

# Introduction to the Seven Churches

## - **Review Questions:**

- What's the significance of the number seven?  
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- What is the seven spirits (or seven fold spirit) in 1:4?  
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- What three offices or positions does Jesus' appearance bring to mind?  
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- What are the seven golden lamp stands?  
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- Why do you think they are represented by lamp stands?  
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- Who are the "angels of the seven churches?"  
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- Why do you think this was written to seven churches?  
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## - **Overview of the Seven Churches**

- Every Church has a reference to the vision of Jesus in Chapter 1
  - Ephesus:
  - Smyrna:
  - Pergamum:
  - Thyatira:
  - Sardis:
  - Philadelphia:
  - Laodicea:
- Most of the churches have serious problems
  - Exceptions:
- Jesus' messages to the churches has themes that are further explored in the book. Few examples:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9, 3:9) contrasted with the the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribe of Judah and the \_\_\_\_\_ (5:5-10; 7:4-8)
  - "\_\_\_\_\_" (2:10) seems like the "\_\_\_\_\_" in (6:9-17)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10) by a \_\_\_\_\_ (2:17; 3:12) much like the \_\_\_\_\_ (7; 14:1)

- The churches form a “\_\_\_\_\_”
  - A: Ephesus: about to \_\_\_\_\_
  - B: Smyrna: has no \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_
  - C: Pergamum \_\_\_\_\_
  - D: Thyatira \_\_\_\_\_
  - C: Sardis: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B: Philadelphia: has no \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_
  - A: Laodicea: about to \_\_\_\_\_
- Point John/Jesus is making: Churches \_\_\_\_\_
- Insofar as 7 churches represent the church universal:
  - Churches are usually \_\_\_\_\_
  - But there are always a few that stand out like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Purpose of this (for them and for us):
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- The two big things we learn:
  - These letters weren't \_\_\_\_\_
  - This book isn't \_\_\_\_\_

Church addressed	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamum	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
	2:1–7	2:8–11	2:12–17	2:18–29	3:1–6	3:7–13	3:14–22
Addressed to the angel of the church	2:1	2:8	2:12	2:18	3:1	3:7	3:14
Some aspect of vision of Christ in chapter 1 related to the church	2:1	2:8	2:12	2:18	3:1	3:7	3:14
Commendation/encouragement of the church	2:2–3, 6	2:9	2:13	2:19, 24–25		3:8–10	
Correction of the church	2:4		2:14–15	2:20–23	3:2		3:14–18
Call to repent and threat of judgment	2:5		2:16	2:21	3:3		3:19
Call to listen to the message of the Spirit	2:7	2:11	2:17	2:29	3:6	3:13	3:22
Promise to “conqueror” (i.e., overcomer)	2:7	2:11	2:17	2:26–28	3:5	3:11–12	3:21