

# **The Vision of John - Revelation 1**

## **Those Who Walk With God Get God's Special Blessing**

### **A. Introduction (1:1-3)**

#### **1. The Nature of the Book (1:1-2)**

- a. The Title, origin, subject, object, transmission, and author (v 1)**

- b. Threefold authenticity (v 2)**

#### **2. The Purpose of the Book (1:3)**

- a. We must read**

- b. We must hear**

- c. We must keep those things written**

- d. The time is at hand**

**1 Peter 1:13**

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### **B. The Salutation of Revelation (1:4-6)**

- 1. To the seven churches (v 4)**
- 2. From John (v 4)**
- 3. From God the Father (v 4)**
- 4. From the seven spirits (v 4)**
- 5. From Christ based on His Character (vv 5-6)**  
**2 Peter 1:2, 1 Peter 5:10**

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C. The Theme of Revelation (1:7)

Acts 1:8-9, Zechariah 12:10, 2 Peter 3:11-12

D. The Eternal Nature of the Revelator - Christ (1:8)

Phrase Christ uses in this book to refer to Himself

Phrase used to describe God the Father

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### **E. The Circumstances of Writing of Revelation (1:9-11)**

- 1. The Author and His Exile (v 9)**
- 2. The Inspiration by the Spirit (v 10)**
- 3. The Commission of Christ (v 11)**

### **F. The First Vision of Revelation (1:12-16)**

- 1. Seven golden candlesticks (12)**
- 2. The Son of Man (13-16) - Characteristics of Christ**  
**Daniel 7:8-9**

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### G. Reaction and Response (1:17-19)

#### 1. The Reaction of John (1:17a)

a. Worship and Respect

b. Reaction does not change throughout the book

#### 2. The Response and Requirement of Christ (1:17b-19)

a. Christ's Compassion - Fear not (v 17b)

b. Christ's Authority - (v 18)

c. Christ's Command (v 19) - Write

Three Major Divisions of the Book

1). The Things Seen (1:9-20)

2). The Things Which Are (Ch 2-3)

3). The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter (Ch 4-22)

# The Message to The Churches - Part I

## Revelation 2

**God Always Has A Message**

# I. Introduction

## A. A threefold interpretation

1. To the churches themselves
2. To the churches which follow
3. To church members

## B. The structure of each message

### 1. The Salutation:

Show an attribute of Christ and the fact that He knows all things. Eph 5:13

### 2. The Spiritual Condition of the Church

### 3. An Exhortation To “Overcome”

(With a Specific “Reward”)

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## **II. The Letter to Ephesus (2:1-7)**

### **Revelation 2:1-7**

**1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;**

**2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:**

**3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.**

## **II. The Letter to Ephesus (2:1-7)**

### **Revelation 2:1-7 – continued**

**4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.**

**5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.**

**6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.**

**7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**

## **II. The Letter to Ephesus (2:1-7)**

### **Serving With the Wrong Motive**

#### **A. A Tenfold Commendation (2:1-6)**

#### **B. A Single Flaw (2:4)**

**Ephesians 1:15**

**Wherfore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,**

## **II. The Letter to Ephesus (2:1-7)**

### **C. A Warning (2:6)**

**1 Samuel 15:22**

**And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**

**1 John 5:3**

**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

## **II. The Letter to Ephesus (2:1-7)**

### **D. A challenge (2:7)**

**1 John 5:4-5**

**4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:  
and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even  
our faith.**

**5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that  
believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**

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### **III. . The Letter to Smyrna (2:8-11)**

#### **Revelation 2:8-11**

**8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;**

**9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.**

### **III. . The Letter to Smyrna (2:8-11)**

#### **Revelation 2:8-11 – continued**

**10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**

**11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**

### **III. . The Letter to Smyrna (2:8-11)**

#### **Suffering With Christ**

##### **A. Commended for three things (9) - No flaw**

**2 Peter 3:14**

**Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things,  
be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace,  
without spot, and blameless.**

##### **B. Christ's Commitment to the Suffering Saint (10-11)**

**James 1:12**

**Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when  
he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the  
Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

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## **IV. The Letter to Pergamos (2:12-17)**

### **Revelation 2:12-17**

**12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;**

**13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.**

## **IV. The Letter to Pergamos (2:12-17)**

### **Revelation 2:12-17 - continued**

**14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.**

**15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.**

## **IV. The Letter to Pergamos (2:12-17)**

### **Revelation 2:12-17 - continued**

**16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.**  
**17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.**

## **IV. The Letter to Pergamos (2:12-17)**

### **The Church in Spiritual Battle**

**1 Timothy 4:16**

**Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

**2 Timothy 4:2-4**

**2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.**

**3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**

**4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

## **IV. The Letter to Pergamos (2:12-17)**

### **A. The Faithful Soldiers - (2:13)**

#### **Three Commendations**

### **B. The Fallen Soldiers (2:14-15)**

#### **Accepting Wrong Doctrine**

**1. Wrong doctrine is either not scriptural or  
undermines God's authority**

**2. The Doctrine of Balaam (2 Peter 2:15, Jude 11)**

**3. The Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes**

### **C. The Exhortation (2:16-17)**

**The Overcomer (Victor) Will Get A White Stone**

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## V. The Letter to Thyatira (2:18-29)

### Revelation 2:18-19

**18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;**  
**19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.**

### A. Six commendations

## V. The Letter to Thyatira (2:18-29)

**Revelation 2:20-21**

**20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.**

**21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.**

**B. Four flaws – The Doctrine of Jezebel**

## V. The Letter to Thyatira (2:18-29)

**Revelation 2:22-23**

**22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.**

**23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

**C. Threefold Warning of Judgment**

## V. The Letter to Thyatira (2:18-29)

### Revelation 2:24-28

**24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.**

**25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.**

**26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:**

**27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.**

**28 And I will give him the morning star.**

## **V. The Letter to Thyatira (2:18-29)**

### **D. The message to the faithful (2:24-28)**

- 1. Encouragement (2:24-26)**
- 2. Empowerment (2:26-27)**
- 3. Expectation (2:28)**

# Action Point

**Revelation 2:29**

**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**