

Revelation Part 2
- From Him who Loves us





Neapolis
Apollonia

Nicopolis

Cenchreae

Areopagus

Island of Patmos

Mitylene

Adramyttium

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Miletus

Colossae

Myra

Attalia

Perga

Tarsus

Haran

Antioch

Seleucia

Salamis

Paphos

Mount Hor

Mount Hermon

Merom

Damascus

Shechem

En-rogel

Sodom

Alexandria

Mount Halak

Temar

Mount Ararat

Babylon

Focusing on the
Future

- If Jesus were to write a letter to your church, what would he condemn or commend?



Letters to the Churches— The Things That Are

- Letters to 7 churches on the roman postal route – in order
- Could loosely correspond to “Church Ages”
- Five of these churches rebuked for tolerating sin
- Modern churches can have a mixture of these characteristics, good and bad





seven letters to seven

Patterns of the Letters to the Churches

A greeting: 'To the angel of the church in ...'

A title of the risen Christ, usually taken from the description in chapter 1.

A section headed 'I know', introducing praise for what is good in the church's record (not in the case of Laodicea).

A criticism of the church (not in the case of Smyrna nor Philadelphia).

A warning.

An exhortation beginning, 'He who has an ear ...'.

A promise beginning with something like 'To him who overcomes I will give ...'.

In the last four letters the order of 6 and 7 is reversed.

The Church of Ephesus

1 *To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, "These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:*

2 *"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;*

3 *"and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.*

4 *"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*

5 *"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.*

6 *"But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

7 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."*

Q: What things did Jesus commend?

- Works in general (deeds)
- Labor (hard work to the point of exhaustion)
- Perseverance (suffering of hardship and loss)
- Repelling those that are evil
- Testing of those that said they were Christians; turning from the common teaching of the Nicolaitans
- Patient Endurance for Jesus' sake

Q: What does "leaving your first love" mean?

A: Love for Christ must come first, before anything else, including works.

Q: What does Jesus command them to do?

A: Repent (to turn 180 degrees); break sharply with their evils; do the first works from when they first learned of the truth of Jesus

Q: Who does "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" refer to?

A: All churches, all time. Us even today.

Q: Who is an "Overcomer?"

A: 1 John 5:5 - "Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

The Church of Smyrna

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,

'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: 9 "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."'

Q: What things did Jesus commend?

- Works
- Tribulation (serious trouble, a crushing burden)
- Poverty – the strong word which means extreme poverty. Every legal action was taken towards Christians.
- Blaspheming by those who were born Jewish but were actually Satan's church

Q: Why does Jesus allow his faithful to be imprisoned (tortured) for 10 days? Does it apply today?

A: Jesus states this is to test them.

Q: What does Jesus command them to do?

A: Be faithful to death. This is not our world.

Q: What happens to the "faithful unto death" saints?

A: They inherit the crown of life (victory wreath). Reads "the crown which is life"

Q: What is the second death?

A: Our first death is physical, the second death is spiritual and eternal.

Next Up

Remaining Churches





The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4 –

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.