

# Welcome

## Bible study of Revelation

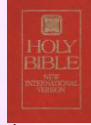
Part 2<sup>a</sup>: Introduction 7 letters, Ephesus, Smyrna

### Study books used:

Bible (New International Version)  
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## 2<sup>a</sup>.2 Bible study Contents

Introduction	Explanation. Who is Jesus Christ	Revelation12 <sup>a</sup>	M-time 3 <sup>a</sup> : Rescue Woman, anti trinity, M-time 3 <sup>a</sup> : beast out of the sea
Revelation 1	Introduction 7 letters, Ephesus+Smyrna	Revelation 13	M-time 3 <sup>a</sup> : Beast out of the sea+earth
Revelation 2 <sup>a</sup>	Pergamum, Thyatira and Sardis	Revelation 14	M-time 3 <sup>a</sup> : Announcement judgement harvest of the earth
Revelation 3	Philadelphia, Laodicea and summary	Revelation 15	M-time 3 <sup>a</sup> : Victorious Song
Revelation 4	View in heaven. Throne of God	Revelation 16	7 <sup>th</sup> trumpet (3 <sup>rd</sup> woe), 7 bowls of wrath
Revelation 5	Scroll. Who can open this scroll?	Revelation 17	M-time 4 <sup>a</sup> : Judgement over Babylon
Revelation 6	Opening first six seals	Revelation 18	M-time 4 <sup>a</sup> : The fall of Babylon
Revelation 7	M-time 1: Sealed, great multitude	Revelation 19	M-time 4 <sup>a</sup> : Song of the fall of Babylon Wedding of the Lamb, Word of God
Revelation 8	7 <sup>th</sup> seal, trumpet 1 until 4	Revelation20 <sup>a</sup>	Satan bound, 1 <sup>st</sup> resurrection, 1000 year of peace
Revelation 9	Trumpet 5 (1 <sup>st</sup> woe) en 6 (2 <sup>nd</sup> woe)	Revelation20 <sup>b</sup>	Satan expelled, last judgement
Revelation 10	M-time 2 <sup>a</sup> : Little scroll, N. M. D.	Revelation 21	New heaven and earth, Jerusalem
Revelation 11	M-time 2 <sup>a</sup> : Temple. Two witnesses Jesus King	Revelation 22	River of life, a warning
Revelation12 <sup>a</sup>	M-time 3 <sup>a</sup> : Woman, the Dragon and the war in heaven		

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.3: Introduction 7 letters

- Origin of the 7 letters. Opb. 2+3
- Seven churches mentioned in: Opb. 2+3
- Each church has a certain characteristic.
- Paul also writes to 7 churches and some persons.
- Why these 7 churches?

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.4 Locations and characteristics



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## 2<sup>a</sup>.5 Use of the 7 letters

- Use of the 7 letters:
  1. Meant for the one concerned (Ephesus etc.).
  2. The entire Christian Church at the time of John and after.
  3. Seems characteristic in relation to separate periods in church history.
  4. Every believer who recognises his own spiritual life in the letters.

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.6 Approval and disapproval

- Excellent, keep on.
- Good, only a pity a few spoil it. Work on improvement.
- Bad, but it is fine for those who try so hard. They are the example for the rest of the group.
- Desperate. Can any improvement be made?

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.7: Church in Ephesus (L1)



### • Church in Ephesus (decline):

Rev 2:1-7

1. Flourished under oppression, little knowledge Acts 19:2
2. Jesus is fully aware of the conflict and perseverance Rev 2:1, 2
3. The height from which you have fallen Rev 2:4-7
4. Declining love Eph 1:15, Eph 3:18-19
5. Savage wolves (Nicolaitans) Rev 2:15
6. In church history Ephesus can be placed until 100 AD.

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.8: Church in Smyrna (L2)



### • Church in Smyrna (perseverance):

Rev 2:8-11

1. Words of approval from the Lord.
2. The town still exists (Smyrna now Izmir).
3. The Greek word Smyrna is also used for Myrrh.
4. Smyrna is warned in advance to expect a lot of tribulation Rev 2:10
5. In church history Smyrna can be placed in the period between 100 to 300 AD.

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.9: Differences (Letter 1 and 2)



### • Three differences of these 2 letters in relation to the 7 letters

1. Letter 1 and 2: First the Spirit then the promise (L1:V7 and L2:V11)
2. Letter 1: An appeal for conversion of serious missteps (L1:V5)
3. Letter 2: Church which hears words of approval (L2:V11)

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.10: Survey of the 7 churches



Church	Jesus reveals as	I know	(Dis)approval	order in +promise
Ephesus (L1)	holds 7 stars in right hand 7 golden lampstands	deeds	hard work, first love perseverance	Spirit .. and .. promise eat from the tree of life
Smyrna (L2)	the first and the last, Died and came to life	afflictions+ poverty	Slander, suffering persecution	Spirit .. and .. promise not be hurt by 2 <sup>nd</sup> death
Pergamum (L3)				
Thyatira (L4)				
Sardis (L5)				
Philadelphia (L6)				
Laodicea (L7)				

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## 2<sup>a</sup>.11: History of the churches



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