

The Seven Churches of Revelation

Week One – Introduction and Ephesus

Introduction - Revelation 1:11-20

1. How do we know that the seven Churches mentioned here are seven stages of Church history and are not the literal churches that existed in John's day?

2. Explain the underlined symbols in the following verses:

Verse 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Verse 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Verse 14 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

Verse 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Verse 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword; and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

With each Church answer the following questions:

1. What is the meaning of its name?
2. What is the message to this church plus its commendations, warning and reward?
3. What was the approximate time period that this church covered?
4. What were the historical events and doctrinal controversies during this time period?
5. Who is the messenger to this church? Why is this person considered to be the messenger?
6. Is there an alternate individual that you feel is the messenger? Support your viewpoint.
7. What can we learn from the experiences of this church?

Ephesus – Revelation 2:1-7

Week Two

Smyrna – Revelation 2:8-11

Pergamos – Revelation 2:12-17

Week Three

Thyatira – Revelation 2:18-29

Also catch up from weeks 1 or 2

Week Four

Sardis – Revelation 3:1-6

Philadelphia – Revelation 3:7-13

Week Five

Laodicea – Revelation 3:14-22

Additional comments or questions from the congregation on any of the Seven Churches.