OUTLINE OF REVELATION
Cf. Revelation 1:19

I. The things which you have seen
   (Chapter One)

II. The things which are
    (Chapters Two and Three)

III. The things which will take place after this
     (Chapters Four through Twenty-two)
Quick notes on Revelation One

Verse One: “must”---

“shortly”-----not necessarily “soon”
more like “quickly” or “swiftly”

Verse Five: “loved”----

Verse Six: “Kings and priests”

Verse Seven: “He is coming”
# The Seven Churches of Revelation

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<td>Love for Christ no longer fervent</td>
<td>Do the work you did at first</td>
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<td>Love, service, faith, patience is greater than at first</td>
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<td>Be zealous and repent</td>
<td>Share Christ's throne</td>
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REVELATION 2 and 3       Letters to the 7 Churches

The Form of each message:

1. Addressee: “to the angel of the church of ___________, write”

2. Identification of Christ, alluding back to His majesty in 1:12-20, “These things says He Who____________________”

3. Claim of knowledge: “I know your works, and_____________”

4. Evaluation: rebukes or commendations

5. Promise or threats: Usually with: “I will _____________”

6. Promise to “him who overcomes”

7. Exhortation to listen: “He who has an ear, _____________ __________________________”

Note that 6. and 7. can occur in reverse order, and 5. can be included with 4.
**Ephesus---** cooling
Sovereign Authority over the Church

**Smyrna---** suffering
Christ's Preeminence in all Spheres
Sovereign over Death and Life
Eternal

**Pergamos---**
or
**Pergamum** compromising
Discerning Judge

**Thyatira---** corrupt
Divine God
Eyes
Feet----exactness
**OBSERVATIONS/APPLICATIONS from Revelation 2 and 3**

--Only right doctrine, rightly applied, leads to right living. Wrong (false) doctrine always leads to wrong living.

*Wrong belief is sin in the same way that wrong behavior is sin.*

--We learn about a person (in part) through his words.

Revelation 2 and 3 are filled with the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, what He loves and hates, what He requires, what He warns about, how He encourages His own, etc. Let us learn of Him in these chapters.

--We must be careful that our body parts are yielded to the Lord (Rom.12) for their intended purposes.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

May we be diligent to HEAR what the Lord teaches us in His Word.

--The omniscient (all-knowing) Christ, He Who repeatedly says,

“I know your works,”

also says,  
I know your life circumstances,  
I know your fears,  
I know your strengths and I know your weaknesses,  
I know your future;

*I AM* your future--------continue to trust Me.
THE SEVEN CHURCHES / Revelation 2:1–3:22

The seven churches were located on a major Roman road. A letter carrier would leave the island of Patmos (where John was exiled), arriving first at Ephesus. He would travel north to Smyrna and Pergamum, turn southeast to Thyatira, and continue on to Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea—in the exact order in which the letters were dictated.