

# REVELATION

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## OVERVIEW



### REVELATION 1:3

BLESSED IS HE WHO READS AND THOSE  
WHO HEAR THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY, AND HEED THE  
THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN IT; FOR THE TIME IS  
NEAR.



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# A RUNDOWN ON

# REVELATION

Lesson #1



# -INTRODUCTION

Quote:

"...a riddle wrapped in a mystery  
inside an enigma."

—Winston Churchill

## **Revelation 1:3**

**Blessed is he who reads and those who hear** the words of the  
prophecy, and **heed the things which are written** in it;  
for the time is near.

## **Revelation 22:7**

*"And behold, I am coming quickly.*

**Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this  
book."**

Quote:

*"It is small wonder that the great enemy of God's truth has directed his most intense attacks against Genesis and Revelation, denying the historicity of the former and the perspicuity of the latter. With neither creation nor consummation—neither beginning nor ending—all that we would have is the existential present, and this unfortunately has become the almost universal emphasis of modern philosophy and religion."*

—Henry Morris



## 1A.

### Understanding the Book of Revelation

 **Key #1—Central theme—Revealing Christ**

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 **Key #2—Understanding the Old Testament**

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**Quote:**

*“The vantage point of the Old Testament is required because the book of Revelation extends and concludes various themes, problems, and promises which find their basis in the Old Testament. Without a knowledge of the Old Testament, we are like math students looking at the answers in the back of the textbook, but without any knowledge of the questions they were intended to answer! We will inevitably find ourselves ‘guessing’ as to the true meaning intended by God.”*

 **Key #3—Know the Author**

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## 2A.

### Authorship of the Book of Revelation

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### 3A.

## Date of the Book of Revelation



### 4A.

## Interpreting the Book of Revelation

-Preterist Approach: \_\_\_\_\_

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-Historicist Approach: \_\_\_\_\_

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-Idealist Approach: \_\_\_\_\_

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-Futurist Approach: \_\_\_\_\_

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Quote:

*"If the plain sense makes good sense, then seek no other sense, lest it result in nonsense."*

**Quote:**

*"The book of Revelation is not hard to understand. It's just hard to believe. If you will believe it, you will understand it."*



**5A.**

**A Challenge to the Reader of Revelation**

**1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3:** \_\_\_\_\_



**6A.**

**Major Themes in Revelation**

**#1: Revealing Jesus Christ:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:**

*"No book in Scripture reveals the glory of God and Christ in any more splendor than does this book, and yet no book has been more misunderstood and misinterpreted and neglected than this book."*



**#2: Sovereignty of God:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**#3: Worship of God:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**#4: Angels:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**#5: End Times:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7A. Outline of Revelation

**#1: The Things Which You Have Seen:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**#2: The Things Which Are:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**#3: The Things Which Will Take Place:**

**1: Heaven's Throne Room** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:**

*"The events described in these two chapters anticipate the holocaust of divine judgment about to be poured out on the sinful, rebellious, cursed earth (Revelation 6-19). Awestruck by the indescribable majesty of God's throne, and the flashes of lightning and peals of thunder that proceed from it, the cherubim and elders begin a series of hymns of praise to God. Those hymns celebrate God as Creator and Redeemer, rejoicing that He is about to take back what is rightfully His. This is the moment that all Christians and the entire creation long for."*

**2: The Tribulation** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:**

*"God's intention is to encourage and comfort His people in the midst of the fury and to remind them that He is still sovereign, that He remembers His people, and that they will ultimately be victorious."*

**3: The 2nd Coming** \_\_\_\_\_

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**4: The Millennium** \_\_\_\_\_

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**5: The Great White Throne Judgment** \_\_\_\_\_

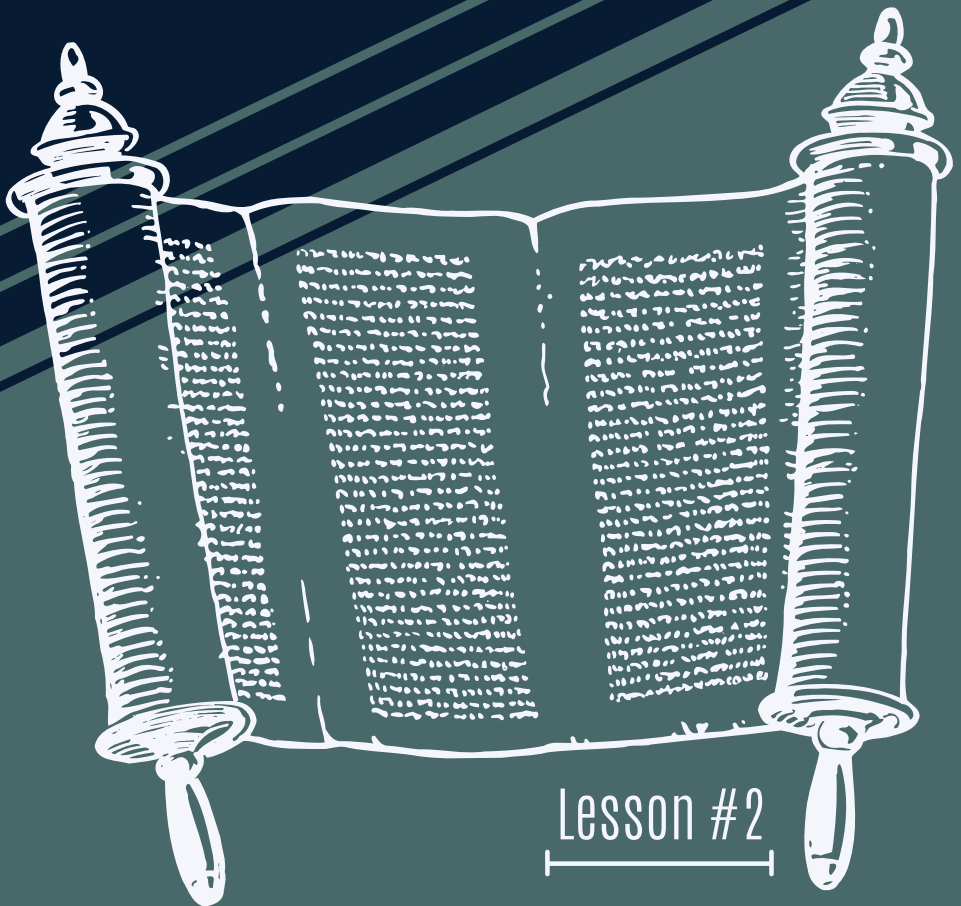
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**6: The Eternal State** \_\_\_\_\_

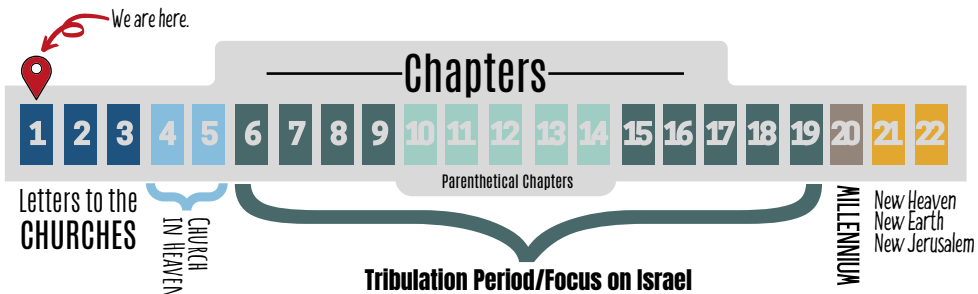
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# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

- REVELATION 1:1-3 -



Lesson #2



# -INTRODUCTION

## 1A. Seven Purposes of the Book of Revelation

 **1: To Reveal the Glory & Exaltation of Christ** \_\_\_\_\_


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 **2: To Reveal God's Absolute Sovereignty** \_\_\_\_\_


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 **3: To Manifest God's Plan for the Future** \_\_\_\_\_


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 **4: To Promote Holiness** \_\_\_\_\_

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 **5: To Encourage Evangelism** \_\_\_\_\_

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 **6: To Comfort Believers** \_\_\_\_\_

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 **7: To Protect us from Satan's Counterfeits** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2A. Three Reasons to Study the Book of Revelation



Jesus gave it to us

• **"Revelation":** \_\_\_\_\_  
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• **"Bond-servant":** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Quote:

*"This is why unbelievers find the book of Revelation incomprehensible; it was not intended for them. It was given by the Father to the Son to show to those who willingly serve Him. Those who refuse to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord cannot expect to comprehend this book. 'A natural man,' explains Paul, 'does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.' (1 Cor. 2:14)."*

• **"Must":** \_\_\_\_\_  
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• **"Soon":** \_\_\_\_\_  
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• **"Testified":** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# 2

It comes with a blessing

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Quote:

*"If the plain sense makes good sense, then seek no other sense, lest it result in nonsense."*

*"The book of Revelation isn't hard to understand—  
It's [just] hard to believe!"*

# 3

It prepares us for our future

• "Time": \_\_\_\_\_  
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• "Near": \_\_\_\_\_  
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**—CONCLUSION**

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# GREETINGS

# 7 TO THE CHURCHES

- REVELATION 1:4-6 -

Lesson #3



We are still here.

# Chapters

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Letters to the CHURCHES

CHURCH IN HEAVEN

Parenthetical Chapters

Tribulation Period/Focus on Israel

MILLENNIUM  
New Heaven  
New Earth  
New Jerusalem

## -INTRODUCTION

Quote:

*"The book of Revelation isn't hard to understand—  
It's [just] hard to believe!"*



### 1A.

### John's Greeting (vs. 4-5a)

1: John: \_\_\_\_\_

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2: Seven Churches: \_\_\_\_\_

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3: Grace & Peace: \_\_\_\_\_

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4: God the Father: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:**

*"The God Who has been remains the same in the current difficult times, and will remain unchanged as all that is in this prophecy unfolds. So, don't be afraid of what happens to you! Don't be afraid of what the government is doing! Don't be afraid for your physical well-being! Just know that God is still God."*

**5: God the Holy Spirit:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**6: God the Son:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:**

*"It is only fitting that John mentions Christ last, and gives a fuller description of Him, since He is the theme of the book of Revelation."*

*"Of all who have ever been or ever will be resurrected, He is the premier One."*

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**2A.**  
**John's Doxology (vs. 5b-6)**

**1: A love that redeemed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2: A Kingdom of priests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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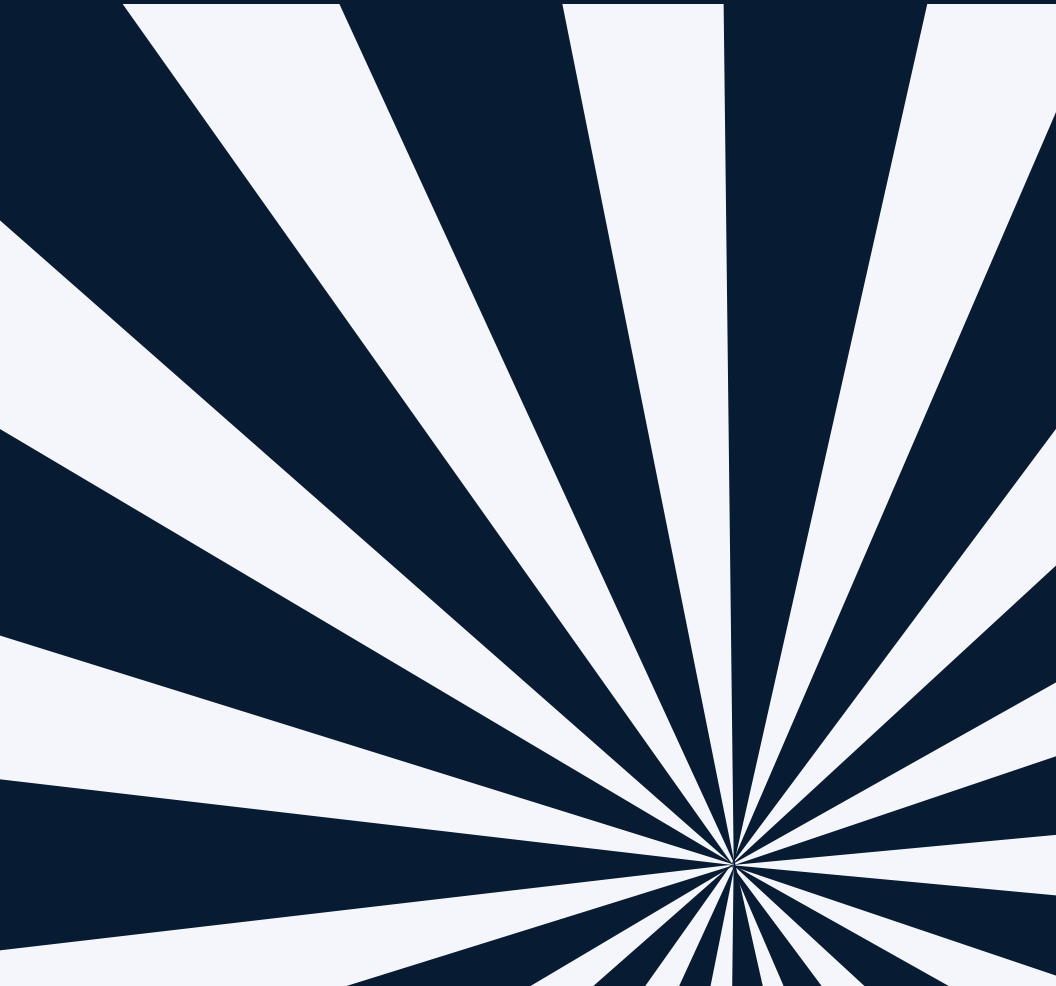
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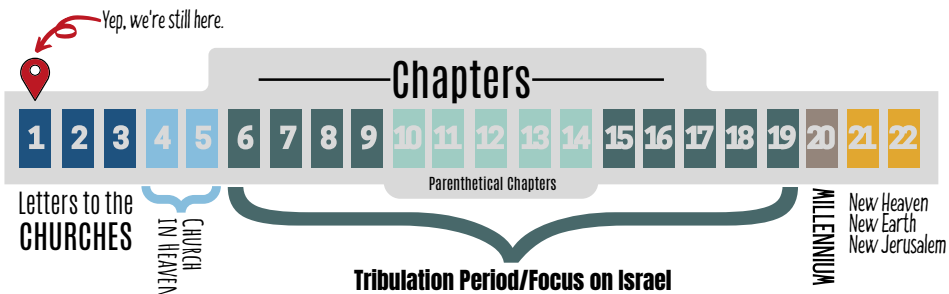
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JOHN'S VISION  
OF THE GLORIFIED  
CHRIST

- REVELATION 1:7-20 -

Lesson #4





**-INTRODUCTION**

**➔ 1A. The Fact of Jesus' Coming (vs. 7a)**

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**➔ 2A. The Manner of Jesus' Coming (vs.7b)**

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**➔ 3A. The Scope of Jesus' Coming (vs. 7c)**

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Quote:

*"Brethren, I do not wonder that worldlings and half-Christians have no love of this doctrine, or that they hate to hear about Christ's speedy coming. It is the death knell of their gaieties and pleasures—the turning of their confidence to consternation—the conversion of their songs to shrieks of horror and despair. There is a day coming, when 'the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of man shall be made low.'"*



**4A.**  
**The Certainty of Jesus' Coming (vs. 7d-8)**

• **"I AM":** \_\_\_\_\_

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• **"the Alpha & the Omega":** \_\_\_\_\_

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• **"the Almighty":** \_\_\_\_\_

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Quote:

*"A more glorious and comprehensive claim to self-existing deity cannot be imagined."*



**5A.**

**The Setting of the Vision (vs. 9-11)**

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**6A.**

**John's Vision of the Glorified Christ  
(vs. 12-20)**

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**Quote:**

*"Those who attack Christ's Church, those who would sow lies, create discord, or otherwise harm His people, will be personally dealt with by the Lord of the Church. His Word is potent (Heb. 4:12-13), and will be used against the enemies of His people (2 Thess. 2:8), so that all the power of the forces of darkness, including death itself (the gates of Hades; Mat. 16:18), will be unable to prevent the Lord Jesus Christ from His Church."*



## 7A. The Effects of John's Vision (vs. 17-19)

• 1st Effect: \_\_\_\_\_

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• 2nd Effect: \_\_\_\_\_

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• 3rd Effect: \_\_\_\_\_

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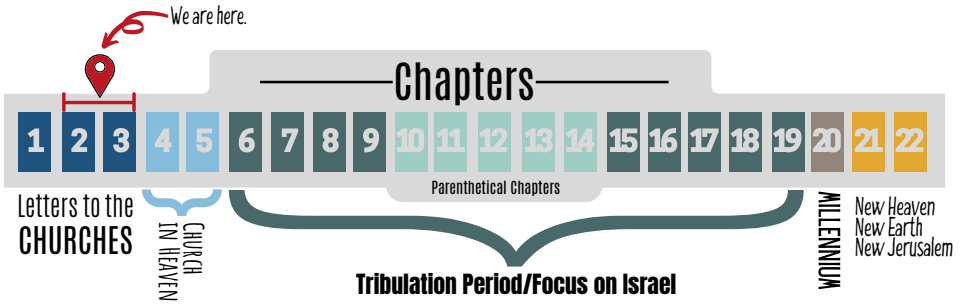
# THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION

-REVELATION 2-3-

Lesson #5







# -INTRODUCTION

**-Historically:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**-Perennial:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**-Prophetic:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Structure of the letters:**

- Introduction of Christ
- Evaluation of Church
- Exhortation to Church
- Encouragement for Church
- Charge to LISTEN
- Coming Blessing

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*"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*



## Ephesus–The Church of Cold Orthodoxy

- **Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Quote:

*"The Ephesians were diligent workers for the cause of Christ. In the midst of the pagan darkness that surrounded them, they were aggressively evangelizing the lost, edifying the saints, and caring for those in need."*

- **Exhortation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_

- **Encouragement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Smyrna–The Suffering Church

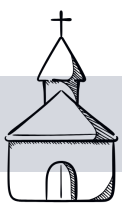
- **Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Exhortation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Quote:**

*"The 'crown' (reward, culmination, outcome) of genuine saving faith is eternal life, and perseverance proves the genuineness of their faith as they endure suffering. The Scriptures teach that true Christians **will** persevere."*

- **Encouragement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Pergamum—The Worldly Church**

**Quote:**

*"Disaster loomed on the horizon for this worldly church; **it was and is but a short step from compromising with the world to forsaking God altogether and facing His wrath.**"*

- **Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Exhortation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Encouragement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thyatira–The Tolerating Church

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- **Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_

–Commendation: \_\_\_\_\_

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–Condemnation: \_\_\_\_\_

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–Confrontation: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Exhortation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Encouragement:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sardis–The Dying Church

• **Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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• **Exhortation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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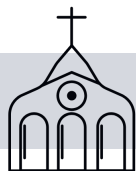
• **Encouragement:** \_\_\_\_\_

1st Reward: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Reward: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Reward: \_\_\_\_\_

4th Reward: \_\_\_\_\_



## Philadelphia–The Faithful Church

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• **Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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• **Exhortation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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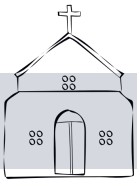
• **Encouragement:** \_\_\_\_\_

1st Reward: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Reward: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Reward: \_\_\_\_\_

4th Reward: \_\_\_\_\_



## Laodicea–The Useless Church

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• **Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:**

*"Some Churches make the Lord weep, others make Him angry,  
(but) the Laodicean Church made Him sick."*

- **Exhortation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Quote:

*"It is far easier to cool down a fanatic than to warm up a corpse."*

- **Encouragement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Promises for those who "overcome":

- They will eat from the Tree of Life (2:7)
- They will be given the Crown of Life (2:10)
- They will be protected from the Second Death (2:11)
- They will be given some of the hidden manna (2:17)
- They will be given a white stone with a new name on it (2:17)
- They will be allowed to rule over the nations (2:26-27)
- They will be given the Morning Star (2:28)
- They will be clothed in white garments (3:5)
- They will have a place in the Book of Life (3:5)
- Christ will claim them as His own in Heaven (3:5)
- They will become a pillar in God's temple (3:12)
- They will be identified with God's name (3:12)
- They will be identified with the New Jerusalem (3:12)
- They will be identified with Christ's new name (3:12)
- They will sit with Christ on His heavenly throne (3:21)

## –CONCLUSION

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### **Questions to Ask:**

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### **Extra Notes:**

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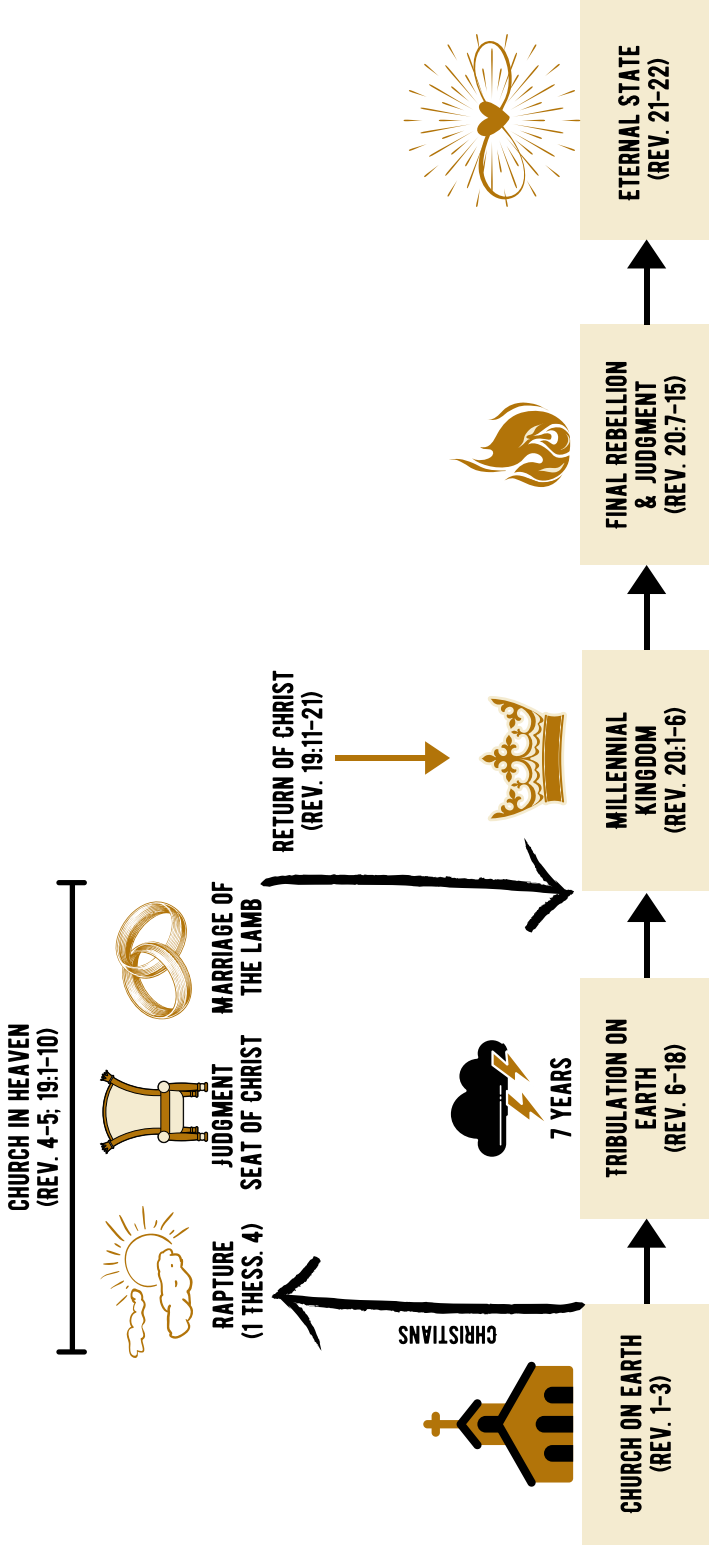


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# REVELATION TIMELINE



# INSTRUCTIONS FROM JESUS TO THE 7 CHURCHES

	Description	Commendation	Reproof	Instruction	Reward
EPHESUS	Holds 7 stars, walks among the lamp stands (i.e. churches)	Recognizes their hard work/deeds and doctrine	Left their first Love	Do what you did before	Eat from Tree of Life
SMYRNA	Holds 7 stars, walks among the lamp stands (i.e. churches)	Rich in faith, persevere through persecution	None	Stay faithful even to death	Victor's crown and eternal life
PERGAMUM	Him Who has sharp 2-sided sword	Held onto faith despite persecution	Tolerated occult teaching and immorality	Repent or <b>Jesus will return</b> and punish	Hidden manna, white stone with new name on it
THYATIRA	Son of God, eyes like fire, feet like bronze	Good works, love, faith, perseverance, increased ministry	Deeper into occult teaching, idolatry, and immorality	Hold on to what you have until <b>Jesus returns</b>	Rule nations (i.e. millennial kingdom), Morning star
SARDIS	Hold the 7 Spirits and the 7 stars	None	Mostly dead church, deeds unfinished	Wake up! Strengthen what remains, repent or <b>Jesus will return like a thief</b>	White/pure clothes, name in Book of Life
PHILADELPHIA	Holy and True, holds key of David (sovereignly opens/shuts)	Kept God's Word even though had little strength, wide open door of effective ministry	None	Hold fast to the faith, <b>Jesus is coming soon</b>	Kept from hour of trial (i.e. tribulation), crown, made a pillar in the temple, name of God, name of city of God, and Jesus's new name on them
LAODICEA	The Amen, Faithful/True Witness, Ruler of creation	None	Materially wealthy but spiritually lukewarm, wretched, poor, blind, naked	Repent, get true riches, cleansing, and sight from Jesus, <b>Jesus stands at the door</b> (i.e. coming very soon)	Salvation/fellowship still possible, sit with Jesus on throne