

Chapter 2: 1 (The Loveless Church – Ephesus)

Revelation 1:20

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.

Malachi 2:7

Malachi 2:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷“For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge,
And *people* should seek the law from his mouth;
For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Revelation 1:13

¹³and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band

Many may be shocked to know that the Lord is walking in the midst of your church! Now the question is what does He see, and moreover, WHO does He see?

Chapter 2:2

Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish

2 Chronicles 2:16:9

⁹For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

Proverbs 15:3 –

The eyes of the LORD [are] in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

We should have a disdain for the things that God has a disdain for – **Proverbs 6:16-19**

1. **A proud look**
2. **A lying tongue**
3. **Hands that shed innocent blood**
4. **A heart that devises wicked imaginations**
5. **Feet that are swift to run to mischief**
6. **A false witness that speaks lies**
7. **Those who sow discord among the brethren**

You have tested them:

1 John 4:1 New King James Version (NKJV)

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Galatians 6:9 –

Chapter 2:4

There has been a deviation in your devotion which has caused you to do the work of ministry, but you've forgotten who you're working for.

Chapter 2:5 –

Luke 15:17-20 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁷And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

¹⁹And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

²⁰And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Chapter 2:6

The Nicolaitans believed that you could be saved and still live by the flesh, not by way of a struggle or sin issue, but as a doctrine

Chapter 2:7

8 Times Jesus uses the phrase and John repeats it once, “He who has an ear... Matthew 11:15, Revelation 2:7,11,17,29 3:6,13,22 13:9

Chapter 2:8 (The Persecuted Church – Smyrna)

Revelation 1:8 (was, is and is to come), 17,18 (The establishment of preeminence) John 8:58 (Exodus 3:14 I AM THAT I AM)

7 I AM STATEMENTS OF JESUS:

1. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE – **JOHN 6:35**
2. I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – **JOHN 8:12**
3. I AM THE DOOR – **JOHN 8:12**
4. I AM – **JOHN 8:58***
5. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD – **JOHN 10:11**
6. I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE – **JOHN 11:25**
7. I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE – **JOHN 14:6**
8. I AM THE TRUE VINE – **JOHN 15:1**

Chapter 2:9

Works (actions which demonstrated their faith), tribulation (the outward persecution inflicted by those who do not share their faith), poverty (not having the trappings of materially comfortable life, but overflowing with spiritual abundance in the things of God). (**Romans 2:17-24**) There are those who say they are Jews according to their knowledge of the law, but they do not practice what they preach, therefore their claims are blasphemous. They gather where Jews gather (the synagogue), but they deny the Word proclaimed and the Word incarnate and they persecute the true believers.

Chapter 2:10

Matthew 10:22 New King James Version (NKJV). ²² And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. You will be tested to make proof of your ministry and give witness and testimony of your faith to those who have persecuted you.

Matthew 24:13 ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved

James 1:12 ¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him

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Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:14

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second ^[a]death

Revelation 21:8

⁸ But the cowardly, ^[a]unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Chapter 2:12 – The Compromising Church - Pergamos

Pergamos – Strayed from the Truth and began to embrace wickedness, the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (compromise by dilution and deviation of spiritual truths, which lead to the abuse of grace), the doctrine of Balaam (compromise by enticement and temptation with physical lusts and fulfillment) when the enemy feels threatened he will attempt to derail you by your (flesh)

Isaiah 49:2

And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand

He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.”

Rev. 1:16

He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Chapter 2:13

They were so wicked, that the Lord declared that satan’s throne was there. Indicating that he knew their activity, which made the enemy comfortable being among them. They did not lose their belief in Jesus, even when Antipas was murdered for that belief. *When you are steadfast, the enemy will attempt to make you stumble.

Chapter 2:14-15

Strayed from the Truth and began to embrace wickedness, the doctrine of Balaam (compromise by enticement and temptation with physical lusts and fulfillment) when the enemy feels threatened he will attempt to derail you by your (flesh) the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (compromise by dilution and deviation of spiritual truths, which lead to the abuse of grace),

Chapter 2:16

Repent – To change one’s mind and heart about sin (sinful ways and attitudes). It must begin with conviction and contrition. This happens when the mindset and attitude are compared with godly standard, as properly understood through teaching and leading of God’s spirit.

He will fight with those who have not repented with the sword of His mouth (The Word) **Revelation 19:15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (*Battle Hymn Of The Republic - **Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword His truth is marching on***)

Chapter 2:17

Intentional hearing with the purpose of application avails one to receive the deeper mysteries of God (Hidden Manna). Manna (what is it-mystery) is the bread of the wilderness. Hidden manna is the mystery of Jesus, revealed on a deeper level. It is the body of Christ, which we should feast on (John 6:53-58)

A New Name –

Isaiah 56:5 -

Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name That shall not be cut off.

Chapter 2:18 – The Corrupt Church (Thyatira)

- He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands (Ephesus)
- These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: (Smyrna)
- These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword (Pergamos)
- **These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass (Thyatira) The only description that gives physical characteristics**
- These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars (Sardis)
- These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”: (Philadelphia)
- These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: (Laodicia)

Revelation 1:14-15 - His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and

Chapter 2:19

Revelation 2:2 – I know your **works**...(toil) **love** (affection and benevolence shown towards others, **service** (spiritual service born of humility), **faith** (belief, confidence, trust fidelity), **patience** (cheerful endurance, constancy/perseverance).

The last are more than the first (spiritual maturity and growth)

Chapter 2:20

Never become so complacent in your good, that you neglect to address your bad

Jezebel – the wicked wife of a wicked king, Ahab!

1 Kings 16:31, - And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him.

1 Kings 21:25 - But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up

2 Kings 9:7 - You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel

Exodus 34:12-16 - Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. 13But you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images 14(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God), 15lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and *one of them* invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, 16and you take of his daughters

for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods

Often times visual excitement = spiritual enticement!

Chapter 2:21

Romans 2:1-5 - Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

You get a season to repent, which the goodness of God is drawing you into....(He so good to you, that it ought to make you sorry for being so bad to Him)

Chapter 2:22

Consequences for carnality – sickness and

1 Corinthians 11:30 - For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep

Consequences for carnality – tribulation

Large (vast) affliction and persecution

Chapter 2:23

The tribulation shall be death of their children (generational destruction and separation). Willful ungodliness affects others besides you.

The Lord searches the hearts of men-

1 Samuel 16:7 - But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart

Psalms 139:1 -O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.

Jeremiah 17:10 - I, the LORD, search the heart, test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Luke 16:15 - And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Galatians 6:7-9 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. ⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Chapter 2:24

If you are not characterized by these things:

2 Timothy 3:1-9 - But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ⁶For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

I will not add anything additional to what I am asking you beyond this:

Chapter 2:25

Do what you know to do until I come. What you have been taught is sufficient for eternal life

Micah 6:8 - He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the Lord require of you

But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Luke 16:29 – 31 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

Matthew 25:34-41 - Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

Chapter 2:26

John 6:29 - Jesus answered and said to them, “**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**”

1 Corinthians 6:2 - Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

Jeremiah 1:10 - See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

Chapter 2:27

(Messianic Prophecy)

Psalm 2:8-9 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. 9You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Chapter 2:28

2 Peter 1:19 - 19And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

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Chapter 2:29

He who listens for application, not just audio reception