**The Revelation to John**

**Chapter 2-3 11/8/20**

**Review Chapter 1**

Apocalyptic, Visionary writing

Symbolism

Experiences, pictures to show a deeper truth

Apostle John views himself and his generation as partaking in

Tribulation, kingdom, patient endurance

Language emphasizes “soon-ness” of 2nd Coming

Jesus wants the church to know what is happening

**Context of chapters 2,3**

Threats to the Church

Physical persecution

Economic/Social Persecution

False Teaching

Compromise

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|  | Ephesus | Smyrna | Pergamum | Thyatira | Sardis | Philadelphia | Laodicea |
| How Jesus Appears | Holds 7 stars  Walks in 7 lampstands | The first and last, who died and came to life | Sharp two-edged sword | Eyes like fire, feet like bronze | 7 Spirits  7 stars | Holy, true one with key of David. Authority to open and shut | Amen, faithful and true witness, beginning of Creation |
| Praiseworthy | Toil, endurance  Tested false apostles, hate Nicolaitans | Going through tribulation, poverty, slander | Dwelling where satan’s throne is and hold fast to Christ’s name, do not deny faith even in persecution | Love, faith, service, endurance. Growing good works | A few still unsoiled walking with Jesus | Kept word, not denied name |  |
| What’s held against them | Abandoned love they had at first |  | Allow teachings of Balaam and Nicolaitans- food sacrificed to idols, sexual immorality | Tolerate Jezebel- sexual immorality, food sacrificed to idols | Dead, asleep, incomplete |  | Lukewarm.  Wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, naked |
| Repent | Do first works, or lose lampstand | (not repent, but hold on)  Devil will throw into prison | Christ will war with sword of mouth | Or tribulation, death to children of Jezebel  \*\*Some still innocent- hold fast | Remember, keep faith, wake up or Jesus will come against at unknown hour | (not repent, but hold on)  False Jews will bow down, kept from hour of trial. Hold fast to crown | Buy from Jesus- gold, white garments, salve.  Jesus disciplines beloved.  Wants to enter church |
| To Who Overcomes | Eat of tree of life in Paradise | Crown of life, will not be hurt by second death | Hidden manna, white stone with new name | Authority to rule. Morning star | Clothed in white. Never blot name from book of life. Jesus will confess them | Pillar in temple. Receive name of God and City and Jesus | Sit on Christ’s throne |