

World History from 31 AD to the Present

The Seven Churches of Revelation

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place

3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy

11 saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Revelation 2:1-2 To the angel of the church in **Ephesus** write: I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;

4 But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

2 Corinthians 5:14 The love of Christ controls us

6 Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father

Revelation 2:8 And to the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life

10 You will have tribulation for ten days (*i.e.*, during 10 Emperors)

11 He who overcomes (*i.e.*, a born again believer) ~~will not be hurt by~~ **will not experience** the second death.

Revelation 2:12-13 And to the angel of the church in **Pergamum** write: I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name

14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam,

15 So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

I Timothy 4:1-3 Paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods

Revelation 2:18-19 And to the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance,

20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bondservants astray so that they eat things sacrificed to idols.

28 I will give him the morning star.

Revelation 3:1 To the angel of the church in **Sardis** write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive but you are dead

Revelation 3:7-8 And to the angel of the church in **Philadelphia** write: I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world

11 I am coming quickly

Revelation 3:14 -15 To the angel of the church in **Laodicea** write: I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

I Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

Ephesus 31 - 100

Smyrna 100-312

Pergamum 312-606

Thyatira 606- 1517

Sardis 1517 - 1738

Philadelphia 1738 – the Present

Laodicea 1950 – the Present

