

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 _____

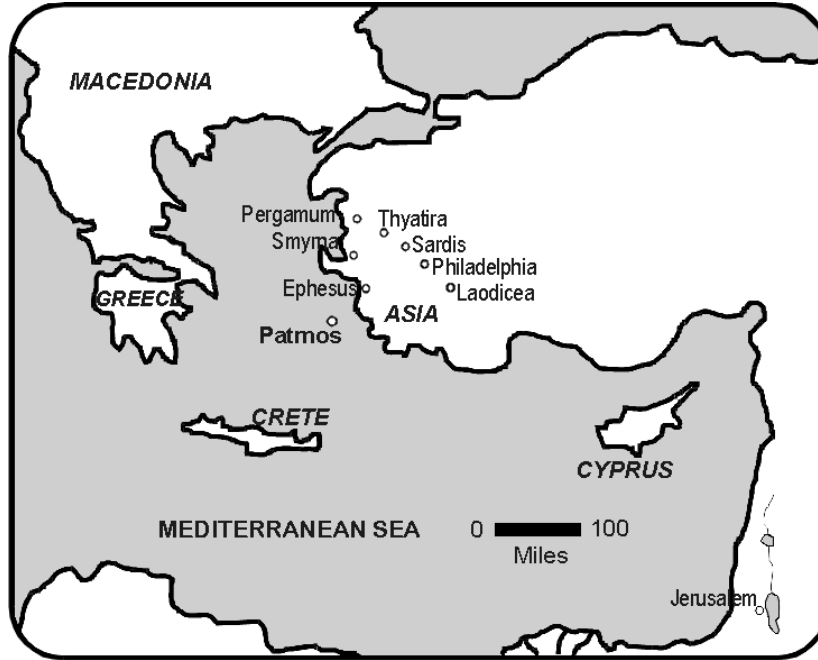
Introducing the Seven Letters (Rev. 2 & 3)

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

The implications for application.

The Seven Letters in Revelation

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? _____

This means to us:

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

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

PROBLEM:

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

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

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? _____

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? _____

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

In what way are the people rich? _____

Rev. 2:10 What will happen to make the Christians suffer more? _____

Their suffering maybe will end how? _____

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

How does Jesus save us from the second death? _____

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)

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? _____

Who was Antipas? _____

What happened to Antipas? _____

PROBLEM:

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

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

Rev. 2:15 What else did the church people do wrong? _____

(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? _____

PROMISE:

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

(a) _____

(b) _____

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.

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?

(1) _____

(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? _____

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?

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

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

Rev. 2:25 Jesus tells the true Christians they must do what? _____

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? _____

Rev. 3:3 Jesus wanted the Christians in Sardis to remember what? _____

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? _____

How do our names get in the Book of Life? _____

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? _____

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?

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? _____

Rev. 3:21 In heaven true believers will sit where? _____