

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

	Commendation	Criticism	Instruction	Promise
Ephesus (2:1-7)	Rejects evil, perseveres, has patience	Love for Christ no longer fervent	Do the work you did at first	The tree of life
Smyrna (2:8-11)	Gracefully bears suffering	None	Be faithful	The crown of life
Pergamos (2:12-17)	Keeps the faith of Christ	Tolerates immorality, idolatry and heresies	Repent	Hidden manna and a stone with a new name
Thyatira (2:18-29)	Love, service, faith, patience is greater than at first	Tolerates cult of idolatry and immorality	Judgment coming; keep the faith	Rule over nations and receive morning star
<u>Sardis</u> (3:1-6)	Some have kept the faith	A dead Church	Repent; strengthen what remains	Faithful, honored, clothed in white
<u>Philadelphia</u> (3:7-13)	Perseveres in the faith	None	Keep the faith	A place in God's presence, a new name, and the New Jerusalem
<u>Laodicea</u> (3:14-22)	None	Indifferent	Be zealous and repent	Share Christ's throne

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.

