

The 7 Churches of the Book of Revelation

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Ephesus (2:1-7)	Holds 7 stars; walks among lampstands	Hard work; perseverance; not tolerate wicked; tested false apostles; endured hardships; not grown weary; hate practices of Nicolaitans	Forsaken the love had at first	Consider how far have fallen; repent; do the things done at first	Remove lampstand from its place	Right to eat from the tree of life in paradise of God
Smyrna (2:8-11)	The First & Last; died & came to life again	Know afflictions and poverty (yet rich); slander from "synagogue of Satan"		Do not fear of suffering of prison and persecution of 10 days; be faithful even to point of death		Life as victor's crown; victorious will not be hurt by 2 nd death
Pergamum (2:12-17)	Has sharp, double-edged sword	Remain true to name despite living where Satan's throne is; did not renounce faith even when Antipas killed	Some hold to teaching of Balaam of eating food sacrificed to idols and sexual immorality; some hold to teaching of Nicolaitans	Repent	Come soon to you and fight with sword of mouth	Victorious receive hidden manna and white stone with new name
Thyatira (2:18-29)	Son of God; eyes of fire, feet of bronze	Love and faith; service and perseverance; doing more than did at first; some have not learned "Satan's so-called deep secrets"	Tolerate Jezebel who misleads into sexual immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols	Repent of (Jezebel's) ways; hold on to what you have until Jesus comes	Those who commit adultery will suffer; strike (Jezebel's) children dead; repay each according to his deeds	Victorious who do Jesus' will to the end receive authority over the nations and the morning star

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Sardis (3:1-6)	Holds 7 spirits of God, 7 stars	A few have not soiled their clothes	Reputation of being alive, but dead; deeds unfinished in sight of God	Wake up, strengthen what remains and is about to die; remember what received and heard – hold it fast and repent	Jesus will come like a thief, and they will not know at what time Jesus will come	Unsoiled will walk with Jesus; victorious one will be dressed in white; will never blot out name of person from book of life; will acknowledge name before Father and angels
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	Holy and true; holds key of David; what opens no one can shut, what shuts no one can open	Little strength but have kept word and not denied name; have kept command to endure patiently		Hold on to what you have so no one will take crown		I am coming soon; will make “synagogue of Satan” come and fall down at feet and acknowledge Jesus loves church; will keep them from hour of trial; victorious will be a pillar in temple of God, will never leave temple; will write on them name of God, city of God, Jesus’ new name
Laodicea (3:14-22)	Amen, faithful & true witness; ruler of creation		Neither hot nor cold; do not realize are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, & naked	Buy gold refined by fire to be rich, white clothes to cover shameful nakedness, and salve to see; be earnest and repent	About to spit out of mouth	Stand at door and knock; if hear Jesus’ voice, will come in and eat with person; victorious will have right to sit on throne