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The
Seven Churches
of
Revelation

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The Seven Churches of Revelation.

Topics.

1. The church in Ephesus. (Rev. 2:1-7).
 2. The church in Smyrna. (Rev. 2:8-11).
 3. The church in Pergamum. (Rev. 2:8-11).
 4. The church in Thyatira. (Rev. 2:18-29).
 5. The church in Sardis. (Rev. 3:1-6).
 6. The church in Philadelphia. (Rev. 3:7-13).
 7. The church in Laodicea. (Rev. 3:7-13).
- Rewards of the overcomers.

INTRODUCTION

When reading these seven letters it should be kept in mind that in some of these cities there would have been more than one Christian church, which means that each letter is probably addressed to the head or most dominant church of the city or that all who were Christians in the city were regarded as members of one church, but for convenience met for worship in different places. Whichever it may be the seven messages can be applied to any church in any city of any generation that has comparable circumstances and is in similar surroundings.

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NOTE: it should also be highlighted, the church is not buildings but people, it is not bricks and mortar that make up the body of Christ, which means the word church, would apply to all Christians in the area the letter is addressed to.

THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS. (REV. 2:1-7)

They were praised for:

- Doing the Lord's work with patient endurance, and not tolerating those who are evil.
- Testing those who call themselves apostles, and patiently enduring for the Lord's name.
- Hating the works of the Nicolaitans.

Things the Lord had against them: they abandoned the love they had at first.

They were called to: repent, and do the works they did when they first committed their life to the Lord.

They were warned: if they do not repent, Christ will remove their lampstand (i.e., remove his Spirit).

Blessing to the overcomer: the Lord will grant them to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA. (REV. 2:8-11)

They were praised for: enduring tribulation and poverty, and enduring the slander of those who claim to be Christians, but are false.

Things the Lord had against them: nothing against the Smyrna church.

They were called to: not to fear what they are about to suffer, and to remain faithful to death.

They were warned: they will be thrown into prison, and have tribulation.

Blessing to the overcomer: they will be given the crown of life, and will not be hurt by the second death.

THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM. (REV. 2:8-11)

They were praised for: holding fast to Jesus' name, and in the face of tribulation, they did not deny their faith, but remained faithful.

Things the Lord had against them: some amongst them held to the teaching of Balaam and practiced sexual immorality, and held to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

They were called to: repent and turn from their wicked ways.

They were warned: if they do not repent the Lord will severely judge them.

Blessing to the overcomer: they will be given some of the hidden manna, and a white stone, with a new name written on it that no one knows except the one who receives it.

THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA. (REV. 2:18-29)

They were praised for: their patient endurance, and that the works they did for the Lord exceed the works they did at the beginning of their walk in Christ.

Things the Lord had against them: they tolerated a prophetess (Jezebel) who is seducing the Lord's servants to practice sexual immorality and teaching idolatry.

They were called to: those amongst them who have not embraced the prophetess and her teaching, are warned to hold fast to what they have until the Lord returns.

They were warned: if they refuse to repent of the prophetess teaching and their sexual immorality, they will be thrown into great tribulation and be judged accordingly.

Blessing to the overcomer: they will be given authority to rule over the nations, and given the morning star.

THE CHURCH IN SARDIS. (REV. 3:1-6)

They were praised for: not polluting their Christian life.

Things the Lord had against them: they had an outward appearance of being spiritually alive, but, were dead.

They were called to: wake up, and strengthen what remains of their faith, because they are so close to being spiritually dead, and remember what they first received and heard, and repent, and uphold the message they heard at the beginning of their Christian life.

They were warned: if they do not repent, the Lord will come like a thief, and they will not know at what hour he will come against them.

Blessing to the overcomer: they will walk with the Lord in white, and be counted righteous and worthy, and the Lord will never blot their name out of the book of life, and will confess their name before his Father and before his angels.

THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA. (REV. 3:7-13)

They were praised for: keeping the word of the Lord and not denying his name even though they have little power, and having patient endurance.

Things the Lord had against them: there is no rebuke.

They were called to: hold fast to what they have, so that no one would rob them of their crown.

They were warned: there is no warning.

Blessing to the overcomer: the Lord will set an open door before them that no one can shut, and those who claim to be Christian, but are false, will be made to bow down before the feet of the faithful, and they will see that the Lord loved them. The Lord will keep them from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, and make them a pillar in the temple of his heavenly Father, to dwell forever with them, and write the name of his heavenly Father, the name of his God, the name of the city of his God, the new Jerusalem, and his own new name on them. This carries the idea of intimacy, and closeness in love, it means wherever Christ and his heavenly Father are, overcomers will forever be with them.

THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA. (REV. 3:7-13)

They were praised for: they received no praises.

Things the Lord had against them: they were neither cold nor hot, but lukewarm, and say they are rich, and have prospered, and in need of nothing, not realizing that they were spiritually wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

They were called to: buy from the Lord gold refined by fire, so that they may be rich, meaning, set aside time to seek to know him, his word and his Kingdom; clothe themselves in white garments, meaning in Christ's righteousness; replace their ungodly behavior with the fruits of the Spirit,

so they would no longer bring shame on themselves and to the Christian faith; open their mind, to receive the word of God and the Gospel, and repent and be zealous for the things of the Lord.

They were warned: if they do not repent and change their ways, the Lord will spit them out of his mouth, but if they do change their ways, they will have fellowship with the Lord and he with them.

Blessing to the overcomer: the Lord will grant them to sit with him on his throne, as I also conquered and sat down with his Father on his throne.

REWARDS OF THE OVERCOMERS

The one who conquers (overcomes in KJV) will be:

- Granted to eat of the tree of life, in the paradise of God, and given the crown of life.
- Not be hurt by the second death, and given the hidden manna.
- Given a white stone with a new name written on it that no one knows except the one who receives it, and be rewarded according to their works.
- Given authority to rule over the nations, and given the morning star.
- Be clothed in white garments, and never be blotted out of the Book of Life.
- Jesus will confess their name before his Father and the angels, and exalt them above the prideful who believed they were spiritually superior to others.
- Kept from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, and made a pillar in the temple of God.
- Have the name of God, and the name of the city of God, the new Jerusalem and Jesus own new name, written on them, and be granted to sit with Jesus on his throne, as he also conquered and sat down with his Father on His throne.

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