

## INTRODUCTIONS

### **Introducing the Title**

The word "Revelation" means what? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Introducing the Author and Audience (Rev. 1:1-4, 9-11)**

Revelation from whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Revealed where? \_\_\_\_\_

Revealed when? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Introducing Christ Jesus (Rev. 1:11-18)**

### **Introducing the Symbols (Rev. 1:12,20)**

The sharp two-edged sword \_\_\_\_\_

The Seven Lampstands \_\_\_\_\_

The Seven Stars \_\_\_\_\_

The Messengers/Angels \_\_\_\_\_

The Keys \_\_\_\_\_

### **Introducing the Seven Letters (Rev. 2 & 3)**

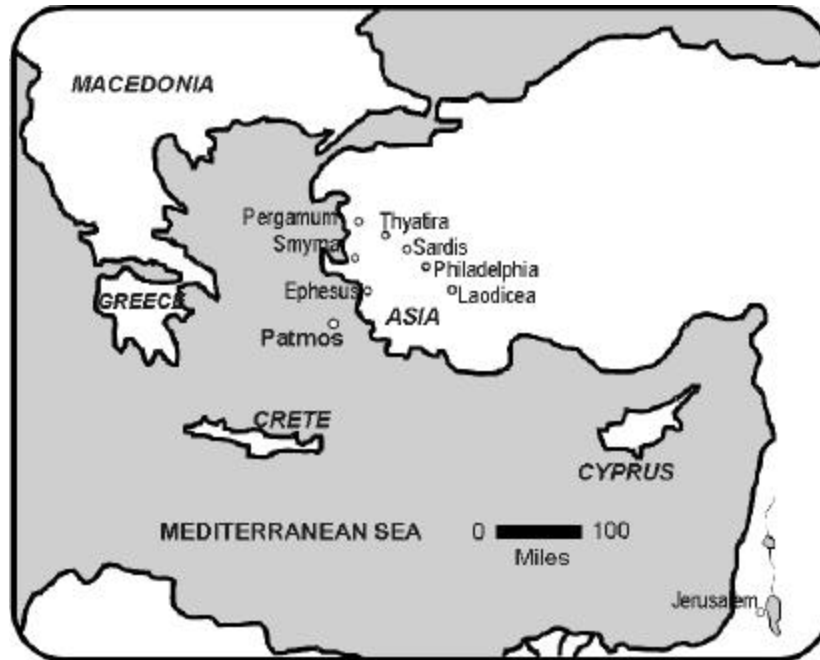
History? or Prophecy? (See Rev. 1:19)

The implications for application.

## The Seven Letters in Revelation

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THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR -- REVELATION 2 & 3



**1. Ephesus**

Rev. 2:1-7  
The Cold Church

**5. Sardis**

Rev. 3:1-6  
The Big Busy Church

**2. Smyrna**

Rev. 2:8-11  
The Suffering Church

**6. Philadelphia**

Rev. 3:7-13  
The Strong Little Church

**3. Pergamum**

Rev. 2:12-17  
The Mixed Up Church

**7. Laodicia**

Rev. 3:14-22  
The Comfortable Church

**4. Thyatira**

Rev. 2:18-29  
The Tempted Church

*The Letter to Ephesus*

**Rev. 2:1** Jesus tells John to write a letter to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Note that the word that the Greek word for *angel* can also mean *messenger* or *preacher*. The letters of Revelation 2 & 3 are written to the pastors (God's messengers) at the seven churches.

**PRAISE:**

**Rev. 2:2** Jesus knows what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 2:2-3** Jesus says the Christians in Ephesus are doing something good. What? \_\_\_\_\_

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***This means to us:***

If we see a new wonderful, teaching, we should do what? (See verse Rev. 2:2)

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If people make problems for us because we love Jesus, and if we suffer, we should do what? (See Rev. 2:3)

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**PROBLEM:**

**Rev. 2:4** Jesus said that the Christians in Ephesus did something bad. What? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rev. 2:5** If they don't go back to their first love to God, Jesus will do what? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does "*take away your lampstand*" mean? (Hint: Remember what the *lampstand* means, in Rev. 1:20.)

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**PROMISE:**

**Rev. 2:7** To everyone who "wins," Jesus will let them do what? \_\_\_\_\_

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See Genesis 3:22-24 What does the "Tree of Life" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

*The Letter to Smyrna*

**Rev. 2:8** Who is "The First and the Last?" Who "was dead and became alive?" \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 2:9** Jesus knows what? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did the Christians in Smyrna suffer? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus says they are both poor and rich. In what way are the people poor? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what way are the people rich? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rev. 2:10** What will happen to make the Christians suffer more? \_\_\_\_\_

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Their suffering maybe will end how? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 2:11** What is "the *second* death?" \_\_\_\_\_

How does Jesus save us from the second death? \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Letter to Pergamum*

**Rev. 2:12** What is the "sharp double-edged sword?" (Hint: See Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; and Rev. 1:16)

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**Rev. 2:13** Jesus knows what? \_\_\_\_\_

Who rules the city of Pergamum? \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAISE:**

**Rev. 2:13** Jesus says the church in Pergamum did one thing good. What? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who was Antipas? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to Antipas? \_\_\_\_\_

**PROBLEM:**

**Rev. 2:14** Some people in the church in Pergamum did something wrong. What? \_\_\_\_\_

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(You can read Balaam's story in the Old Testament, Numbers 22-24.)

**Rev. 2:15** What else did the church people do wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

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(See how the church in Pergamum is different than the church in Ephesus *Rev. 2:6*.)

**Rev. 2:16** What will Jesus do about the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROMISE:**

**Rev. 2:17** To everyone who "wins," Jesus will give them two things. What?

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To understand what the *manna* means, read John 6:25-58.

*The Letter to Thyatira*

**Rev. 2:18** The author of this letter is identified as who? *The* \_\_\_\_\_

His *eyes* look like \_\_\_\_\_

His *feet* look like \_\_\_\_\_

Look in Chapter 1 of Revelation, and find the verses give the same description of Jesus.

Rev. 1: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAISE:**

**Rev. 2:19** Jesus knows the Christians in Thyatira did *six* good things.

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**PROBLEM:**

**Rev. 2:20** A woman made problems at the church. Jesus named her what? \_\_\_\_\_

This is not the woman's real name; it is the name of a queen in the Old Testament.

See what the Old Testament queen did:

1 Kings 16:31-33 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 18:4 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 18:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 21:1-25 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Kings 9:22 \_\_\_\_\_

The woman in Rev. 2:20 taught the people to do what wrong things?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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What should the church have done about the woman? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 2:21** How did Jesus show love and patience to the evil woman? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rev. 2:22-23** The woman did not stop her evil way. So what did Jesus say He would do to her, and He will do to her followers?

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**Rev. 2:23** If God punishes wrong-doing, the people should learn what? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rev. 2:24** Christians should *not learn* what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 2:25** Jesus tells the true Christians they must do what? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus gives Christians hope. What will He do? \_\_\_\_\_

**PROMISE:**

To everyone who "wins," Jesus will give them two things. What?

**Rev. 2:26** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 2:28** \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Morning Star? (*See Rev. 22:16*) \_\_\_\_\_

*The Letter to Sardis*

**Rev. 3:1** Jesus knows what? \_\_\_\_\_

The church had a good reputation. People thought the church in Sardis was \_\_\_\_\_ .

But Jesus knew the church was \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Rev. 3:2** What was wrong about the things the Christians were doing in Sardis? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rev. 3:3** Jesus wanted the Christians in Sardis to remember what? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rev. 3:3** Jesus said he will "come like a \_\_\_\_\_" because we don't know

\_\_\_\_\_ He will come. (See Matthew 24:43; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4; 2 Peter 3:10.)

**Rev. 3:4-5** Jesus says that true Christians wear "clean \_\_\_\_\_." He says that they

will wear "\_\_\_\_\_ clothes" in heaven. What kind of "clothes" does Jesus mean?

**Rev. 3:5** Why is it important that our names are written in the Book of Life? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do our names get in the Book of Life? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus will tell someone that He knows us. Whom will He tell? \_\_\_\_\_

*The Letter to Philadelphia*

**Rev. 3:7** *Jesus is HOLY* means what? \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus is TRUE* means what? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus has the \_\_\_\_\_ of David.

If Jesus opens heaven for us, who can close it? \_\_\_\_\_

If people don't believe Jesus, what other religion can open heaven for them? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:8** Jesus knows what? \_\_\_\_\_

The Philadelphia Christians had only a little \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said, "You kept my word." How do we "keep" His Word? \_\_\_\_\_

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The Philadelphia Christians did *not* do what? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we "deny His name?" \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:9** What will Jesus make non-Christians do? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:10** What will come to the whole world? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:11** Jesus tells us to keep faith in Him, so no one will take our crown. What is our crown?

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**Rev. 3:12** Where will Jesus take us? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus will give us three names. What are the three names?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

*The Letter to Laodicea*

**Rev. 3:14** Jesus is the "AMEN." What does *amen* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is the true witness. What does *witness* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creation (world).

**Rev. 3:15** Jesus knows what? \_\_\_\_\_

The faith of the Laodiceans is  Hot  Cold  Lukewarm (room temperature)

What is a "hot" faith? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a "cold" faith? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a "lukewarm" faith? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:16** Jesus said he will do what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:17** The Laodiceans say they are \_\_\_\_\_

But Jesus sees they are \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:18** Jesus tells us to get three things:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

We get those three things from where? \_\_\_\_\_

(Guess what these three symbols mean. We will talk about them in our lesson.)

**Rev. 3:19** Jesus does what to people that He loves? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 3:20** Jesus is where? \_\_\_\_\_ doing what? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus will do what? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Rev. 3:21* In heaven true believers will sit where? \_\_\_\_\_