

The Seven Churches of Revelation

Church	Description	Approx. Historical Window
Ephesus	Loveless	From Jesus to ~100AD
Smyrna	Persecuted	100AD to 320AD
Pergamos	Compromising	320AD to 590AD
Thyatira	Corrupt	590AD to 1520AD
Sardis	Dead	1520AD to 1790AD
Philadelphia	Faithful	1790AD to 1900AD
Laodicea	Lukewarm	1900AD to ?

The Pattern of the Letters to the Seven Churches

(generally in this order)

#1 – Each letter has an address to the leader of the church.

These begin with, “To the angel of the church of...write...”

#2 – Each letter has a description of Jesus, which applies to their situation.

These begin with, “These things says...”

#3 – Each letter contains Jesus’ observations of the church.

These begin with, “I know your works...and...”

#4 – Most, but not all, of the letters have a correction or rebuke.

A couple of the churches didn’t need correction.

#5 – Jesus gave commands, directions, & encouragement as needed.

This doesn’t imply wrongdoing...some just needed encouragement.

#6 – Each letter has a promise.

These begin with, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

And He says, “He who overcomes...” in all of them.

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Island of Patmos: where John received the vision

