

Message 1: Repent

^{2,1} “To the angel of the church in Ephesus, write:

The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks around in the middle of the seven golden lampstands, says these things (Rev 1:20). ² I know your practices, struggle, and patient-endurance (Rev 1:9). I know that you are not able to tolerate those who are destructive. I know you have tested those who falsely call themselves apostles and found them to be empty. ³ You have patient-endurance and have carried on because of my name and have not grown weary. ⁴ But I hold against you that you have let go of your love—the most important thing! ⁵ Therefore, remember where you have fallen! Repent and practice the most important things! If you do not repent, then I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place (Rev 1:20). ⁶ But you have this, you disown the practices of the Conquerors of *the Earth* which I also disown.

⁷ Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches! Whoever finishes-the-race will eat from the Tree of Life which is in the Creator’s Garden (Gen 2:9, 3:22-24).”

Message 2: Be Faithful

⁸ “To the angel of the church in Smyrna, write:

The First and the Last, who was dead and yet lives, says these things (Rev 1:18). ⁹ I know your oppression (Rev 1:9) and poverty—therefore you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those who falsely say they are Judeans—*the Church*—yet are an assembly of Satan—*the Adversary*. ¹⁰ Do not fear the things you are about to suffer (Rev 1:17)! The Devil—*the Divider*—is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested. You will have oppression for ten days (Rev 1:9). Be faithful till death and I will give you the Crown of Life (Rev 1:18)!

¹¹ Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches! Whoever finishes-the-race will not be hurt by the second death.”

Message 3: Repent

¹² “To the angel of the church in Pergamum, write:

The one having a sharp, double-edged blade *coming out of his mouth*, says these things (Rev 1:16). ¹³ I have known where you dwell, the throne of Satan (Rev 2:9), and yet you hold on to my name. You did not say ‘no’ to being faithful to me even in the days of Antipas, my faithful martyr who was put to death in your sight where Satan dwells. ¹⁴ But I hold a few things against you. You have some there who are holding on to Balaam’s teaching. Balaam taught Balak and the children of Israel to stop following *the Lord* by eating idol-sacrifices and prostituting themselves (Num 22—24, 31:16). ¹⁵ In this

way, you also have some who are likewise holding on to the teaching of the Conquerors *of the Earth*.¹⁶ Therefore, repent! But if not, I am quickly coming to you (Rev 1:1) and I will war against them with the blade of my mouth (Rev 1:16).

¹⁷ Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches! Whoever finishes-the-race will receive the hidden manna *of provision* and a white stone *of forgiveness* with a new name written upon it, which no one knows except for the one who receives it (Exod 3:13-15, 16:1-36; Zech 3:9).”

Message 4: Be Faithful

¹⁸ “To the angel of the church in Thyatira, write:

The Creator’s Son, whose eyes are like a flame of fire and whose feet are like glowing metal, says these things (Rev 1:14-15).¹⁹ I know your practices of love, faithfulness, service, and patient-endurance (Rev 1:9). And you have grown much more in these practices.²⁰ But I hold against you that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet and then leads astray my servants by teaching them to prostitute themselves and to eat idol-sacrifices (1 Kgs 18:4, 21:1-27; 2 Kgs 9:22; Rev 2:14).²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she will not repent.²² Look! I throw her into a bed *of plagues* and I will throw those who commit adultery with her into great oppression if they do not repent from her practices (Rev 1:9, 2:10).²³ I will abolish her children in death (Rev 2:11). All the churches will know that I AM the one who examines minds and hearts. I will give to each of you according to your practices (Jer 17:10).²⁴ But I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who have not held this teaching and who have not known what they call the deep secrets of Satan (Rev 2:9, 2:13), I will not throw upon you another burden.²⁵ Hold on to what you have until whenever I arrive!

²⁶ Whoever finishes-the-race and clings to my practices till the end will receive authority over the ethnic-groups.²⁷ This one will shepherd them with an iron staff, like one shattering clay vessels (Psa 2:8-9).²⁸ I will give that one the Morning Star—*victory over darkness and death*—like I have received from my Father (Isa 14:12-15).²⁹ Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches!”