

## Letter to the Seven Churches of Revelation – Comparison Chart

To the angel of the church in _____ write:	<b>1. Ephesus</b> <b>2:1-7</b>	<b>2. Smyrna</b> <b>2:8-11</b>	<b>3. Pergamum</b> <b>2:12-17</b>	<b>4. Thyatira</b> <b>2:18-29</b>	<b>5. Sardis</b> <b>3:1-6</b>	<b>6. Philadelphia</b> <b>3:7-13</b>	<b>7. Laodicea</b> <b>3:14-22</b>
<b>A. Portrayal of Jesus</b>	These are the words of Him who <u>holds the seven stars</u> in His right hand and <u>walks among the seven golden lampstands</u> :	These are the words of Him who is <u>the First and the Last</u> , who <u>died and came to life again</u> .	These are the words of Him who has <u>the sharp, double-edged sword</u> .	These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are <u>like blazing fire</u> and whose feet are <u>like burnished bronze</u> .	These are the words of Him who <u>holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars</u> .	These are the words of Him who is <u>holy and true</u> , who <u>holds the key of David</u> . What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open.	These are the words of <u>the Amen</u> , the <u>faithful and true witness</u> , the <u>ruler of God's creation</u> .
<b>B. Praise for the Church</b>	<p><sup>2</sup> <u>I know</u> your deeds, your <u>hard work</u> and your <u>perseverance</u>. <u>I know</u> that you <u>cannot tolerate wicked men</u>, that you have <u>tested those who claim to be apostles but are not</u>, and have <u>found them false</u>.<sup>3</sup> You have <u>persevered</u> and have <u>endured hardships for My name</u>, and have <u>not grown weary</u>.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: <u>You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans</u>, which I also hate.</p>	<p><sup>9</sup> <u>I know</u> your <u>afflictions</u> and your <u>poverty—yet you are rich!</u> <u>I know</u> the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.</p>	<p><sup>13</sup> <u>I know</u> where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain <u>true to My name</u>. You <u>did not renounce your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas</u>, My faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.</p>	<p><sup>19</sup> <u>I know</u> your deeds, <u>your love and faith</u>, <u>your service and perseverance</u>, and that you are <u>now doing more than you did at first</u>.</p> <p><sup>24</sup> ... (I will not impose any other burden on you):</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> ... <u>I know</u> your deeds;...</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Yet you <u>have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes</u>. They will walk with Me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.</p>	<p><sup>8</sup> <u>I know</u> your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. <u>I know</u> that you have <u>little strength</u>, yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> Since you have <u>kept My command to endure patiently</u>, ...</p>	<p><sup>15</sup> <u>I know</u> your deeds, ...</p>

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<b>C. Criticism of the Church</b>	<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: <u>You have forsaken your first love.</u>		<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: <u>You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam</u> , who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Likewise <u>you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.</u>	<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, I have this against you: <u>You tolerate that woman Jezebel</u> , who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads My servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.	<sup>1</sup> . . . ; <u>you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.</u>		<sup>15</sup> . . . , that <u>you are neither cold nor hot.</u> . . .  <sup>17</sup> You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that <u>you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.</u>
<b>D. Exhortation: 1. Correction/ Encouragement</b>	<sup>5</sup> <b>Remember</b> the height from which you have fallen! <b>Repent</b> and do the things you did at first.	<sup>10</sup> <b>Do not be afraid</b> of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. <b>Be faithful</b> , even to the point of death,	<sup>16</sup> <b>Repent</b> therefore!	<sup>24</sup> Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you): <sup>25</sup> Only <b>hold on to what you have until I come.</b>	<sup>2</sup> <b>Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of My God.</b> <sup>3</sup> <b>Remember</b> , therefore, what you have received and heard; <b>obey it, and repent.</b>	<sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. <b>Hold on to what you have</b> , so that no one will take your crown.	<sup>18</sup> I counsel you to <b>buy from Me gold refined in the fire</b> , so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So <b>be earnest, and repent.</b>

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<b>E. Exhortation: 2. Punishment /Reward</b>	<sup>5</sup> . . . <b>If you do not repent</b> , I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.	<sup>10</sup> . . . and I will give you the crown of life.	<sup>16</sup> . . . Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them (False teachers) with the sword of My mouth.	<sup>22</sup> So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they <b>repent</b> of her ways. <sup>23</sup> I will strike her children dead. Then <b>all the churches will know that I am He who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.</b>	<sup>3</sup> . . . But <b>if you do not wake up</b> , I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.	<sup>9</sup> I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.  <sup>10</sup> . . . I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.	<sup>15</sup> . . . <b>I wish you were either one or the other!</b> <sup>16</sup> So, <b>because you are lukewarm</b> —neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of My mouth.  <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. <b>If anyone hears My voice and opens the door</b> , I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.
<b>F. Promises to Overcomers</b>	To him who overcomes, <sup>2:7</sup> . . . I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.	He who overcomes <sup>2:11</sup> . . . will not be hurt at all by the second death. <sup>(10)</sup> . . . and I will give you the crown of life.)	To him who overcomes, <sup>2:17</sup> . . . I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.	To him who overcomes <sup>2:26</sup> . . . I will give authority over the nations— <sup>27</sup> ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from My Father. <sup>28</sup> I will also give him the morning star.	He who overcomes <sup>3:5</sup> . . . will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before My Father and His angels.	Him who overcomes <sup>3:12</sup> . . . I will make a pillar in the temple of My God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from My God; and I will also write on him My new name.	To him who overcomes, <sup>3:21</sup> . . . I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
<b>G. General Admonition</b>	“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” [NIV84]						