

REVELATION 2 vs 1

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The ancients tell us, John lived the longest of the 12 disciples; the original followers of the Lord; **eye-witnesses to Jesus Christ**. In the King James Version we read the title given to this book: **The Revelation to John**; the disciple whom Jesus loved.

7 churches of Revelation are typical of what will be until the Gentile time ends; which means they exist today! Only 2 need not reconsider: evidence they are the true church Jesus is building; who the 5 others are, is a mystery, Daniel says, they will go through great testing.

The things which are: the congregation of Ephesus / the morning star,



➤ **¹To the angel of the church at Ephesus / the messenger with the good news of God write; He who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says;**

²I know your works, your labor, and your endurance; and how you cannot tolerate them who are evil: and you tested them who say they are sent by the Lord, and are not, and have found them liars: / to five of these assemblies the Lord Jesus points to current events: both good and right, mixed with evil and wrong they are dealing with...

³and have carried and have endured, and for the sake of My Name have labored, and have not grown weary.

⁴Yet I have this against you, **because you left your first love.**

⁵Therefore, remember how far you have fallen, and **reconsider, and do the first works; or else I will come to you swiftly, and will remove your lampstand from its place, except you **reconsider**.** / **metanoia** used 8 times these 2 chapters: **meta = change + noia = mind**; **change your mind**; it's a word, a first grade teacher would have their students do every day, so they think correctly; **because without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart**.

⁶But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans which I also hate / followers of Nicolas – Acts 6:5, **who like Balaam posed as a prophet, but led people into idolatrous Baal worship.** – Numbers 22

⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the congregations; to the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

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The things which are: the congregation of Smyrna / the crushing,

➤ **8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna / to the messenger carrying the good news of God write; The First and the Last, who was dead, and is alive, says;**

9 I know your works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but you are rich) and I know the slander of those who say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan / Smyrna means: to crush; Polycarp, the disciple of John, was one of many martyrs who lived in Smyrna; these people were very much awake to the things of the Lord in the world they knew; very different than the comfy Laodiceans; those in Smyrna were harassed by the religious and civil thugs of Satan, lovers of their traditions; hardheads who wrongly thought they were the praise of God, but were the number one enemy of God and His Christ – remember John was Jewish.

10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer: Look, the devil will throw some of you into prison, to test you, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you a crown of life / testing the faithful, not because any were criminal but accused by the true criminals.

11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies; the one who conquers will **not be harmed by the second death.**

The things which are: the congregation of Pergamos / the bad marriage,

➤ **12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos / to the messenger carrying the good news of God write; He who has the sharp two-edged sword says;**

13 I know your works, and where you live, even where Satan's seat is: and you hold firmly to My name, and have not denied your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas was My faithful witness, who was put to death among you, where Satan lives.

14 But I have a few things against you, since there you have those who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to fornicate.

15 In the same way, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans which I hate / like Balaam of old, who led people into idolatrous Baal worship.

16 **Reconsider or I will come suddenly to you, and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.**

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17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the congregations; to the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and will give a white stone, and in the stone a new name is written, that no one knows except the one who receives it.

The things which are: the congregation of Thyatira, trade guilds of Mystery Babylon,

18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira / to the messenger carrying the good news of God write; The Son of God, whose eyes are like a fiery flame, and feet like fine bronze, says;

19 I know your works, your love, service, faith, and endurance; and that your last works are greater than the first.

20 Yet I have this against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to fornicate, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 And I gave her time to reconsider her fornicating; yet she did not reconsider.

22 Look, I will throw her into a sick bed of great tribulation with those who adulterate with her, except they reconsider their works / Jesus knows without a changed mind there will be no changed heart.

23 And with deadly pestilence I will kill her children; and all the congregations will know I am He who searches the minds and hearts: and I will give to each one of you according to your works.

24 But I say, to the rest of you in Thyatira, as many as do not hold this teaching, and who do not know the so called deep things of Satan; I put no other burden on you.

25 But what you already have, firmly hold on until I come.

26 And to the one who conquers, and keeps My deeds to the end, to him I will give authority over the nations:

27 and He will rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter they will be shattered in pieces: and just as I received from My Father;

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

²⁹ **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.**

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