

# The Seven Churches of Revelation

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*Revelation 2:1-7: Ephesus: From Devotion to Duty*

## Introduction

Seven were chosen because they represent conditions throughout church history.

The structure of the letters looks like this:

1. The City is Distinguished
2. The Christ is Described
3. The Commendation is Delivered
4. The Condemnation is Disclosed
5. The Counsel is Directed
6. The Challenge is Declared

## Background on Ephesus

### The city:

Location: \_\_\_\_ miles from Patmos

Ephesus was primarily known for the Temple of \_\_\_\_\_

### The church:

Started by \_\_\_\_\_ in Acts 19

1 Timothy & 2 Timothy were addressed to Timothy in \_\_\_\_\_

## Revelation 2:1-7

### The City is Distinguished (1a)

### The Christ is Described (1b)

### The Commendation is Delivered (2-3)

### The Condemnation is Disclosed (4)

1. Do my mind and mouth switch to auto-pilot during the \_\_\_\_\_ service?
2. Do I remember my last answered \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Do I feel guilty when I hear someone talk about what they got from their private devotional time?
4. Do I read my \_\_\_\_\_ because I'm supposed to, and not because I want to? Or do I not read like I used to?
5. Do I find myself critiquing and criticizing the \_\_\_\_\_, rather than growing from it?
6. Do I wish everyone would just leave me alone, during handshake time?
7. Do those smiling and happy Christians get on my \_\_\_\_\_?
8. Do I find myself continually looking for ways of becoming \_\_\_\_\_ committed, rather than more committed?
9. Do I find myself going backward in my Christian walk?
10. Do I find a reason to \_\_\_\_\_ before the invitation?

### The Counsel is Directed (5-6)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### The Challenge is Declared (7)

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*Revelation 2:8-11: Smyrna: Suffering Smyrna*

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## Background on Smyrna

### The city:

“Smyrna” means “\_\_\_\_\_”

35-40 miles north of Ephesus

Shape of the older buildings resembles a \_\_\_\_\_

Created \_\_\_\_\_ worship

### The church:

Not mentioned anywhere else in Scripture

\_\_\_\_\_ was an early pastor

## Revelation 2:8-11

### The City is Distinguished (8a)

### The Christ is Described (8b)

### The Commendation is Delivered (9)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Church
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Church

### The Condemnation is Disclosed (N/A)

### The Counsel is Directed (10)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Church

### The Challenge is Declared (11)

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*Revelation 2:12-17: Pergamos: The Compromising Church*

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## Background on Pergamos

### The city:

“Pergamos” means “\_\_\_\_\_”

Located on a promontory

Upper Acropolis

The \_\_\_\_\_

The library

Asclepieion

Sanctuary to Asclepius--the god of \_\_\_\_\_

### The church:

Not mentioned anywhere else in Scripture (not Perga)

## Revelation 2:12-17

### The City is Distinguished (12a)

### The Christ is Described (12b)

### The Commendation is Delivered (13)

### The Condemnation is Disclosed (14-15)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_

### The Counsel is Directed (16)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_

### The Challenge is Declared (17)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_

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*Revelation 2:18-29: Thyatira: Tolerating Thyatira*

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## Background on Thyatira

### The city:

Thyatira means “\_\_\_\_\_”

Famous for \_\_\_\_\_

Primary god was \_\_\_\_\_ (called Tyrimnus)

\_\_\_\_\_ (in Acts 16) was a native of Thyatira

### The church:

Not mentioned anywhere else in Scripture

## Revelation 2:18-29

### The City is Distinguished (18a)

### The Christ is Described (18b)

### The Commendation is Delivered (19)

### The Condemnation is Disclosed (20-23)

### The Counsel is Directed (24-28)

### The Challenge is Declared (29)

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*Revelation 3:1-6: Sardis: Secure Sardis*

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## Background on Sardis

### The city:

Sardis means “\_\_\_\_\_”

Sardis was geographically secure

“As \_\_\_\_\_ as Croesus”

Worshipped the mother-goddess Cybele

Remains include the bath-gymnasium and the shops

### The church:

Not mentioned anywhere else in Scripture

## Revelation 3:1-6

### The City is Distinguished (1a)

### The Christ is Described (1b)

### The Condemnation is Disclosed (1c)

This church had \_\_\_\_\_ for members

### The Counsel is Directed (2-3)

Sardis was not a \_\_\_\_\_ to Satan

### The Commendation is Delivered (4-5)

### The Challenge is Declared (6)

Jesus is an \_\_\_\_\_ at raising the dead

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*Revelation 3:7-13: Philadelphia: Friendly Philly*

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## Background on Philadelphia

### The city:

Philadelphia means “\_\_\_\_\_”

Philadelphia was originally founded as a \_\_\_\_\_  
outpost for Hellenism

Philadelphia was destroyed by an \_\_\_\_\_ in 17 AD

Philadelphia changed its \_\_\_\_\_ to Neocaesarea

Philadelphia honored its illustrious sons by putting their names on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of its temples

### The church:

Not mentioned anywhere else in Scripture

## Revelation 3:7-13

### The City is Distinguished (7a)

### The Christ is Described (7b)

### The Commendation is Delivered (8-10)

1. I know your \_\_\_\_\_
2. open \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. little \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. kept My \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. not denied My \_\_\_\_\_

### The Condemnation is Disclosed (N/A)

### The Counsel is Directed (11)

### The Challenge is Declared (12-13)

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*Revelation 3:14-22: Lackadaisical Laodicea*

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## Background on Laodicea

### The city:

Laodicea means “\_\_\_\_\_ of the people”

Known for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

Poor \_\_\_\_\_ supply

### The church:

Mentioned five times in Colossians (Colossians \_\_: \_\_)

## Revelation 3:14-22

### The City is Distinguished (14a)

### The Christ is Described (14b)

### The Commendation is Delivered (N/A)

### The Condemnation is Disclosed (15-17)

I know your \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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### The Counsel is Directed (18-20)

### The Challenge is Declared (21-22)