

An Overview of Revelation 2-3

Seven Churches	Ephesus 2:10-17	Smyrna 2:8-11	Pergamum 2:12-17	Thyatira 2:18-29	Sardis 3:1-6	Philadelphia 3:7-13	Laodicea 3:14-22
Jesus (cf Rev 1)	holds 7 stars & walks among 7 lampstands	is first and last, who died and came to life again	has the sharp double-edged sword	eyes blazing fire & feet burnished bronze	holds 7 spirits of God and 7 stars	holy and true; holds key of David (what he opens can't be shut)	the Amen, faithful witness, ruler of God's creation
I know your deeds...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hard work & perseverance, intolerance of evil & falsehood hate Nicolaitan practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> afflictions & poverty slander of synagogue of Satan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> where you live (Satan's throne) Faithfulness (even to death – e.g. Antipas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deeds, love & service perseverance doing more than at first 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have kept word and not denied – Satan's synagogue will acknowledge endured patiently 	
But I have this against you...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you have forsaken first love 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers like Balaam – idolatry & sexual immorality Teachers of Nicolaitans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tolerate 'prophetess' Jezebel – sexual immorality & idols she's had time to repent, so... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reputation of life but actually dead deeds not complete in my sight 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lukewarm not rich but pitiful, blind, naked I rebuke those I love:
Repent... Let him hear...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do what you did at first Or lampstand removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> don't fear suffering (prison, persecution 10 days, death) be faithful (& receive crown) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> repent Or I will fight with sword of mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cast her on bed of suffering (adulterers also & children die) God searches hearts and repays Hold on to gospel not jezebel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wake up Strengthen what's dying Remember & Obey what heard Or I will come (thief in night) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold on to your crown (I'm coming soon) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repent Buy gold, clothes & salve (to overcome poverty, nakedness and blindness) Open door (to eat with Christ)
Overcome (cf Rev 21-2)	right to eat from tree of life in paradise	not hurt by the second death	I will give hidden manna, white stone with new hidden name	I will give authority over nations (Ps2:9) & the morning star	a few who have not soiled – dressed in white and in book of life	a pillar in temple – never leave; name of God, city & new name	right to sit with me on my throne (just as he did with Father)
Seven Virtues	LOVE FOR JESUS	ENDURING PERSECUTION	TEACHING SOUNDLY	INTOLERANT OF EVIL	SPIRITUALLY REAL	PATIENTLY WAITING	HUMBLY DEPENDENT