

Free Bible Study Guide - Chart for Revelation 2-3 - The Praise, Warnings and Promises for the Seven Churches

Church	Praise	Rebuke	Warning	Promise To The Victorious
Church at Ephesus	Good deeds, hard work. Persevered, endured hardship Didn't get weary Didn't tolerate wicked. Test false teachers. Hate what I hate.	You have forsaken your first love (me) Have fallen from the place where you were (close to me?)	Repent! Do the things you did at the beginning! If you do not, I will remove your lampstand [church]. Listen to the Spirit!	To those who are victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life! (Given eternal life in paradise with God and Jesus)
Church at Smyrna	Afflictions Poverty b/c of Christ Suffer slander (Christian persecution)	Be encouraged, you are actually rich! Don't be afraid of what you're about to suffer for me! Be faithful, even to the point of death.	There is more persecution coming! Some of you will be martyred for my sake Some will be put in prison, persecuted	To those who are victorious I will give you life! He who overcomes will not be hurt (You'll be given new life!)
Church at Pergamum	Remain true to me. In the days of Christian persecution and martyrs, you didn't renounce your faith.	Some hold to false teaching, doctrine, practices, or are sexually immoral.	Repent! Otherwise, I will soon come and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth (God's word?).	To those who overcome: I will give some of the hidden manna - food of the angels . I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it! (Special treatment)
Church at Thyatira	Your love Your good deeds Your faith Your service Your perseverance	Tolerate false prophets or are sexually immoral. Some of you benefit from others' worship of false gods.	Repent! Those who don't repent will suffer intensely! Hold onto what you have. I repay each according to their deeds.	Those who overcome and do my will to the end, will be given authority over the nations; and given the morning star!
Church at Sardis	Your good deeds Some have <i>not</i> soiled their clothes.	You are dead! Your deeds are not finished!	Wake up! Strengthen what is left. Hold tightly onto what you have received, and repent! But if you don't wake up, I'll come like a thief, and you won't know the time!	Those who are victorious will be dressed in white (Shame taken away) and walk with me! They are counted worthy b/c you trusted in the Lamb. Names will never be blotted from the book of life, (Is that like a family album b/c we're adopted?). I will acknowledge them before my Father and the angels!
Church at Philadelphia	I know you're weak but still kept my word. You haven't denied. You endured patiently	Your enemies will acknowledge my love for you.	I'm coming soon! Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown (honor?).	I will keep you from the hour of trials coming on the whole earth! To those who are victorious, you'll get a new new permanent address in the New City of God, and a live forever in my Father's temple! You'll get a new name and my mark: My ID says you're my child .
Church at Laodecia	None. You don't see your need for me.	You're not hot or cold, only lukewarm. You're spiritually a mess, spiritually poor, spiritually blind, spiritually naked.	I discipline those who love. Accept my discipline so you can be purified in the fire. Repent! Be earnest! I'm knocking! Open the door! (of your heart)!	If you will open the door [of your heart] to me, you can fellowship with me forever! (Fellowship with God, Jesus and the Spirit is better than riches!) Those who are victorious will be given the right to sit with me on my throne!