

SUMMARY OF THE MESSAGES TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

CHURCH	CHRIST	COMMENDATION	COMPLAINT	THREAT	PROMISE
Ephesus "Beloved" At the end of the Apostolic age	Holds the seven stars, walks in the midst of the lampstands.	Works, labor, endurance, testing false prophets, hating the Nicolaitans	Loss of putting Christ first. Their love for Him had faded.	Removal of the Lampstand.	Access to the tree of life in Paradise.
Smyrna "Myrrh" Great Persecution	The First and the Last who was dead and is alive	Works, tribulation and poverty for Christ's sake.	None	None	Crown of Life and no second death
Pergamum "Married" Constantine Era	Has a sharp two-edged sword.	Faithful even in the face of martyrdom.	Tolerated those who taught the doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.	Will war against the church with the sword of His mouth.	Feed with hidden manna, given a white stone and a new name.
Thyatira "Sacrifice" Purple Fabrics Dark Ages	Eyes like a flame of fire and feet like fine bronze.	Love, service, faith, and patience. Lots of activity but not much fruit.	Tolerance of false prophets. Corrupted by Papal dominion.	Casting the prophets and her children into the Great Tribulation.	Authority over the nations and rule with Christ in the millennium
Sardis "Remnant" Reformation Era	The possessor of the Seven Spirits and the Seven Stars.	A few who have not defiled their garments.	A reputation for life with signs of death.	Christ will come as a thief.	Clothed in white, in the Boon of Life, will be confessed before the Father.
Philadelphia "Brotherly Love" Missionary Era	The One having Supreme Authority "Key of David"	Faithfulness to the Word of God.	None	None	An open door, deliverance from the Great Tribulation, permanence in the temple of God.
Laodicea "People Judgment" The apostate church of the last days.	The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the beginning of the	None	Luke warmth and an over-estimate of status before God.	Expulsion from the mouth of the Lord.	Close relationship and rule with Christ.