

7 LETTERS OF REVELATION

THE REVELATION OF THE LORD TO THOSE WITH EARS TO HEAR

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

~ Revelation 3:22

1. 7 Common Letters

- a. Last week, we saw that the churches here are Jewish (as is the book of Revelation)
- b. Seven churches, seven letters, all with the same form.
 - i. Introduction: “to the angel...” + a description of the Lord
 - ii. Judgment of works: “I know thy works...” + good or bad + repent or else (3:5)
 - iii. Promise to overcome: “ear to hear” + promise of future kingdom come (3:12)
- c. These letters are skipped over to study the dramatic events afterward, but don't!
- d. Understanding what is written in these letters will help you with the rest of the book.

2. Who is the LORD

- a. John writes to show Jesus is Christ, Jesus said, “search the scriptures” - Jn 5:39, 20:31
- b. John has a vision of the LORD in vivid detail - Rev 1:10-18
- c. The Maker of Lights – Gen 1:3, Lev 24:1-4, Num 8:1-5, Isa 45:7, 60:19
- d. The King of Israel, the LORD – the first and the last – Isa 44:6, 48:12-13
- e. The Redeemer of Israel – name, mouth like sharp sword - Isa 49:1-7
- f. The Ancient of Days – white garment, hair like wool, fiery flame - Dan 7:9-11, 10:5-6
- g. The Righteous Judge – Isa 11:1-4, 10, 12, 9:6-7, Amos 5:8, Zech 6:1-5
- h. The Branch of David – Deu 32:3-4, Isa 22:20-22, Jer 23:5-6
- i. The Amen – Ps 41:13, 72:18-19, 106:48, Jer 42:5-6, Isa 65:16-19
- j. Each letter reveals that Jesus Christ is the LORD of the scriptures in the introduction.

3. Historical References

- a. Scofield: they “disclose seven phases of the spiritual history of the church”, *really?*
- b. If the churches are Jewish, wouldn't they speak to their own history? Rev 2:5
- c. Rev 2:4 – Their first love, when God delivered them – Exo 4:22, Hos 11:1, Mal 1:2
- d. Rev 2:10 – True/false Jews, discovered in tribulation – Num 14:1-11
- e. Rev 2:14 – Doctrine of Balaam – Deu 23:4-6, Num 31:16, 2 Pet 2:15
- f. Rev 2:20 – Jezebel shows up again – 1 Kings 16:30-33, 18:4, 18:19, 19:2
- g. Rev 3:5 – Coming as a thief to blot your name out – Deu 29:20-21, Joel 2:9-11, Ze 5:4
- h. Rev 3:12 – A new name and a new Jerusalem - Isa 62:1-2, 12
- i. Rev 3:19 – Here is a door that the LORD knocks on – Eze 44:1-3, 15-16, 28-29

4. The Mysteries of the Kingdom

- a. When we look back at the mysteries of the scriptures, we see what is revealed here
- b. “given unto you [faithful Israel] to know the mysteries of the kingdom” - Matt 13:11
- c. There is much more to the letters that speak to prophetic fulfillment for Israel
- d. The judgments of the LORD, the promises of the LORD, the kingdom of the LORD.