

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

WEEK 1

Ephesus – You’ve Lost That Loving Feeling

Revelation 2:1, NKJV

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

Revelation 2:2, NKJV

“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

Revelation 2:3, NKJV

And you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.

Revelation 2:4, NKJV

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Revelation 2:5, NKJV

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

Revelation 2:6, NKJV

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Revelation 2:7, NKJV

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

1. THE SETTING

Revelation 2:1, NKJV

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,

Acts 19:11-12, NKJV

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 19:17, NKJV

This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Acts 19:18, NKJV

And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

Acts 19:19, NKJV

Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Acts 19:20, NKJV

So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

1 Corinthians 16:8-9, NKJV

But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

2. THE SPEAKER

Revelation 2:1, NKJV

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

Revelation 1:20, NKJV

The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

3. THE STRENGTHS

Revelation 2:2, NKJV

“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

Acts 20:28, NKJV

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Acts 20:29-30, NKJV

For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Revelation 2:3, NKJV

And you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

4. THE SIN

Revelation 2:4, NKJV

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Jeremiah 2:1, NKJV

The Lord gave me another message. He said,

Jeremiah 2:2, NKJV

“Go and shout this message to Jerusalem. This is what the Lord says: “I remember how eager you were to please me as a young bride long ago, how you loved me and followed me even through the barren wilderness.

Ephesians 1:15-16, NKJV

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

5. THE SOLUTION

Revelation 2:5, NKJV

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

Revelation 2:6, NKJV

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

6. THE SUMMONS

Revelation 2:7, NKJV

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

7. THE SUCCESS

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