

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

THE BOOK OF ACTS

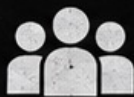
THE CHURCH ON MISSION



POWERED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT



TAKING THE GOSPEL
TO THE WORLD



BUILDING
THE CHURCH



BOLD FAITH.
REAL IMPACT.

ONE CHURCH. ONE MISSION. ONE SAVIOR.
ACTS 1:8



NEW HOPE
CHURCH OF GOD

NEW SERMON SERIES

TO THE CHURCH.

A LETTER FROM JESUS TO HIS CHURCH

THE 7 LETTERS OF REVELATION

WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY TO US TODAY?

BEGINS
SUNDAY
AUGUST 2



NEW HOPE
CHURCH OF GOD

“ HE WHO HAS AN EAR,
LET HIM HEAR WHAT
THE SPIRIT SAYS TO
THE CHURCHES. ”
REVELATION 2:7

WEEK

1



EPHESUS

THE CHURCH THAT
FORGOT WHY

REV. 2:1-7

WEEK

2



SMYRNA

THE CHURCH THAT
REFUSED TO QUIT

REV. 2:8-11

WEEK

3



PERGAMUM

THE CHURCH LIVING
TOO CLOSE TO
THE WORLD

REV. 2:12-17

WEEK

4



THYATIRA

THE CHURCH THAT
TOLERATED
TOO MUCH

REV. 2:12-29

WEEK

5



SARDIS

THE CHURCH WITH A
GREAT REPUTATION

REV. 3:1-6

WEEK

6



PHILADELPHIA

THE CHURCH WITH
AN OPEN DOOR

REV. 3:7-13

WEEK

7



LAODICEA

THE CHURCH THAT
DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS
LUKEWARM

REV. 3:14-22

WEEK

8



CORBIN:

THE CHURCH
THAT...

REV. 1:12-20
2-3

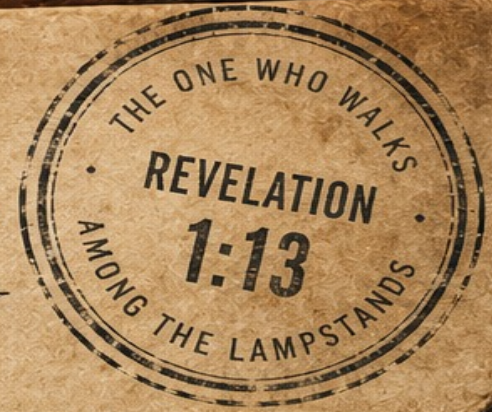
JESUS KNOWS. JESUS CARES. JESUS CALLS. WILL WE LISTEN?

- ◆ **[Rev 2:1-3 NASB20]** 1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:
- ◆ 2 'I know your deeds and your labor and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people, and you have put those who call themselves apostles to the test, and they are not, and you found them [to be] false;
- ◆ 3 and you have perseverance and have endured on account of My name, and have not become weary.

- ◆ **[Rev 2:4-7 NASB20]** 4 'But I have [this] against you, that you have left your first love.
- ◆ 5 'Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.
- ◆ 6 'But you have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- ◆ 7 'The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will grant to eat from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'

NEW SERMON SERIES
A LETTER FROM JESUS TO HIS CHURCH

REVELATION 2-3
TO THE
CHURCH
IN
CORBIN



7 CHURCHES.



7 LETTERS.



8 WEEKS.



1 MESSAGE FOR US TODAY.

WHAT WOULD
JESUS SAY
TO US?



NEW HOPE
CHURCH OF GOD

WHY REVELATION?

MANY PEOPLE THINK REVELATION IS ABOUT...



ANTICHRIST



BEAST



666



TRIBULATION



BUT REVELATION IS FIRST AND FOREMOST
THE REVELATION OF **JESUS CHRIST.**

REVELATION 1:1

- ◆ **[Rev 1:1 NASB20]** 1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated [it] by His angel to His bond-servant John,
- ◆ **ἀποκάλυψις** (Apokalypsis) – The unveiling

Place

- ◇ John is approximately 90 years old. Last surviving apostle.
- ◇ The Roman Empire demanded emperor worship
- ◇ John isn't writing from comfort. He's writing from suffering.



Purpose

- ◆ **[Rev 1:4-5 NASB20]** 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne,
- ◆ 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood--



THE GLORIFIED CHRIST

REVELATION 1:12-20

SEVEN PICTURES OF HIS GLORY

A VISION OF THE ONE WHO
WALKS AMONG THE CHURCHES
TODAY.



1. WHITE HAIR

Daniel 7 connection.
Ancient of Days.
Purity. Eternality.

Jesus possesses the attributes of God Himself. This is one of Revelation's strongest affirmations of His deity.



3. BRONZE FEET

Strength. Judgment. Stability.
He crushes evil.



5. SWORD FROM HIS MOUTH

Greek: ρομφαία (rhomphaia)
Large Thracian battle sword.
Not literal.
His Word judges.
Hebrews 4:12
"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword..."



**"I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST,
AND THE LIVING ONE..."**

REVELATION 1:17-18



2. EYES LIKE FIRE

Greek: φλόξ πυρός
(phlox puros) "Flame of fire."

Nothing escapes Him.
He sees motives...
not just ministry.



4. VOICE LIKE MANY WATERS

Ezekiel imagery.
Power. Authority.

Nobody interrupts
His voice.



6. SEVEN STARS

Pastors. Messengers.
Held securely.

Notice... Pastors aren't
held by denominations.
They are held by Christ.



7. SEVEN LAMPSTANDS

Churches.

Notice carefully.
Jesus doesn't visit churches.
He walks among churches.
Present tense ministry.

That means...
Jesus is here today.

HE SEES. HE KNOWS. HE HOLDS. HE SPEAKS. HE REIGNS. HE WALKS WITH HIS CHURCH TODAY.

TO HIM BE GLORY AND DOMINION FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN." - REVELATION 1:6 

PNEUMATOLOGY

- ◆ **[Rev 2:7 NASB20]** 7 'The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will grant to eat from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

— OF REVELATION —

AN ACTUAL ROMAN POSTAL ROUTE STARTING IN EPHESUS

The seven churches in Revelation 2–3 were real churches in real cities. John intentionally wrote them in the order they were found on the Roman postal route through Asia Minor.



ROMAN POSTAL SYSTEM

Messages traveled by courier along established roads, stopping at official stations in each major city.



AEGEAN
SEA



ASIA MINOR

MYSIA

LYDIA

CARIA

LYCIA

1 EPHESUS

The starting point of the postal route. A major port city and capital of Asia (Acts 19:17, 28).

2 SMYRNA

A faithful church in a city known for persecution.

3 PERGAMOS

Located in the center of Roman worship and idolatry.

4 THYATIRA

A center for trade, crafts, and false teaching.

5 SARDIS

A once strong church that had fallen into spiritual weakness.

6 PHILADELPHIA

A church with little strength, but great faithfulness.

7 LAODICEA

A wealthy church that was spiritually lukewarm.

THE ORDER MATTERS

John didn't write randomly—he wrote to churches in the order they were encountered on the Roman road.

This wasn't just history. It was a message for every church in every generation.



APPROXIMATE DISTANCES BETWEEN CITIES

1 EPHESUS → 2 SMYRNA	40 mi (64 km)
2 SMYRNA → 3 PERGAMOS	70 mi (113 km)
3 PERGAMOS → 4 THYATIRA	40 mi (64 km)
4 THYATIRA → 5 SARDIS	30 mi (48 km)
5 SARDIS → 6 PHILADELPHIA	35 mi (56 km)
6 PHILADELPHIA → 7 LAODICEA	35 mi (56 km)

TOTAL: APPROX. 250 MILES (400 KM)



“HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES.” — REVELATION 2:7

The Church at Ephesus

- ◇ **[Rev 2:1 NASB20] 1**
"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:



Commendation

- ◆ **[Rev 2:2-3 NASB20]** 2 'I know your deeds and your labor and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people, and you have put those who call themselves apostles to the test, and they are not, and you found them [to be] false;
- ◆ 3 and you have perseverance and have endured on account of My name, and have not become weary.

Confrontation

◊ **[Rev 2:4 NASB20]** 4 'But I have [this] against you, that you have left your first love.

THREE COMMANDS

JESUS GIVES THREE IMPERATIVES.

REVELATION 2:5

1 REMEMBER

GO BACK.

WHERE WERE YOU
SPIRITUALLY?
WHAT CHANGED?

FIRST LOVE



"I know your deeds,"
your hard work and
your perseverance...
Yet I hold this against you:
You have forsaken your
first love."

REVELATION 2:2-4

2 REPENT

CHANGE YOUR MIND.

CHANGE DIRECTION.

GREEK:

μετανόησον
(metanoëson)

OLD WAY

NEW WAY



Love is restored
through
repentance.

3 REPEAT

DO THE FIRST WORKS.



PRAYER



PASSION



JOY



WORSHIP



WITNESS



NOT MECHANICAL RELIGION.
LIVING RELATIONSHIP.

GO BACK. CHANGE DIRECTION. DO WHAT YOU DID AT FIRST.
RETURN TO YOUR FIRST LOVE.