

THE SEVEN LOCAL CHURCHES IN REVELATION 2 and 3

THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS

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Rev. 1:11 Saying, What you see write in a book and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

Rev. 1:12-18 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle; and His head and hair were white as white wool, as snow; and His eyes as a flame of fire; and His feet were like shining brass, as having been fired in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters; and He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was as the sun shines in its power. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead; and He laid His right hand on me, saying, Do not fear; I am the First and the Last, And the living One, and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Rev. 2:1-7 To the messenger of the church in Ephesus write: These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: I know your works and your labor and your endurance, and that you cannot bear evil men; and you have tried those who call themselves apostles and are not, and have found them to be false; and you have endurance and have borne because of My name and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore whence you have fallen and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent. But this you have, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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Christ's Resurrection

Christ's Second Coming

Ephesus

circa 0 -100 A.D.
"Desirable"

Smyrna

circa 100 - 325 A.D.
"Myrrh"

Pergamos

circa 325 - 575 A.D.
"Marriage"

Thyatira

circa 575 A.D. -
"Sacrifice of Perfume"
"Unceasing Sacrifice"

Sardis

circa 1525 A.D. -
"The remains"
"Remainder"

Philadelphia

circa 1825 A.D. -
"Brotherly love"

Laodicea

circa 1875 A.D. -
"Opinion of the people"

The Kingdom - 1000 year millenium

New Jerusalem - Eternity Future

