



## The Seven Churches - Revelation 2 and 3 Reference Material



Church	City Known For	Symbol	Direct Accusation	Righteous Warning	Wise Counsel	Invitational Promise
Ephesus 2:1-7	Colonized in 11 <sup>th</sup> century BC Harbor Town, 3 Trade Routes Financial Center	7 Stars & 7 Golden Lampstands	Forsaken Your First Love	Remove their lampstand from its place	Do the things you did at first – <b>Repent!</b>	<i>“To him who <b>overcomes</b> I will give the right to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.”</i>
Smyrna 2:8-11	Formed in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Century BC Excellent Harbor, Rich Farmland 2 Major East West Roads	First and Last Who died & is alive again	<b>No Accusation Faithful</b>	Persecution was coming & they are about to suffer	Do not fear. Be <b>FAITHFUL</b> unto death	<i>“...I will give you the <b>crown of life</b>. Whoever <b>conquers</b> will not be harmed by the second death.”</i>
Pergamum 2:12-17	Formed in the 8 <sup>th</sup> century BC School of Sculpture, Famous Library Agricultural Surplus Silver mines, wooden textiles Stock breeding, parchment paper	Sharp Double- Edged Sword	Sexual immorality. Deep things of Satan.	Living where Satan’s throne is! <i>“I will come and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”</i>	Jesus searches hearts and minds. <b>Repent!</b>	<i>“To everyone who <b>conquers</b> I will give some of the <b>hidden manna</b>, and I will give a <b>white stone</b>, and on the stone is written a <b>new name</b>, no one knows except the one who receives it.”</i>
Thyatira 2:18-29	Previously Pelopia & Semiramis before named Thyatira in 290 BC Famous for its dyeing facilities Makers of purple cloth Wool workers, linen cloths	Eyes like blazing fire and feet like burnished bronze	Jezebel – fornication adultery eating of the food sacrificed to idols	Searches hearts and minds and will repay each according to their deeds	<i>“I am the one who searches minds and hearts and will give each of you as your works deserves.”</i> <b>Repent!</b>	<i>“To everyone who <b>conquers</b> and continues to do my works until the end, I will give <b>authority over the nations</b>, to rule them with an iron rod, as when clay pots are shattered – even as I received authority from My Father. To the one who <b>conquers</b>, I will also give <b>the morning star</b>.”</i>
Sardis 3:1-6	Founded 1200 BC Center for emperor worship Manufacture of industrial arts Dyeing of delicate woolens & carpets, reliable gold coins	Seven Spirits and Seven Stars	Dead Church	Wake up! <i>“I have not found your works perfect in the sight of God! I will come like a thief in the night.”</i>	Strengthen what remains. Remember what you received and heard, obey it. <b>Repent!</b>	<i>“If you <b>conquer</b> you will be clothed like them in white robes and I will <b>not blot your name out of the book of life</b>; I will confess your name before my Father and before His angels”</i>
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	Founded in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> century BC Vital communication & trade link Center of agriculture, Leather production & textiles	The Door	<b>No Accusation Faithful</b> Kept the Lord’s Word of patient endurance and had not denied His Name	Hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.	<b>Hold fast!!</b> <i>“I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.</i>	<i>“I will keep from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world ... hold fast, I am coming soon. If you <b>conquer</b> I will make you <b>a pillar in the temple of My God</b>. You will never go out of it. I will write on you the Name of My God and the name of the City of My God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from My God out of heaven, and My own new.</i>

<p>Laodicea (3:14-22)</p>	<p>Founded in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century BC Banking Medicine (Hippocratic Oath) Glossy dark, violet, black wool</p>	<p>Faithful &amp; True Witness, Ruler of God's Creation</p>	<p>Lukewarm</p>	<p><i>"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot. I will vomit you out of my mouth."</i></p>	<p><i>"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and <b>repent</b>."</i></p>	<p><i>"Listen, I stand at the door, knocking; if you hear My voice, and open the door I will come in and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers, I will give a place with Me on My throne, just as I conquered and sat with My Father on His throne."</i></p>
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