

THE 7 LETTERS FROM JESUS

The Setting of Revelation

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Christ's Edict-Letters to His Seven Churches

Church	Description of Christ	Commendation	Rebuke	Solution	Consequence of Disobedience	Promise for Conquerors
Ephesus (2:1-7)	holds the seven stars in his right hand; walks among the seven golden lampstands	doctrinal vigilance and endurance	loss of first love	remember, repent, and do the works done at first	removal of their lampstand	will be given the tree of life in paradise to eat
Smyrna (2:8-11)	the first and the last, who died and came to life	spiritually rich, enduring persecution	–	be faithful unto death	–	will be given the crown of life and will not be hurt by the second death
Pergamum (2:12-17)	has the sharp two-edged sword	holding fast Christ's name, not denying their faith	false teaching	repent	war against them with the sword of Christ's mouth	will be given hidden manna and a white stone with a new name on it
Thyatira (2:18-29)	has eyes like a flame of fire, feet like burnished bronze	growing love, evidenced in deeds of service	lack of discernment; toleration of heresy	hold fast and keep Christ's works till the end	each given as their works deserve	will be given the morning star and authority over the nations
Sardis (3:1-6)	has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars	a few remain pure and loyal	dead works	keep the Word and repent	Christ will come like a thief	will be clothed in white garments; name never blotted out of the book of life; name confessed before God and angels
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	the holy one, the true one, who has the keys of David	patiently enduring, keeping God's word and not denying his name	–	hold fast what you have	–	will be made a pillar in the temple of God, inscribed with the names of God, the new Jerusalem, and Christ
Laodicea (3:14-22)	the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation	–	spiritually blind, bankrupt, naked, lukewarm	buy gold, white garments, and salve from Christ; be zealous and repent	will be spit out of Christ's mouth	will dine with Christ; will be granted to sit with Christ on his throne