

The 7 Churches of Revelation 2&3 Summarized

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Notes	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
Bible Reference	Rev.2:1-7	Rev.2:8-11	Rev.2:12-17	Rev.2:18-29	Rev.3:1-6	Rev.3:7-13	Rev.3:14-22
History/ Geography	Important coastal city Started by Paul Temple to Diana Strong pagan worship	Izmir today Martyr Polycarp Temples to Zeus, Aphrodite, Demeter, Cybele 35-40 mi N of Ephesus	Altar of Zeus Invented parchment Several pagan temples Martyr Antipas	Lydia from here Acts 16:14 City of Akhisar Home of purple dye On a major trade route Temple to Apollo	Pactolus River Capital of Lydian territory Temple to Artemis Large synagogue Destroyed by earthquake City captured when guards slept @ gate (twice)	Alesehir On Hermus river Many pagan temples Destroyed by earthquake; rebuilt by Romans Grapes & vineyards Major trade route	Gate of Phrygia Roman province 190BC Famous for textiles, wool, banking, eye & ear medicine Destroyed by earthquake 60AD; rebuilt by citizens Piped in hot & cold water from nearby cities
Intro of Christ	He holds the 7 stars; walks in midst of 7 lamp stands	The 1 st & Last; One who was dead and came to life	One w/2 edged sword	Eyes like flame of fire; feet like fine brass	He who has the 7 Spirits of God & 7 stars	He who is holy & He who is true Quotes Isa.22:22	The Amen Faithful & True Witness Beginning of Creation
Commendations	Works, labor, patience, hate evil & Nicolaitans	Works, tribulation, poverty; blasphemy from synagogue of Satan	Works, where you dwell (Satan's throne), you hold fast/ did not deny	Works, love, service, faith, patience	<i>None</i>	Works An open door A little strength Kept My word Didn't deny Christ	<i>None</i>
Charges	Left your 1 st love	<i>None</i>	Allowing doctrine of Nicolaitans, doctrine of Balaam (idolatry & immorality)	Allowed "Jezebel" in the church as a prophetess (immorality, idolatry)	Have a name that is alive, but you are dead	<i>None</i>	I know your works Neither cold nor hot You are wretched, miserable, poor, naked & blind
Description of Christ	Will come quickly & remove your lamp stand	None listed	Will come quickly to fight against them w/sword of His mouth	He searches the minds & hearts; I give to each according to their works	I will come upon you as a thief	I am coming quickly	I stand @ door & knock; I will come to him & dine w/him
Over comers	Eat of the tree of life	Not hurt by 2 nd death	Hidden manna to eat; give a white stone w/new name	Give power over nations; give the Morning Star	Clothed in white Not blot out name from Book of Life	Make a pillar Write on him names	Site w/Me on My throne
Other notes (all in Asia Minor/ Turkey)	Remember from where you've fallen; repent	Crown of life to the faithful; some will endure suffering	White stone = court acquittal	Quotes Psalm 2	Be watchful, strengthen what remains Remember & repent	Synagogue of Satan; keep you from hour of trial; hold fast – keep your crown	Buy refined gold from Me, white garments; anoint your eyes I rebuke & chasten who I love Be zealous & repent

"He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."