

Welcome

Bible study of Revelation

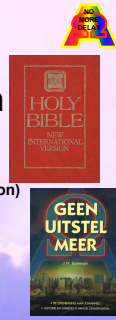
Part 3: Letters to Philadelphia and Laodicea

Study books used:

Bible (New International Version)
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3.2 Bible study Contents

Introduction	Explanation Who is Jesus Christ	Revelation 12 ^o	M-time 3 ^o : Rescue Woman, anti trinity, M-time 3 ^o : beast out of the sea
Revelation 1	Introduction 7 letters, Ephesus+Smyna	Revelation 13	M-time 3 ^o : Beast out of the sea+earth
Revelation 2 ^o	Pergamum, Thyatra and Sardis	Revelation 14	M-time 3 ^o : Announcement judgement harvest of the earth
Revelation 3	Philadelphia, Laodicea and summary	Revelation 15	M-time 3 ^o : Victorious Song
Revelation 4	View in heaven, Throne of God	Revelation 16	7 th trumpet (3 ^o woe), 7 bowls of wrath
Revelation 5	Scroll, Who can open this scroll?	Revelation 17	M-time 4 ^o : Judgement over Babylon
Revelation 6	Opening first six seals	Revelation 18	M-time 4 ^o : The fall of Babylon
Revelation 7	M-time 1: Sealed, great multitude	Revelation 19	M-time 4 ^o : Song of the fall of Babylon Wedding of the Lamb, Word of God
Revelation 8	7 th seal, trumpet 1 until 4	Revelation 20 ^o	Satan bound, 1 st resurrection, 1000 year of peace
Revelation 9	Trumpet 5 (1 st woe) en 6 (2 nd woe)	Revelation 20 ^o	Satan expelled, last judgement
Revelation 10	M-time 2 ^o : Little scroll, N. M. D.	Revelation 21	New heaven and earth, Jerusalem
Revelation 11	M-time 2 ^o : Temple, Two witnesses Jesus King	Revelation 22	River of life, a warning
Revelation 12 ^o	M-time 3 ^o : Woman, the Dragon and the war in heaven		

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3.3 Locations and characteristics



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3.4 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. Information 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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3.5 Church in Philadelphia (L6)

Church in Philadelphia (expectation):

Rev 3:7-13

1. What a relief! Approval words from the Lord.
2. The key of David grants Royal glory and a place in the Temple.
3. It does not seem to get easier when the hour of trial gets nearer.
4. In church history Philadelphia starts from 1750 ending just before the rapture of the church.
5. Small power but much fruit: Wesley, Whitefield, Moody etc.

Rev 3:7-9

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3.6 Church in Laodicea (L7)

Church in Laodicea (lukewarm):

Rev 3:14-22

1. Paul already knew the church in Laodicea Col 4:12-13
2. Warning from Paul Col 4:17
3. Amen a word usually at the end of a statement. The Lord lost patience?
4. Lukewarm. Remarkable statement for a town surrounded by warm springs.
5. In their eyes they were: First rate, a sort of refined Christianity.
6. God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise 1Co 1:26-27
7. Sharp accusations; will the members ever put on white clothes?
8. To whom the Lord says these words? I stand at the door and knock?
9. What a state of affairs: Jesus outside and spits her out of his mouth.
10. His call still goes out to this church, a few want to follow Rev 4:20
11. In church history Laodicea starts before the rapture and ends at the rapture of the church.

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3.7: Differences (Letter 1 until 7)



• Three differences of these 7 letters

- Letter 1, 2+3: What the Spirit says after that the promise (L1:V7; L2:V11; L3:V17)
Letter 4+5+6+7: First the promise then what the Spirit says (L4:V26-29; L5:V5-6; L6:V13; L:V22)
- Letter 1:
Letter 4+5+6+7: An appeal for conversion of serious missteps (L1:V5; L3:V13)
The spiritual situation is so bad that a return to normality is not what can be expected. Remain the HOPE of His coming soon. Seems to be representative before the rapture.
Letter 7:
- Letter 2+6: Church which hear words of approval (L2:V10; L6:V11)

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3.8: Survey of the 7 churches



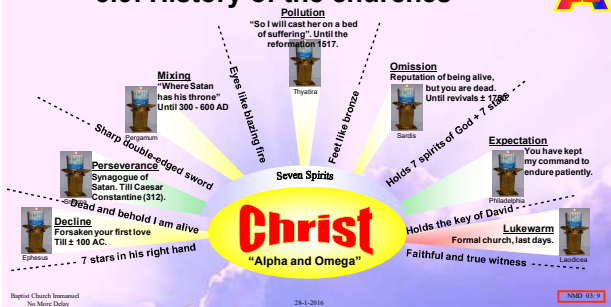
Church	Jesus reveals as	I know	(Dis)approval	order in+promise
Ephesus (L1)	holds 7 stars in right hand 7 golden lampstands	your deeds	hard work, first love perseverance	Spirit .. and .. promise eat from the tree of life
Smyrna (L2)	the first and the last, Died and came to life	deeds, afflictions+ poverty	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 scepter
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 live
Philadelphia (L6)	Who is Holy and true, who holds the key of David	your deeds, open door , little strength	open door no one can shut; you kept my word	Promise .. and .. Spirit pillar in the temple God's
Ladicea (L7)	Words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.	your deeds, neither cold nor hot. Lukewarm	lukewarm, pitiful, poor blind and naked. Lord's advice: buy gold from	Promise .. and .. Spirit to sit with me on my Throne ...

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3.9: History of the churches



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