

LETTERS TO THE ECCLESIAS - REVELATION 2 & 3

<i>Ephesus</i> 2:1-7	<i>Smyrna</i> 2:8-11	<i>Pergamos</i> 2:12-17	<i>Thyatira</i> 2:18-29	<i>Sardis</i> 3:1-6	<i>Philadelphia</i> 3:7-13	<i>Laodicea</i> 3:14-22
TITLE: "These Things Saith ..."						
He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.	The First and the Last, which was dead, and is alive.	He which hath the sharp sword with two edges.	The Son of God who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass.	He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars.	He that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.	The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.
APPROVAL: "I Know thy Works ..."						
... and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne ... and laboured not fainted. ... Thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans.	... and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich).	... and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.	... and thy charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.	Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.	... behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.	
DISAPPROVAL:						
Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.	I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.	Thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam ... to eat things sacrificed unto idols and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.	Thou sufferest that woman Jezebel which calleth herself a prophetess to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.	Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.		Thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, therefore I will spue thee out of my mouth. Thou sayest I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.
JESUS' FINDING: "I Know Thy Works"...						
Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place ...	The devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.	Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.	I will cast her into a bed ... I will kill her children with death. To the rest who have not this doctrine ... hold fast till I come.	If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.	Behold, I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.	I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, . white raiment, and eye salve. As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
ENCOURAGING PROMISE: "To Him That Overcometh ..."						
will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.	... shall not be hurt of the second death.	... will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.	... will I give power over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken ... and I will give him the morning star.	shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels.	... will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God ... which is New Jerusalem.	... will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

	Ephesian State (pre seals)	<i>First Seal</i>	<i>Second Seal</i>	<i>Third Seal</i>	<i>Fourth Seal</i>	<i>Fifth Seal</i>	<i>Sixth/Seventh Seals</i>
		<i>AD 96</i>	<i>AD 185</i>	<i>AD 217</i>	<i>AD 248</i>	<i>AD 318</i>	<i>AD 324</i>
		<i>Smyrnian State</i>	<i>Pergamian State</i>	<i>Thyatiran State</i>	<i>Sardian State</i>	<i>Philadelphian State</i>	<i>Laodicean State</i>
Condition of Roman Empire		White Horse Peace in Empire	Red Horse Civil war in Empire	Black Horse Famine & Death in Empire	Pale Horse Approaching death to Pagan Empire	Souls under Altar Diocletian against Barbarians	Great Earthquake Success of Constantine. Empire Christian
Condition of Ecclesia	Ecclesia fallen from first love	Tribulation, poverty, Synagogue of Satan. Polycarp burnt at stake	Antipas martyred. Wrong doctrine held – Balaamites & Nicolaitans	Jezebel & fornication tolerated, no repentance even after a warning.	Dead ecclesia. No conviction, some capable of repentance.	“Thou hast kept my word & not denied my name” in spite of Synagogue of Satan	Unaware of need to respond with zeal - lukewarm.
Finding of the Judge	Repent, do first works, or candlestick to be removed. “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life.”	Fear not, though being tried. Crown of life if continue faithful.	Command to repent and separate entirely from Balaamites & Nicolaitans. If overcome, to be given hidden manna, white stone & new name promised if obey.	A few names, which if they overcome, to be clothed in white raiment & name in Book of Life.	Name retained in Book of Life, to be clothed in white garment, & name confessed before the Father & the angels.	Hold fast, so that no man take thy crown. Then to be a Pillar in the Temple & have new name written.	Urgency to be zealous & repent. “Him will I grant to sit in my throne”.