

## Messages to the Seven Churches of Asia - Revelation 2, 3 [NKJV]

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<b>Divine Attribute</b>	He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands	The First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life	He who has the sharp two-edged sword	The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass	He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars	He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens an no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens	The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God
<b>Commendation</b>	I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.	I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.	I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.	I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.	You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.	I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.	
<b>Reproof</b>	Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love		But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.	I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.	I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent.		I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing"—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

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<b>Warning</b>	Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent	Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.	Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.	Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. But hold fast what you have till I come.	Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.	Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.	I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
<b>Promise</b>	<i>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.</i> To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.	<i>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.</i> He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.	<i>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.</i> To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.	And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations — "He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels"— as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. <i>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.</i>	He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. <i>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.</i>	He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. <i>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.</i>	To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. <i>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.</i>
<b>Historical Representative</b>	The Post-apostolic Church Age - 1st century A.D.	The Persecuted Church Age - 2nd & 3rd centuries A.D.	The Imperial Church Age - 4th century to the present - the combining of church and state	The Papal Church Age - 6th century to the present - paganism is accepted and infused into the church beliefs.	The Protestant Church Age - the 16th century to the present - having the appearance of life.	The Missionary Church Age - 17th century to the present - submitted & committed to Christ and protected by God	The Apostate Church Age - 19th century A.D. to the present - the church of form, ritual, and a social gospel
<b>Church Characteristic</b>	Lots of action (programs) but a waning love of God, of the bretheren, and of the lost.	Persecuted and martyred for their faith.	Worldliness, intermarriage, and compromise with the world including the acceptance of its goals and morals.	Pagan practices and rites have been incorporated into the practices of the church. This has been characteristic of the Roman Catholic church from the 5th century to the present.	The appearance of life without the presence of the Holy Spirit. Many formal ritualistic practices with no spiritual empowerment.	A fundamental church giving the pre-eminence to God alone, more concerned with doctrinal truth and faith in action than form and tradition or social issues.	A rich, man-made church claiming to worship Christ but not having true salvation nor the empowering of the Holy Spirit.
<b>Modern Day Equivalent</b>	The Program Church	The Persecuted Church	The Worldly Church	The Pagan Church	The Self Sufficient Church	The Empowered Church	The Social Church