

Seven Churches



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The book of Revelation can be an intimidating book to read. John uses a lot of imagery to describe the future events to unfold at the ends times. Tucked within the second and third chapters of Revelation are letters written by John, from Jesus to the seven churches. This month we are going to take a close look at these letters and do some deep holy introspection of our hearts. We are going to break each of the seven letters down by search for the following answers:

What characteristic of Jesus is being revealed?

What did Jesus say was the good?

What did Jesus say was the Bad?

What is Jesus invitation to us and promise He gives?

This journal is going to be a bit different than previous journals. Each letter has it's own section. We will look at the history of each church and I encourage you to do your own extra investigation. Your journal will include an area to record the characteristic of Jesus, the good, the bad, and the invitation and promise. There will also be extra scriptures given to take your study into God's Word just a little deeper.



**LET anyone WHO HAS
EARS TO HEAR LISTEN TO
WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS
TO THE CHURCHES.**

REVELATION 2:29

Seven Churches

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1. REVELATION 1:1 JOHN*
 2. HISTORY OF THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS AND SMYRNA*
 3. REVELATION 2:2
 4. REVELATION 2:2-3
 5. REVELATION 2:4-5
 6. THE NICOLAITANS*
 7. REVELATION 2:7
 8. REVELATION 2:8
 9. REVELATION 2:9
 10. REVELATION 2:10
 11. REVELATION 2:11
 12. HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF PERGAMUM AND THYATIRA*
 13. REVELATION 2:12
 14. REVELATION 2:13
 15. REVELATION 2:14-16
 16. REVELATION 2:17
 17. REVELATION 2:18
 18. REVELATION 2:19
 19. REVELATION 2:20-23
 20. REVELATION 2:24-28
 21. HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF SARDIS AND PHILADELPHIA*
 22. REVELATION 3:1
 23. REVELATION 3:1
 24. REVELATION 3:1-3
 25. REVELATION 3:4-5
 26. REVELATIONS 3:7
 27. REVELATION 3:8-11
 28. REVELATION 3:12
 29. HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF LAODICEA*
 30. REVELATION 3:14
 31. REVELATION 3:15-20
 32. REVELATION 3:21

*to match all the days in May, we doubled up on studying the churches. There are no scripture references as this is an Individual study of yourself and an opportunity to do a little self research.

Renew, Refresh, Revive

Scripture writing plan & Journal

How to use this Journal:

There are many study methods out there! I encourage you to search through them and find what motivates and encourages you the most. I like to use the S.O.A.P Method.

Scripture

Write out a verse or passage of scripture.

Observation

What stood out to you about this verse or scriptures?

Where there any commands or instructions?

Application

How can you apply this today to your life today?

How can you live in light of this truth?

Prayer

Write out a prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to meditate and apply this truth to your life.

Other areas to consider:

- * Author
- * Audience
- * Major Concept
- * Theme
- * Event
- * Keywords and Definitions
- * People
- * Places
- * When
- * Where
- * Who am I in this Verse?
- * Where is God?
- * What Is God Speaking?

Give yourself room to ponder and pray. Allow yourself time to listen for God to speak to you. Get creative! Draw, paint, make diagrams, whatever ig-

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John

Who write the book of Revelations?

Where was the author living when He wrote the Book of Revelations and how did he end up there?

Who are the letters to the churches from?

How can we be encouraged by the events that unfolded to the author being exiled to the Island of Patmos?

Ephesus

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ACTS 18:19

ACTS 18:21

ACTS 18:24

ACTS 19:17

ACTS 19:26

ACTS 19:35

ACTS 20:16

ACTS 20:16-17

1 CORINTHIANS 15:32

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EPHESIANS 1:1

1 TIMOTHY 1:3

2 TIMOTHY 1:18

2 TIMOTHY 4:12

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Character of Jesus

Revelations 1:1

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Character of Jesus

Revelations 1:1

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Ephesus: the Good

Revelations 2:2-3

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Revelations 2:2-3

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Ephesus: the Bad

Revelations 2:4-5

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Ephesus: the Bad

Revelations 2:4-5

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The Nicolaitans

Revelations 2:6

Who were the Nicolaitans? Who started the false religion? Why did Jesus hate their practice? What did they practice? What can we learn from their attitudes, behaviors and lifestyles?

Ephesus: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

Revelations 2:7

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Revelations 2:8

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Revelations 2:8

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Smyrna: the Good

Revelations 2:9

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Revelations 2:9

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Smyrna: the Bad

Revelations 2:10

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Smyrna: the Bad

Revelations 2:10

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Smyrna: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

Revelations 2:11

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Pergamum

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Character of Jesus

Revelations 2:12

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Pergamum: the Good

Revelations 2:13

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Pergamum: the Good

Revelations 2:13

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Pergamum: the Bad

Revelations 2:14-16

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Pergamum: the Bad

Revelations 2:14-16

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Pergamum: the Bad

Revelations 2:14-16

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Paranum: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

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Paranum: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

Revelations 2:17

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Thyatira: the Good

Revelations 2:19

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Revelations 2:19

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Thyatira: the Bad

Revelations 2:20-23

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Thyatira: the Bad

Revelations 2:20-23

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Thyatira: the Bad

Revelations 2:20-23

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Thyatira: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

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Revelations 3:1

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Character of Jesus

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Sardis: the Good

Revelations 3:1

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Sardis: the Good

Revelations 3:1

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Sardis: the Bad

Revelations 3:1-3

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Sardis: the Bad

Revelations 3:1

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Sardis: the Bad

Revelations 3:1

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Sardis: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

Revelations 3:4-5

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Sardis: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

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Character of Jesus

Revelations 3:7

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Character of Jesus

Revelations 3:7

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Philadelphia: the Good

Revelations 3:8-11

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Philadelphia: the Good

Revelations 3:8-11

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Philadelphia: the Good

Revelations 3:1-3

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Philadelphia: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

Revelations 3:12

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Revelations 3:12

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Lardicea

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Lardicea: the Bad

Revelations 3:15-20

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Lardicea: the Bad

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Lardicea: THE INVITATION AND PROMISE

Revelations 3:21

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