

End Times Study Revelation 1-3

Chapter 1

1:1-3 – Purpose/Promises (22:18-20)

- * The Revelation of Jesus Christ
- * Do not add to the words...

1:19 – Order/Outline

Chapter 1 – Things which you have seen
Chapter 2-3 – The things which are
Chapter 4 – Rapture, View of God in Heaven
Chapter 5 – View of Jesus in Heaven
Chapter 6-18 – The Great Tribulation (7 Seals/Trumpets/Bowls)
Chapter 19 – Return of Christ & Battle of Armageddon
Chapter 20 – Millennial Reign of Christ, Satan Defeated, Judgment
Chapter 21-22 – New Heaven & New Earth

1:4-20 – The Things Which You Have Seen (V9-17 = Jesus)

Chapter 2-3

- * Letters to the 7 Churches (The Things Which Are)

2:1-7 Church in Ephesus (Map/Picture of Ruins)

- * Started by Apollos in Acts 18:24-26
 - * Paul ministered there for 2+ years in Acts 19:1-10
 - * Paul wrote a letter to them – “To the saints who are in Ephesus”
 - * Commendations: Works, Labor, Patience, Non-tolerant/evil, Tests everyone, Persevered/Labored/My name’s sake, Not grown weary
- Ephesians 2:8-10** ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- Matthew 5:16 ¹⁶ **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**
- * Corrections: You have left first love John 13:1 & I Corin 13!

2:8-11 Church in Smyrna (Map/Picture of Ruins)

- * Polycarp was the Bishop of Smyrna
- * Commendations: Works, Tribulation & Poverty
- * Corrections: None Exhortations: Don’t fear what you are going to suffer, prison, be faithful to death = crown of life
- * First Martyrs = John Baptist (Matt 14:10); Stephen (Acts 6-7)

2:12-17 Church in Pergamos (Map/Picture of Ruins)

- * Temple of Zeus, 1st City/Asia Temple for Augustus; Asclepius, god of health, symbolized by a serpent, was worshiped there
 - * Commendations: Works, Dwell/Satan lives yet Hold Fast/My name
 - * Corrections: Doctrine of Balaam = Nicolaitons
- 2 Timothy 4:2-4** ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables

2:18-29 Church in Thyatira (Map/Picture of Ruins)

- * Commendations: Works, Love, Service, Faith, Patience, Last better
 - * Corrections: Allow Jezebel teach, commit sexual immorality, eat...
- 1 Peter 1:13-16** ¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

3:1-6 Church in Sardis (Map/Picture of Ruins)

- * Commendations: Works,
 - * Corrections: Name/Alive/Are Dead, Be Watchful, Strengthening/Remain, Works not perfect before God
- 1 Corinthians 4:5** ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

3:7-13 Church in Philadelphia (Map/Picture of Ruins)

* Commendations: Works, Have little strength, Kept My Word, Not denied My name, Kept command to Persevere, Keep/You/Trial/Come

* Corrections: None!

3:14-22 Church in Laodiceans (Map/Picture of Ruins)

* Commendations: None!

* Corrections: Works – neither cold nor hot = lukewarm...

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!