2016 Revelation Series-Handout #3
Structure of the 7 letters to the Churches

I THE LETTERS ARE BASED ON 7 ELEMENTS
   A. Superscription
   B. Identity of the writer
   C. Commendation
   D. Reproof
   E. Appeal to repent
   F. Appeal to hear
   G. A promise

II EXCEPTIONS
   Smyrna has no reproof
   Philadelphia has no reproof
   Sardis has no real commendation
   Laodicea has no real commendation

III HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
   Ephesus - 31-100 AD
   Smyrna - 100-313 AD
   Pergamos - 313-538 AD
   Thyatira - 538-1798 AD
   Sardis - 1798-1833
   Philadelphia - 1833-1844
   Laodicea - 1844-Second Coming of Jesus