**Revelation Bible Study**

The Letters to the Churches

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| To | Local Detail | Image of Christ | Good Christ sees | Bad Christ sees | Call to Repent | Promise to Conquer |
| Ephesus  2:1-7 | False Prophets & Nicolaitans | Holds 7 stars in right hand, walks among 7 golden lampstands | Have endurance; cannot bear evil people, are not weary; hate the works of Nicolaitans. | Have left your first love | Repent, do first works or else I will remove your lampstand | I will grant to eat of the tree of life in the paradise of God. |
| Smyrna  2:8-11 | Synagogue of Satan is there | The First and Last, who was dead and came back to life | I know your suffering and poverty | Are afraid of suffering | Stop being afraid of coming suffering, poverty; be faithful to death and I will give the crown of life | Will not be hurt by the second death |
| Pergamum 2:12-17 | Satan’s throne is there; Satan lives there; Antipas was martyred there; the teachings of the Nicolaitians are there | Has the sharp two-edged sword | Hold on to my name; did not deny faith even when Antipas was martyred | Some hold to the teachings of Balaam (idolatry, immorality) and of the Nicolaitans | Repent, else I will war with the sword of my mouth | I will give of the hidden manna and a white stone and a secret name |
| Thyatira  2:18-29 | The so-called prophetess Jezebel is there; some have known the depts. Of Satan’s evil. | The Son of God, who has eyes like fire and feet like brass; searches the thoughts and hearts | Have love, faith, service, endurance; your last works are more than your first works | Tolerate the so-called prophetess Jezebel; her children will be killed; the faithful must hold fast to what they have | Repent of adultery with Jezebel; her children will be killed; the faithful must hold fast to what they have | I will give authority to rules the nations with an iron scepter and will give the Morning Star |

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| Sardis  3:1-6 | Have a reputation of being alive but are dead | Have the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars | A few have not polluted their garments, are worthy to be dressed in white | I know your works; have a reputation of being alive but are dead | Repent ; keep what you received; watch, lest I return as a thief | Will be dressed in white; I will not remove his name from the book of life; I will confess his name before my Father and his angels |
| Philadelphia  3:7-13 | Have an open door for evangelism; Jews from the synagogue of Satan will acknowledge that I have loved you | The holy and true One, who has the key of David and who opens and closes | I have placed before you an open door; have kept my Word and not denied my name | Have but a little power to take advantage of open doors, opportunities to serve | Hold on what you have; I will protect you during the testing of all the earth; I am coming quickly | I will place him as a pillar in God’s temple; I will write on him God’s name, the name of God’s city, and my new name |
| Laodicea  3:14-22 | Are worldly wealthy, but spiritually poor, naked, blind | The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of the creation of God |  | Lukewarm; do not know own wretchedness | I am about to spit you out; repent and receive purification and healing from me; I knock at the door; if anyone opens, I will enter and eat with him | I will grant to sit with me on my throne |