

THE SEVEN CHURCHES of REVELATION – Revelation chapters 2 and 3
EXERCISE: From your Bible, what is the answer to each of the following questions?

CHURCH #1: TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF EPHEBUS
(Revelation 2:1 – 7; The church at the end of the apostolic age.)

1. What is the two-fold description that Jesus gives about Himself?
2. In what verses from chapter one do you see these two descriptions? (See Rev. 1:12 – 16)
3. What do the seven stars represent? (See Rev. 1:20)
4. What do the seven golden candlesticks represent? (See Rev. 1:20)
5. For what good things does Jesus commend the angel of the church of Ephesus?
6. Were all of the members of this church “good” members?
7. Was this a lazy pastor?
8. Did it appear that this pastor was tired of his pastoral role?
9. Was Jesus 100% pleased with this pastor?
10. In spite of the many good things done, what tragic error had this pastor made?
11. Although doing much good, had this pastor “fallen?”
12. What was the remedy for this pastor’s fall?
13. What would happen if the pastor did not repent?
14. According to verse 6, what did Jesus and the pastor have in common?
15. Not only is the message of Jesus addressed to the pastor, it is also addressed to whom else?
16. What does the word “overcome” mean?
17. What is promised to the one who overcomes?

CHURCH #2: TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF SMYRNA
(Revelation 2:8 – 11; The church under persecution.)

1. What description does Jesus give about Himself?
2. How is Jesus’ description of Himself “good news” to us?
3. What does the phrase, “I know your works” mean?
4. Was the church of Smyrna a financially prosperous church?
5. In what way was this church “rich?”
6. There were some liars around, what were they lying about?
7. In contrast to the church of God, what is the name of another congregation?
8. What encouraging words did Jesus have for this pastor?
9. What was to happen in the near future to this pastor?
10. How long would this time of suffering last?
11. Why do you think Jesus let him know how long the suffering will last?
12. What was the reward to be given for faithfulness?
13. Who else, in addition to Jesus Christ, is talking?
14. What will not hurt those who overcome?

CHURCH #3: TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF PERGAMOS
(Revelation 2:12 – 17; The church settled in the world.)

1. Why do you think Jesus would have a “two-edged sword?”
2. In what way did Jesus commend the pastor (“angel of the church”)?
3. Who is seated on a throne?
4. What is the significance of a throne?
5. What were some of the things occurring under this pastor’s watch that did not please the Lord?
6. How is it that these false teachers could be allowed to teach in the church?
7. What was the command to the pastor?
8. What is promised to those who overcome?

CHURCH #4: TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF THYATIRA
(Revelation 2:18 – 29; The church in idolatry.)

1. What two-fold description is given about Jesus Christ?
2. What good things does Jesus have to say to this pastor?
3. What was the pastor allowing to happen in his church?
4. What did Jezebel call herself?
5. Did Jezebel’s teachings lead people out of darkness and into God’s marvelous light?
6. What did God give Jezebel time to do?
7. What would be the devastating outcome if she did not repent?
8. Do children sometimes suffer because of the actions of adults?
9. What does Jesus search?
10. What will be the basis of Jesus’ judgment (verse 23)?
11. Was everyone in this church tainted by false teaching?
12. To those who had not been deceived, what were they encouraged to do?
13. What will be the result of those who overcome?
14. Who is the Spirit talking to?

CHURCH #5: TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF SARDIS
(Revelation 3:1 – 6; The church as dead, yet having a believing remnant.)

1. What is the twofold description of Jesus Christ, according to verse 1?
2. What was the reputation of this pastor and of this congregation?
3. What condition was this church really in?
4. According to verse 2, was there anything in this church that was not yet dead?
5. What was Jesus’ summation of their works?
6. What was the pastor told to do?
7. What would happen if the pastor (and the members) refused to repent?
8. In what manner does “a thief” come?
9. Was anyone righteous in Sardis?

10. What was the promise given to those who were worthy?
11. What will Jesus do to the names of those who do not repent?
12. What will Jesus do to the names of those who are found worthy?
13. What is the warning of verse 6?

CHURCH #6: TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA
(Revelation 3:7 – 13; The church in revival.)

1. What is the fourfold description that Jesus Christ gives about Himself?
2. What did the Lord promise to this pastor? (verse 8)
3. What three things had this pastor done?
4. How did Jesus feel about this pastor?
5. According to verse 10, what was the reward of perseverance in doing what was right?
6. In what manner will Jesus come?
7. What was the pastor supposed to keep on doing? (verse 11)
8. What is the function of a pillar?
9. What names would the Lord give to those who overcome?
10. What does it mean to "have an ear?"

CHURCH #7: TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF LAODICEA
(Revelation 3:14 – 22; The church in its final state of apostasy.)

1. What are some of Jesus' names?
2. What was the evaluation given to this pastor? (verse 15)
3. What would the Lord prefer?
4. What is the result of being lukewarm? (verse 16)
5. How did this pastor evaluate himself and his congregation?
6. What was this pastor unaware of?
7. What was the counsel of the Lord to this pastor? (verse 18)
8. Jesus not only rebukes, but he also does what?
9. What was this pastor told to do? (v19)
10. Where is Jesus standing?
11. And, what is He doing? (Why?)
12. To whom will Jesus have fellowship with?
13. What is the promise given to those who overcome?
