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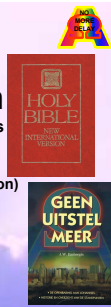
Bible study of Revelation Part 2^b: Letters to Pergamum, Thyatira and Sardis

Study books used:

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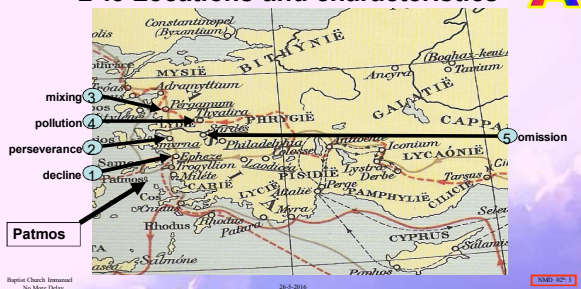
2^b.2 Bible study Contents

Revelation 1	Introduction	Revelation 12 ^b	M-time 3 ^a : Rescue Woman, anti trinity, M-time 3 ^b : beast out of the sea
Revelation 2 ^a	Explanation. Who is Jesus Christ	Revelation 13	M-time 3 ^b : Beast out of the sea+earth
Revelation 2 ^b	Introduction 7 letters, Ephesus+Smyrna	Revelation 14	M-time 3 ^b : Announcement judgement harvest of the earth
Revelation 3	Pergamum, Thyatira and Sardis	Revelation 15	M-time 3 ^b : Victorious Song
Revelation 4	Philadelphia, Laodicea and summary	Revelation 16	7 th trumpet (3 rd woe), 7 bowls of wrath
Revelation 5	View in heaven. Throne of God	Revelation 17	M-time 4 ^a : Judgement over Babylon
Revelation 6	Scroll. Who can open this scroll?	Revelation 18	M-time 4 ^a : The fall of Babylon
Revelation 7	Opening first six seals	Revelation 19	M-time 4 ^a : Song of the fall of Babylon Wedding of the Lamb, Word of God
Revelation 8	M-time 1: Sealed, great multitude	Revelation 20 ^a	Satan bound, 1 st resurrection, 1000 year of peace
Revelation 9	7 th seal, trumpet 1 until 4	Revelation 20 ^b	Satan expelled, last judgement
Revelation 10	Trumpet 5 (1 st woe) en 6 (2 nd woe)	Revelation 21	New heaven and earth, Jerusalem River of life, a warning
Revelation 11	M-time 2 ^a : Little scroll, N. M. D.		
Revelation 12 ^a	M-time 2 ^b : Temple. Two witnesses Jesus King		
Revelation 13 ^a	M-time 3 ^a : Woman, the Dragon and the war in heaven		

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2^b.3 Locations and characteristics



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2^b.4 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 reflected in the letters.

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2^b.5 Church in Pergamum (L3)

• Church in Pergamum (mixing):

1. Correctly handle the word of truth, the sword of the Spirit Rev 2:12-17
2. Living, active and sharper than any double edged sword 2Ti 2:15
3. Very old town, the word parchment comes from Pergamum. Heb 4:12
4. A few things against you. Twice we read of false teaching Rev 2:14-17
5. Nicolaitan's teaching is a strongly established doctrine in Pergamum.
6. In church history Pergamum can be placed in the period between 300 to 600/800 AD.
7. Conversion of Emperor Constantine the Great in 312 AD.

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2^b.6 Church in Thyatira (L4)

• Church in Thyatira (pollution):

1. Lydia a dealer in purple clothes from Thyatira Rev 2:18-29
2. Eyes like blazing fire; feet like burnished bronze. Jezebel. 1Ki 16:31
3. Symptomatically refers to the church of the last day? Rev 2:25,26
4. In church history Thyatira can be placed in the period between 600/800 to 1517 AD until the Reformation.

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2^b.7 Church in Sardis (L5)



• Church in Sardis (omission):

Rev 3:1-6

1. You have a reputation of being alive but you are dead Rev 3:1
2. Seven Spirits of God, a reference to ministers' obligation.
3. I haven't found your deeds complete in the sight of my God Rev 3:2
4. Some are watchful. White clothes ready for them. Rev 3:4
5. Can the Lord blot out a name out of the book? Ex 32:33, Rev 3:16
6. In church history Sardis starts from reformation around 1517.

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2^b.8: Differences (Letter 1 until 5)



• Three differences of these 5 letters in relation to the 7 letters

1. Letter 1, 2+3: What the Spirit says after that the promise (L1:V7; L2:V11; L3:V17)
Letter 4+5: First the promise than what the Spirit says (L4:V26-29; L5:V5-6)
2. Letter 1: An appeal for conversion of serious missteps (L1:V5; L3:V13)
Letter 4+5: The spiritual situation is so bad that a return to normality is not what can be expected. Remain the HOPE of His coming soon.
3. Letter 2: Church which hear words of approval (L2:V11)

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2^a.9: Survey of the 7 churches



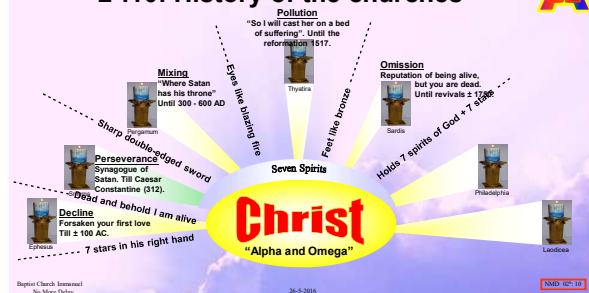
Church	Jesus reveals as	I know	(Dis)approval	order in+promise
Ephesus (L1)	holds 7 stars in right hand 7 golden lampstands	your deeds	hard work, first love perseverance	Spirit .. and .. promise eat from the tree of life
Smyrna (L2)	the first and the last, Died and came to life	deeds, afflictions+ poverty	Slander, suffering persecution	Spirit .. and .. promise not be hurt by 2 nd death
Pergamum (L3)	Who has the sharp, double-edged sword	deeds, where you live-where Satan ...	remain true to my ... Didn't renounce faith	Spirit .. and .. promise white stone + new name
Thyatira (L4)	whose eyes are like blazing fire + feet burnished bronze	your deeds, your love, faith, service	perseverance, Satan's deep secrets.	Promise .. and .. Spirit rule with an iron sceptre
Sardis (L5)	who holds the 7 Spirits of God and the 7 stars.	your deeds: rep. alive but dead	reputation of being a live but you are dead	Promise ... and .. Spirit never erase out book life
Philadelphia (L6)				
Laodicea (L7)				

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2^a.10: History of the churches



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