

Revelation

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Letters to the
Seven Churches

Three Keys

1. Vision NOT video
2. Old Testament
3. The gospel

One Foundation

Jesus loves us
and he's in control

1. “To the angel of the church in ...”
2. “These are the words of ...”
3. “I know ...”
4. Condemnation/Commendation
5. Commands
6. Promise to “the one who conquers”
7. “Whoever has ears, hear what the Spirit says to the seven churches.”

To the angel
of the church in

Ephesus

Smyrna

Pergamum

Thyatíra

Sardís

Philadelphía

Laodícea

Ephesus

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.

Ephesus

I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Ephesus

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.

Ephesus

Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Ephesus

To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Smyrna

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

Smyrna

I know your suffering and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

Smyrna

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Smyrna

The one who conquers will not be hurt
at all by the second death.

Pergamum

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

Pergamum

I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

Pergamum

Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Pergamum

Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Pergamum

To the one who conquers, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

Thyatira

These are the words of the Son of God,
whose eyes are like blazing fire and
whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Thyatíra

I know your deeds, your love and faith,
your service and perseverance, and
that you are now doing more than you
did at first.

Thyatira

Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead.

Thyatira

Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.

Thyatira

To the one who conquers and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— that one ‘will rule them with an iron sceptre and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star.

Sardis

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

Sardis

I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Sardis

Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Sardis

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.

Sardis

The one who conquers will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

Philadelphía

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

Philadelphía

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Philadelphía

I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

Philadelphía

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

Philadelphía

The one who conquers I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

Laodicea

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

Laodicea

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Laodícea

You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Laodícea

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Laodicea

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.
So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand
at the door and knock. If anyone hears my
voice and opens the door, I will come in
and eat with that person, and they with
me.

Laodícea

To the one who conquers, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

the one who conquers

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