

REVELATION 2

Now we come to the specific addresses to the seven churches. At the lowest, safest level of interpretation, these are seven literal churches that existed in John's day, with seven different scenarios. For each church, list out the following:

Note: some churches may have no commendation, and some may have no condemnation!

Ephesus

Introduction: (Who Jesus introduces Himself as)

Commendation: (Positive aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Condemnation: (Negative aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Correction: (Jesus' prescription for change/continuation in the church, and any attached warning)

Promise: (Jesus' reward for the overcomer of these things)

Smyrna

Introduction: (Who Jesus introduces Himself as)

Commendation: (Positive aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Condemnation: (Negative aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Correction: (Jesus' prescription for change/continuation in the church, and any attached warning)

Promise: (Jesus' reward for the overcomer of these things)

Pergamos

Introduction: (Who Jesus introduces Himself as)

Commendation: (Positive aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Condemnation: (Negative aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Correction: (Jesus' prescription for change/continuation in the church, and any attached warning)

Promise: (Jesus' reward for the overcomer of these things)

Thyatira

Introduction: (Who Jesus introduces Himself as)

Commendation: (Positive aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Condemnation: (Negative aspects of the church that Jesus identifies)

Correction: (Jesus' prescription for change/continuation in the church, and any attached warning)

Promise: (Jesus' reward for the overcomer of these things)

Application

- As these real churches are comprised of real people, we see that the commendations and condemnations are very real and applicable. Looking at the diagnosis of each of these churches, which positive action would you say manifest itself in your life the most? Which sin from these churches is most prevalent in your life?
- Pray that the Lord would remove the sin from your life, and pray that He would continue to strengthen the things that are good!