

The Churches in Revelation

(A summary of verses in Revelation Ch 2-3)

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“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” Rev 3:13



About Jesus Christ (Yeshua)

Ephesus

The one who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

Rev 2:1

Smyrna

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

Rev 2:8

Pergamum

The one who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

Rev 2:12

Thyatira

The Son of God who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

Rev 2:18

Sardis

He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars says this:

Rev 3:1

Philadelphia

He who is Holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

Rev 3:7

Laodicea

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

Rev 3:14

Things Praised

Ephesus

I know your deeds, your toil, your perseverance-
You cannot tolerate evil men-
You tested those claiming apostleship and found them false-
Have perseverance and endurance for My name's sake-
Have not grown weary-
Hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans-
Rev 2:2,3,6

Smyrna

I know your tribulation and your poverty, and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan-
Rev 2:9

Pergamum

I know you dwell where Satan's throne is and you hold fast my name-
You did not deny My faith even when my faithful witness Antipas was killed-
Rev 2:13

Thyatira

I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and your deeds of late are greater than at first-
Rev 2:19

Sardis

But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy-
Rev 3:4

Philadelphia

I know your deeds. Behold I have put an open door before you which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word and have not denied My name-

Rev 3:8

Laodicea

No discernable praise noted-

Rev 3:1-6

Things Against

Ephesus

Left their first love

Rev 2:4

Smyrna

No discernable criticism noted

Rev 2:8-11

Pergamum

Some who hold the teaching of Balaam-

(who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before Israel)

Eat things sacrificed to idols-

Commit acts of immorality-

Some hold teaching of the Nicolaitans-

Rev 2:14,15

Doctrine of Balaam:- In 2 Peter 2:15 Balaam's 'way' is a choice to promote falsehood for financial reasons-

In Jude 1:11 Balaam's 'error' was his willingness to accommodate pagan beliefs out of greed- in practical terms, the teaching/doctrine of Balaam is the view that Christians can or even should compromise their convictions for the sake of popularity, money, sexual gratification, or

personal gain. It's the attitude that treats sin as 'no big deal' (source- Got Questions 'What is the doctrine of Balaam')

Teaching of the Nicolaitans:- Jesus (Yeshua) hated the works of the Nicolaitans because they taught the doctrine of Balaam (sun worship, physical and spiritual fornication) and took the place of the chief Shepherd (the Lord Jesus) by leading the church themselves, controlling and reigning over the church.

They also engaged in false priesthood and leadership, but it also has an impact among believers where one man leads the church and is higher than the elders. In that way, one man takes the place of the chief Shepherd (the Lord Jesus). The works and doctrines of the Nicolaitans are based in the satanic Babylonian religion which the Lord Jesus hates because it is the mother of all religions and deceptions- (source- Petri Paavola 'Nicolaitans works and deeds the doctrine of Balaam')

Thyatira

You tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and she teaches and leads my bondservants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols-
Rev 2:20

Sardis

You have a name that you are alive but you are dead-
Wake up and strengthen the things that remain which were about to die,
I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God-
So remember what you have seen and heard; and keep it and repent.
Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come.
Rev 3:1,3

Philadelphia

No discernable criticism noted

Rev 3:7-13

Laodicea

I know your deeds that you are neither cold nor hot, I wish that you were cold or hot-

Because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold I will spit you out of my mouth-

Because you say I am rich and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing, and you do not know you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked-

Rev 3:15-17

Repentance- Judgement

Ephesus

Remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

Rev 2:5

Smyrna

No discernable instruction to repent noted

Rev 2:8-11

Pergamum

Repent or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth-

Rev 2:16

Thyatira

I gave her (Jezebel) time to repent but she does not want to repent of her immorality-

Behold I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds-

And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds-

Rev 2:21-23

Sardis

So remember what you have received and heard: and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up. I will come like a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come to you. (see also 3:2)

Rev 3:3

Philadelphia

No discernable instruction to repent noted

Rev 3:7-13

Laodicea

Because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth-

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline: therefore be zealous and repent. (See also 3:17,18)

Rev 3:16,19

Instruction- Promise

Ephesus

He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God-

Rev 2:7

Smyrna

Do not fear what you are about to suffer, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life-

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death-

Rev 2:10,11

Pergamum

He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it-

Rev 2:17

Thyatira

To the rest in Thyatira who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them- I place no other burden on you-

Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come-

He who overcomes, and he who keeps my deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations-

Rev 2:24-26

Sardis

Remember what you have received and heard and keep it, and repent- But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy-

He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments, and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels-

He who has an ear; let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches-

Rev 3:3-6

Philadelphia

Because you have kept the word of my perseverance, I will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth-

I am coming quickly, hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown-

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my new name-

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches-
(see also 3:9)

Rev 3:10-13

Laodicea

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on His throne-

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches-

Rev 3:21,22

Rewards

Ephesus

To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.

Rev 2:7

Smyrna

He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

Rev 2:11

Pergamum

To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.

Rev 2:17

Thyatira

He who overcomes, and he who keeps my deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;
And he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.

Rev 2:26-28

Sardis

He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Rev 3:5

Philadelphia

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Rev 3:12

Laodicea

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 3:21

Scripture quotes from NASB translations

“He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments;
And I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels”

Rev 3:5

