

Sabbath Marketplace Service

Unpacking the Book of Revelation – Seven Letters

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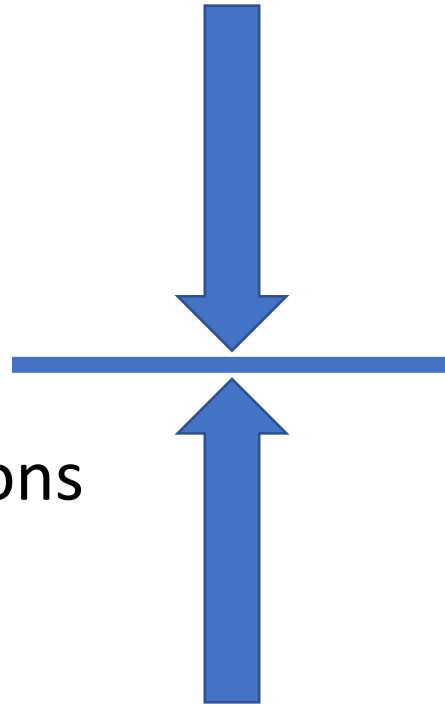


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The Letters to the Seven Churches

- There are seven Sevens in the Book of Revelation

1. Seven Letters
2. Several Seals
3. Seven Trumpets
4. Seven Thunders
5. Seven Proclamations
6. Seven Bowls
7. Seven Kingdoms



Seven Evil Kingdoms-Against God's People

1. Egypt – 400 years of slavery
2. Assyria – Exiled the Northern Kingdom (10 Tribes)
3. Babylon – Exiled the Southern Kingdom of Judah and Benjamin
4. Medes-Persia – Destroyed Babylon
5. Greece – Divided into 4 regions, the Seleucid branch became most prominent (Antiochus Epiphanes)
6. Rome – Ancient Rome, Holy Rome and
7. Present Rome – One World Order (Events leading to the Ten Toes)

Church in Ephesus – The Loveless Church

- “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,
- **‘These things says He**
- who holds the seven stars in His right hand,
- who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:
- **I know** your works, your labor, your patience,
- and that you cannot bear those who are evil and have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;
- ³ and you have persevered and have patience,
- and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.

Letter to the Church in Ephesus

- ⁴ Nevertheless I have *this* against you,
- that you have left your first love.
- ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen;
- repent and
- do the first works,
- or else
- I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—
- unless you repent.
- ⁶ But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- ⁷ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

Church in Smyrna – The Persecuted Church

- “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,
- ‘**These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:**
- ⁹ “**I know** your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and **I know** the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan.
- ¹⁰ **Do not fear** any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. **Be faithful until death**, and I will give you the crown of life.
- ¹¹ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.**”

Church in Pergamos – The Compromising Church

- “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write,
- ‘**These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:**
- ¹³ “**I know** your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.
- ¹⁴ **But I have a few things against you**, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. ¹⁵ Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
- ¹⁶ **Repent**, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.
- ¹⁷ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.” ’**

Church of Thyatira – The Corrupt Church

- ¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,
- ‘These things **says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:** ¹
- ⁹ “**I know** your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and *as for your works, the last are more than the first.*
- ²⁰ Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. ²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, **unless they repent** of their deeds. ²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Church of Thyatira

- ²⁴ “Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. ²⁵ But hold fast what you have till I come. ²⁶ And he **who overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him **I will give power** over the nations—
- ²⁷ ‘He **shall rule** them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ —
- as I also **have received from My Father**; ²⁸ and **I will give him the morning star.**
- ²⁹ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

Church in Sardis – The Dead Church

- **3** “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,
- ‘These things says **He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars:**
- “**I know** your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. ² Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.
- ³ Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and **repent**. Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. ⁴ You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.
- ⁵ **He who overcomes** shall be **clothed in white garments**, and **I will not blot out** his name from the Book of Life; but **I will confess his name** before My Father and before His angels.
- ⁶ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

The Church of Philadelphia – The Faithful Church

- ⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,
- ‘These things says **He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”**’:
- ⁸ “**I know** your works.
- See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. ⁹ Indeed **I will make** *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed **I will make** them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

The Church of Philadelphia – The Faithful Church

- ¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.
- ¹² **He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him My new name.***
- ¹³ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

The Church of Laodiceans – The Lukewarm Church

- ¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,
- ‘These things **says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:**
- ¹⁵ “**I know** your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

The Church of Laodiceans – The Lukewarm Church

- ¹⁹ **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.**
- ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me.
- ²¹ To him **who overcomes** I will grant **to sit with Me on My throne**, as I also **overcame** and **sat down** with **My Father on His throne**.
- ²² “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ”



The Throne Room – Rev 4

- **4** After these things I looked, and behold, a door **standing open** in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will **show you things which must take place *after this*.**”
- **2** Immediately **I was in the Spirit;**

Father GOD seated on His Throne

- and behold, a throne set in heaven, and **One sat on the throne.** ³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. ⁴ Around the **throne were twenty-four thrones**, and on the **thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting**, clothed in **white robes**; and they had ***crowns of gold*** on their heads. ⁵ And from the throne proceeded ***lightnings, thunderings***, and voices. **Seven lamps** of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God**.

There are Many Types of Crown

- Finally, there is laid up for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. – 2Tim 4:8
- For what *is* our hope, or joy, or **crown of rejoicing**? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? – 1 Thess 2:19
- Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the **crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. – James 1:12
- and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the **crown of glory** that does not fade away. – 1 Peter 5:4



Magnificent Beings

- ⁶ Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, **were four living creatures** full of eyes in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature **was like a lion** (Matthew), the second living creature **like a calf** (Mark), the third living creature had a face **like a man**, (Luke) and the fourth living creature **was like a flying eagle** (John). ⁸ *The* four living creatures, each having **six wings, were full of eyes around and within**. And they do not rest day or night, saying:
- “Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!”

Intense High Praises

- ⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, **who lives forever and ever**, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who **lives forever and ever**, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:
- ¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

The Lamb Takes the Scroll

- **5** And I saw in the **right *hand*** of Him who sat on the throne **a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.** ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.
- ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and **to loose its seven seals.**”

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The Lamb of God is Worthy to Take the Scroll

- ⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb** as though it had been slain, **having seven horns** and **seven eyes**, which are the **seven Spirits of God** sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and **took the scroll** out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.
- ‘The **Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him**,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.” – Isaiah 11:2

A New Song – Rev 14:1-3

- ⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the **twenty-four elders** fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and **golden bowls full of incense**, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And **they** sang a **new song**, saying:
 - “You are worthy to take the scroll,
And **to open its seals**;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
¹⁰ And have **made us kings and priests** to our God;
And **we shall reign** on the earth.”

Worthy Is the LAMB

- ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the **voice of many angels** around the throne, the **living creatures**, and **the elders**; and the number of them **was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**, ¹² saying with a loud voice:
- “**Worthy is the Lamb** who was slain
To receive **power** and **riches** and **wisdom**,
And **strength** and **honor** and **glory** and **blessing**!”
- ¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:
- “**Blessing** and **honor** and **glory** and **power**
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”
- ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped ***Him who lives forever and ever.***