

Introduction:

In Revelation 1, we have been given God's purpose in sharing this prophetic word with the world through His disciple John. We are informed of God's eternal presence, given a picture of the Holy Trinity, and reminded of the matchless love for us demonstrated in the plan of salvation. The revelation continues as seven powerful proclamations to seven churches are shared for God's people then and in these last days. The message is clear – the church of God will experience success and setbacks but, in the end, will be victorious. Let us read, hear, and respond to God's words to "The Seven Churches."

Focus Text ~

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Revelation 1:10–11 (NKJV)

Identify The Following:

As you read and study Revelation chapters 2 and 3, what message does God reveal regarding each of the churches for the following:

- **1. Condition** The condition of the church locally and in the church age.
- **2. Problem** The problem(s) the church faced then and faces now.
- **3. Counsel** The solution to the problem or God's instructions.
- **4.** Closing God's plea for obedience or compliance.
- **5. Promise** What is the reward if the church follows Jesus' instructions?

Ephesus			
<u>Smyrna</u>			
Pergamos			

<u>Thyatira</u>
<u>Sardis</u>
<u>Philadelphia</u>
<u>Laodicea</u>
Conclusion:
Considering what is revealed in this message to the churches, what central theme do you see?