

The Seven Churches of Revelation

Church	Approx. Date	Meaning of Name	Feature of Time Period	Commendation	Reproof	Counsel	Reward Promised
Ephesus	31 to about 100 AD	First or desirable	Era of waning love	Patient. Hate deeds of false teachers. Did not faint or give up.	Left your first love.	Repent – do again your 1st works.	Eat of the Tree of Life.
Smyrna	100 to about 325 AD	Myrrh or sweet fragrance	Persecution Suffering Martyrdom	Rich in faith & good works inspite of tribulation & hypocrites.	None.	Be faithful unto death.	Receive crown of life. Not be hurt of second death.
Pergamos	325 to about 538 AD	Height or power or elevation by marriage	State Religion Compromise	Held firm to Jesus' name and have not denied the faith.	Tolerance of Nicolaitanes, Balaamism, Compromise, Idolatry, & Immorality	Repent.	Receive hidden manna. White stone and New Name.
Thyatira	538 to about 1500	Sweet savor of labor. Sacrifice of contrition	Dark Ages Apostasy	For love, faith, patience, & good works.	Tolerance of Jezebel, Idolatry, immorality.	Hold fast what you already have.	Power over nations. Morning Star.
Sardis	1500 to about 1750	Those escaping or that which remains	Reform	A few are not defiled.	Dead works.	Watch, strengthen what remains. Hold fast & repent.	White Raiment. Keep name in Book of Life.
Philadelphia	1750 to about 1850	Brotherly love	Revival Gospel Spread	Kept the Word and not denied Jesus.	None.	Hold fast to the faith.	Pillar in temple. Keep from hour of temptation. Have name of God.
Laodecia	1850 to Jesus' Return	Judging the people or just people	Modern Christendom, The Church Today	None.	Luke warm Spiritually, poor, blind, & naked	Secure: gold tried in fire, white raiment, eye salve. Be zealous & repent.	Sit with Christ on His throne and eat with Him.

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