

JOHN'S REVELATION FROM CHRIST: LETTERS TO THE 7 CHURCHES OF ASIA

In the [Book of Revelation, Chapter 1](#), it is recorded that Jesus Christ (a), now enthroned upon His Mercy Seat in Heaven, appeared to His faithful apostle, John, who was with Him decades earlier at His Cross on Calvary (b).

John is now advanced in age and, because of his unrelenting evangelistic endeavors ([Revelation 1:9](#)), is imprisoned on the island of Patmos. Some fifty miles south of Ephesus, Patmos was located in the Aegean Sea and was used by the Romans as a penal colony.

In this direct revelation from Christ, John was instructed to "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea" ([Revelation 1:10-20](#)).

Page two of this document offers a chart listing the synopsis of each of those seven letters, as well as the recompense offered to repentant souls by Jesus Christ Himself.

FOOTNOTES:

(a) <http://downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>

(b) <http://downriverdisciples.com/obituary-of-jesus>

<http://downriverdisciples.com/seven-churches>



THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION Modern Location + Scripture References	SYNOPSIS & RECOMPENSE
Ephesus Revelation 2:1-7 Selçuk, İzmir Province, Turkey OT Genesis 2:9. NT Acts 20:29-30; Revelation 22:2, 14, 19.	Charge: <i>the church that had forsaken its first love.</i> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches: <i>"To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."</i>
Smyrna Revelation 2:8-11 İzmir, İzmir Province, Turkey OT None. NT Acts 14:2, 19; 17:5, 13; James 2:5; Revelation 20:6, 14-15; 21:8.	Prophecy: <i>this church will suffer much but escape final damnation.</i> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches: <i>"The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death."</i>
Pergamum Revelation 2:12-17 Bergama, İzmir Province, Turkey OT Numbers 22-24, 25:1-3; 31:16; Psalms 78:24-25; Isaiah 62:2; 65:15. NT 1 Cor 9:19-23; 2 Peter 2:15; Jude 11.	Charge: <i>the church needing to repent for following false teachers (Balaam, etc).</i> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches: <i>"To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it."</i>
Thyatira Revelation 2:18-29 Akhisar, Manisa Province, Turkey OT 1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Kings 19:1-2; 21:1-14; 2 Kings 9:22, 30-34; Psalms 2:8-9; Isaiah 62:2; 65:15; Jeremiah 11:20, 17:10. NT Acts 16:14; Revelation 2:15-16; 12:5.	Charge: <i>the church that tolerated a false teacher (Jezebel).</i> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches: <i>"To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star."</i>
Sardis Revelation 3:1-6 Sart, Manisa Province, Turkey OT Psalms 69:29; Daniel 12:1. NT Matthew 10:32; 24:42-44; Mark 13:33; Philippians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 2:17; 7:13-14; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27.	Charge: <i>the dead church that called itself alive.</i> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches: <i>"The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels."</i>
Philadelphia Revelation 3:7-13 Alaşehir, Manisa Province, Turkey OT Isaiah 22:22; 45:14; 60:14; Ezekiel 48:35. NT Matthew 16:19; Revelation 2:9, 25; 19:13; 21:2-3; 22:7, 20.	Praise: <i>the church that remained faithful with limited strength.</i> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches: <i>"The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name."</i>
Laodicea Revelation 3:14-22 Eskişehir, Denizli Province, Turkey OT Proverbs 3:11-12; 13:7 NT Matthew 19:28; Luke 12:21; 22:28-30; 1 Corinthians 11:32; Hebrews 12:5-11; Revelation 1:5.	Charge: <i>lukewarm commitment to the faith that is nauseating to Christ.</i> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches: <i>"To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne."</i>