut • Know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word & not denied my name • Have kept command to endure patiently	
Concerns	• Have forsaken your first love • In danger of loosing your lampstand		• hold to the teaching of Balaam • eating food sacrificed to idols & committing sexual immorality • You have some who hold to teaching of Nicolaitans	• You tolerate the prophetess Jezebel • Misleads servants into sexual immorality & eating of food sacrificed to idols • Jezebel is unwilling to repent	• You have a reputation of being alive, but are dead • Your deeds are not complete in the sight of God • If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, & you will not know what time I come		• You are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold • You are wealthy • You are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, & naked • I am about to spit you out of my mouth •

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Exhortations	• Repent • Do first works • Remember the height fallen from	• Do not be afraid to suffer • Devil will put you in prison to test you & suffer persecution for 10 days • Be faithful even to death	• Repent! • Otherwise, I will soon come to fight against them w/sword of my mouth	• I will cast Jezebel on a bed of suffering • Followers will suffer intensely • Strike Jezebel's children dead • Do not hold to Jezebel's teaching • Hold on to what you have until I come	• Wake up! • Strengthen what remains & is about to die • Remember what you have received & heard – obey it & repent	• Hold on to what you have so that no one will take your crown • I will make those of synagogue of Satan come, fall at your feet, & acknowledge that I have loved you	• Buy from me gold refined in fire • Wear white linens • Put salve on your eyes • Know that I love those I rebuke & discipline • Be earnest & repent • Answer the door
Promises to the Overcomers	• Right to eat from Tree of Life in Paradise	• The crown of life • Not hurt at all by 2nd death	• Some of the hidden manna • White stones with new name known only to recipient	• Repay each of you according to your deeds* • Authority over the nations • The morning star	• Unsoiled will walk with Jesus • Dressed in white • Never blot name from book of life • Acknowledge your name before Father & angels	• Kept from the hour of trial that is coming upon the whole world* • Made a pillar in the temple of God • Write on him: name of God, name of city of God, & Jesus' new name	• Sit with Jesus on his throne
Prophetic Profile	• Apostolic Church	• Persecuted Church	• Married Church	• Medieval Church	• Denominational Church	• Missionary Church	• Apostate Church
Admonitory Level (to all churches)	• Devotion, not just doctrine	• Endure persecution	• Purify ambassadorship	• Pagan practices	• Watchfulness, diligence	• Missionary outreach	• Prosperous compromise
What an Overcomer Does	• Passionately follows Jesus	• Remains faithful in suffering	• Follows the truth	• Avoids Compromise	• Follows Jesus (is not a fake)	• Seizes every God moment	• Divests from the world to invest in eternity
Personal Application	• Do not neglect God's priorities	• Resist the enemy	• Do not compromise your spiritual life	• Do not engage in pagan practices	• Be watchful & diligent	• Be loyal ambassadors for the Kingdom	• Serve Jesus with holiness & passion