

Hebrew Words and Meanings

This Week's Lesson: The 7 Churches of Revelation

1. **Sh'ma** (*sh-MAH*) — **Hear; listen; obey.**
“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” — Revelation 2:7 KJV
2. **Ruach HaKodesh** (*ROO-akh hah-koh-DESH*) — **The Holy Spirit.**
The Spirit speaks to the churches and calls God's people to listen.
3. **Kehillah** (*keh-hee-LAH*) — **Congregation; assembly; community of believers.**
This connects to the churches Jesus spoke to in Revelation 2–3.
4. **Teshuvah** (*teh-shoo-VAH*) — **Repentance; turning back to God.**
Several churches were told to repent and return to what was right.
5. **Ahavah** (*ah-hah-VAH*) — **Love.**
Ephesus was warned because they had left their first love.
6. **Emunah** (*eh-moo-NAH*) — **Faith; faithfulness.**
Smyrna was encouraged to be faithful, even through suffering.
7. **Atarah** (*ah-tah-RAH*) — **Crown.**
Jesus promised the crown of life to those who are faithful unto death.
8. **Cherev** (*KHEH-rev*) — **Sword.**
Pergamos was warned by the One who has the sharp sword with two edges.
9. **Delet** (*DEH-let*) — **Door.**
Philadelphia was given an open door that no man could shut.

10. **Mafteach** (*mahf-TAY-akh*) — **Key.**
Philadelphia connects with the key of David.
11. **Begadim Levanim** (*beh-gah-DEEM leh-vah-NEEM*) — **White garments.**
Sardis was told that the faithful would walk with Jesus in white.
12. **Chazak** (*khah-ZAHK*) — **Be strong; strengthen.**
Sardis was told to be watchful and strengthen the things that remained.
13. **Nitzachon** (*neet-zah-KHON*) — **Victory; overcoming.**
Jesus gave promises to those who overcome.
14. **Pashur** (*pah-SHOOR*) — **Lukewarm.**
Laodicea was warned because they were neither cold nor hot.
15. **Amen** (*ah-MEN*) — **Truly; so be it.**
Jesus is called “the Amen, the faithful and true witness” in the message to Laodicea.
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Short Closing Thought

The seven churches remind us to **hear, repent, love, stay faithful, be strong, and overcome** through Jesus.