

REVELATION, Chapter 3
Jesus' Messages to the Churches

D. Thyatira, 2:18 – 29; Sweet Savor of Labor or Perfume of Sacrifice
“the church of the Middle Ages”

1. Address: "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
2. Description of Christ:
The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:
3. Christ's appraisal of the church, "I know"
'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. 'But I have [this] against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit [acts of] immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. 'Behold, I will cast her upon a bed [of sickness], and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 'And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.
4. Exhortation:
'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them--I place no other burden on you. 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.
5. Call to hear the Spirit:
' He who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, says this:'
6. Promise to the overcomer:
'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received [authority] from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.

E. Sardis, 3:1 – 6; Song in the Night

“from the Reformation to the Lisbon earthquake in 1755 AD”

1. Address: "To the angel of the church in Sardis write:
2. Description of Christ:
He who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, says this: :

3. Christ's appraisal of the church, "I know"

'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

4. Exhortation:

'Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and keep [it,] and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white; for they are worthy.

5. Call to hear the Spirit:

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

6. Promise to the overcomer:

'He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

F. Philadelphia, 3:7 – 13; Brotherly Love or Kind and Affectionate

“from 1755 through the Advent Movement of 1844, extending to the Second Coming”

1. Address: "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

2. Description of Christ:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

3. Christ's appraisal of the church, "I know"

'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 'Behold, I will cause [those] of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie-- behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that [hour] which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.

4. Exhortation:

'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown.

5. Call to hear the Spirit:

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

6. Promise to the overcomer:

'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon 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 My new name.

G. Laodicea, 3:14 – 22; the Judged People or Indicted People

“the Advent Movement to the end of the world”

1. Address: "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

2. Description of Christ:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

3. Christ's appraisal of the church, "I know"

'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

4. Exhortation:

I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and [that] the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent. 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

5. Call to hear the Spirit:

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

6. Promise to the overcomer:

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.