

Add on to information on Revelation 1:4+5: In verses 4+5 (6) we once again see all 3 parts of the Trinity working together as One as the Revelation Giver of this letter. We see God the Father (who is, who was, and who is to come), and Jesus Christ, and from the Holy Spirit (the Seven Spirits). And during the onset of the week I was given some insight as to the importance, and completeness of the Seven Spirits. I believe they are the seven identifiers or characteristics of the Holy Spirit as described in Isaiah 11:1-2 (see printout)

Revelation 1:12-16 These verses are describing Jesus in His glory. (Not at all as the suffering Lamb). 12. Seven golden lampstands these are all the types of Christian churches and that have ever existed. The purpose of a lampstand is merely to hold the light source. When in the world Jesus was the light of the world and when He finished the work of Redemption the Holy Spirit was given to us to be the bearer of that light in the name, on behalf of, Jesus Christ, (see John 8+Matt 5). 13. "Son of Man" dressed in a long robe with a golden sash, 14. Hair that is pure white, eyes like a flame of fire (both radiating to be able to see in to man's soul, and radiating to be able to vaporize evil), 15. feet which are able to squash all unrighteousness, and a commanding voice of authority, 16. Seven stars are the seven angels of the seven churches (explained in verse 20) and His face brilliant like the Sun and out of His mouth, the only weapon that is always dominant; the Word of God!

Revelation 1:17-18: I can only imagine the paralyzingly cripple effect that being in the presence of God must have been for John. John was undoubtedly one of the most righteous men that ever lived, yet even his sin in the presence of a Holy Perfect God was devastating. I assume Jesus toned down His radiance so that John could even function. →

This is why the Bible says that no one has ever seen God (7) and lived. Our corruption has to put on incorruption first. Then we can, and will, stand in the presence of God and even fellowship with Him as joint heirs. * But what does the LORD Jesus do? He does what He always does to His people. He says (paraphrasing) "Don't be afraid. You are mine. I died and rose again so that I could defeat sin and death for your sake."

Revelation 1:19 Jesus gives the decree to write down what He speaks to John.

Revelation 1:20 The seven stars, and the seven lampstands are the seven angels of the seven churches.

Revelation 2:1 The Church of Ephesus. ^{The Loveless Church} Present in John's day, the prominent church right after the crucifixion (30 AD) - 300 A.D.; a form of Ephesus will be around prior to the Tribulation onset.

Revelation 2:2-3 The church at Ephesus was on cruise control. Twice Jesus calls them patient which points to Him referring to their motivation (I believe). They are recognizing those that are evil but under God's testing those in leadership are not being true to the doctrine of the church. They have become "Wearied". They are checking the boxes and are mechanical but their being satisfied with where they are at (and not growing), and their complacency has allowed for false doctrine to creep in. (Not continually being recharged in the Holy Spirit by feasting on Scripture opens the door to false doctrines).

Revelation 2:4 Jesus warns them that they have lost the ambition to be the apostles they were when the first were formed.

Revelation 2:5 Here is the first warning given out to the churches and it is a powerful one! "Repent" and reclaim

The enthusiasm you had when you first formed the (8) Church! "If you don't I will remove the Holy Spirit from your presence". (And if He removes His blessing on the church they will have to go through the Tribulation.).

Revelation 2:6 Jesus is telling the church that all is not lost. They have some good qualities to build on; they too rebuked the ways of the Nicolaitans (a sect that did not believe that any law held power over them. They felt free to indulge in the idolatrous feasts of pagans in sensuality and considered adultery able to be practiced).

Revelation 2:7 Jesus' closing is the same for all the churches: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches". Basically: "Heed what I am telling you before it is too late!". He also says, "To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life...."

Moral of the story for Ephesus: Your falling away and some false teachers have crept in. Return to where you started and you'll be o.k.! You have some good things going on but you need to repent of your lacklusteriness.

Revelation 2:8 The church of Smyrna. Present in John's day, had a large presence 100 A.D. - 313 A.D. (was the 2nd prevalent church of that period) and also will be present in the last days prior to the Tribulation. Smyrna is known as the "Persecuted church".

Revelation 2:9 Jesus affirms to the church at Smyrna that He sees their persecution. He sees how even though they are worldly poor, in His eyes they are wealthy. Jesus also acknowledges that their works, in Christ, are much appreciated. He commends them for recognizing the false

Jewish church goers who are actually sheep in wolf's (9) clothing ("synagoge of satan"). Note: Synagoge of satan is a reference to how Jesus spoke of false prophets, how He identified them. It has nothing to do with a synagoge because all of the seven churches are "churches" and not synagoges as in the synagoges of the Old Testament.

Revelation 2:10 Jesus is telling the church of Smyrna of that day, and the Smyrnas of today, "you have some persecutions awaiting you. Don't be afraid. I will be with you. Endure. The devil is going to have some of you unfairly prisoned so that he can tempt you to break. It will last 10 days (10 months, 10 years, 10 decades ???). Jesus is telling them to endure to the end.

Revelation 2:11 Again, "He who has an ear let him hear..." and to Smyrna He says, "Be strong. You won't endure the second death." (Those who are born twice die only once, but those who are born only once, die twice).

Moral of the story for Smyrna: "I am proud of you for not losing the faith even though satan has been allowed to test you. It's going to get a little worse up ahead but stay strong. Trust in Me and keep My ways even unto death. You will have an eternity of blessings for what you are enduring now for My name sake." This church will be raptured.

Revelation 2:12 The Church of Pergamur (the Compromising Church) is present in John's day. Symbolic of the church that was prominent 314 A.D. - 590 A.D., also stereotypical of a church that will persist in the last days prior to the onset of the Tribulation.

Revelation 2:13 Right off the bat Jesus is recognizing this

church as being in the middle of an area of ungodly (10) ness. Jesus points out that they were to be commended for not straying from God's Word even their friend, and possible head of the church, Antipas was martyred.

Revelation 2:14 Jesus is however warning them that some have crept in who have inserted pagan rituals into the church. Rituals that are similar to Balaam's attempt to defer the Israelites from God. (In chapters 22-24 of Numbers, Balaam was hired by King Balak of Moab to curse Israel. Subsequently the "plan" to entice Israelites, or Christians, from God is attributed to him).

Revelation 2:15 + 16 Jesus is also accusing them of welcoming those of the Nicolaitan sekt, which causes Him to boldly warn them to repent! Right now! Or else, He will come at them with the sword of His mouth. (As far as I can tell the sword of His mouth is only used once and that is at the end of the Tribulation (which means they will go through the Tribulation) and only to destroy all non-believing people!).

Revelation 2:17 There are some in the church of Pergamus that have not strayed in to idol worship as part of church worship. To those God will give "some of the hidden Manna to eat". (They will be sustained and shielded from God's wrath). The white stone could be symbolize for a verdict of not guilty as it was used in the ancient world it is told of a form of an all-access pass with one's heavenly name on it.

The moral of the story of Pergamus Don't ever mix worldly garbage with Scriptural truth! Don't worship Santa Claus and Jesus, or the Easter Bunny and Jesus!