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**The 7 Churches
of ASIA**

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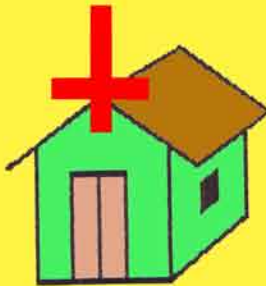
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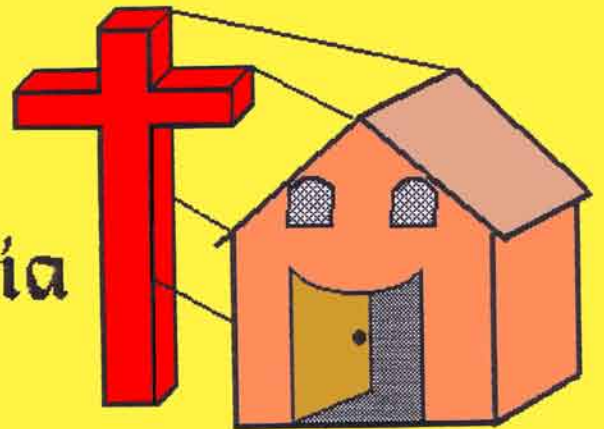
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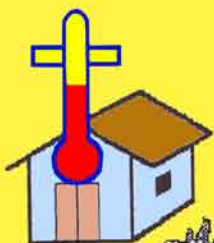
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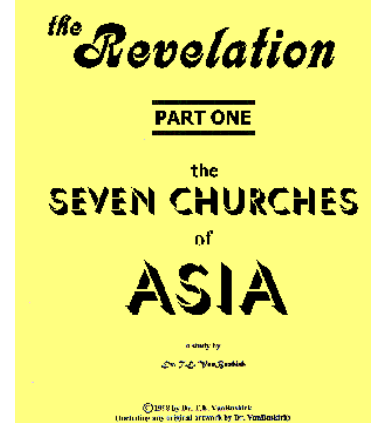


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In this course you will study the Churches of the Revelation from two different standpoints.

1. Geographically- location, culture, etc.
2. Spiritually- corporately and individually.

ATTENDANCE:

The required minimum attendance for the course overall is 10 weeks.

The required minimum attendance for each individual lesson is 1 week.

You may take more than 1 week for each lesson should you choose to do so; without any penalty. In fact, some lessons probably will take more than a week to complete for some students. However, though you can take more than the minimum required attendance for each lesson, under no circumstances are you to take less than 1 week for each lesson.

TESTS:

Lesson tests must be taken not less than one week apart.

If you fail a test you may not retake that test on the same day that you failed it.

You must wait at least one day before retaking the test. Use that time to restudy the material and find all of the correct answers to every question missed on the test. The copy of the test automatically sent to you has all of the correct answers on it. Use that copy to make sure you have found all of the correct answers in the study materials.

CREDITS:

The course will be worth 1.5 credits.

CHART:

On the next two pages after this one you will find a chart entitled “A Harmony of the Seven Churches of Asia.” Each of the Churches is listed and 7 divisions are given on the chart.

These divisions are:

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| I. COMMISSION | IV. CONDEMNATION | VII. CALL |
| II. CHARACTER | V. CORRECTION | |
| III. COMMENDATION | VI. CHALLENGE | |

Each Church is then rated and the relevant Scriptures are placed in each division for each Church.

Study the chart because you will be questioned on it in a closed book test as well as in the lessons pertaining to each church in the open book lesson tests.

SCRIPTURES:

Each scripture referenced in this lesson must be looked up and read in your KJV. Reading the scriptures in the lesson, even if they are fully quoted in the lesson, will not fulfill this requirement. They must be looked up and read in your KJV.

LESSONS:

Each lesson is followed by a test. You will find a link to the course main page at the end of each lesson. When you click that link you will be returned to the course main page where you will find a list of tests. There will be instructions concerning whether a particular test is open book or closed book.

If a test is open book you will not need a password to access that test. Click the link for it and it will open and you can then take the test. Your next lesson attendance begins the day after you pass the current lesson test.

If a test is closed book, then you will be instructed to submit a Closed Book Test Contract form. When we receive that form, then you will be sent the password that you will need to access that test. In answer to your request, the password will be sent in 1-2 days, not including weekends when the college offices are closed.. Your next lesson attendance begins the day after you pass the current lesson test.

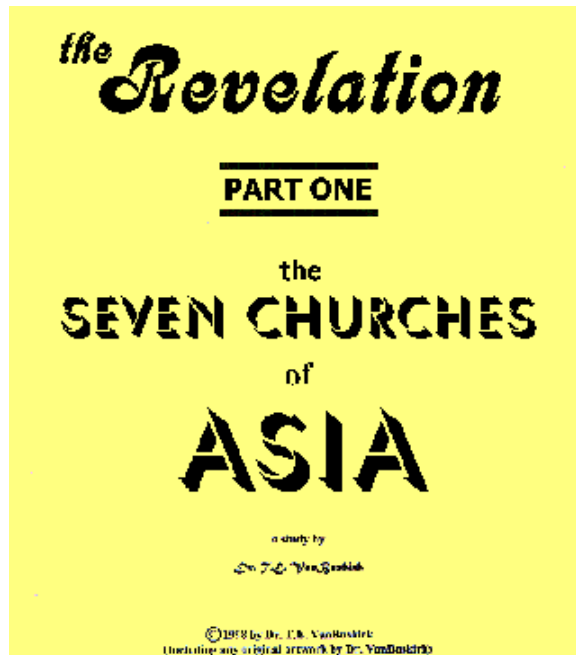
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A HARMONY OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA

| DIVISION | EPHESUS | SMYRNA | PERGAMOS |
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| I. COMMISSION | Rev 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; | Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; | Rev 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; |
| II. CHARACTER | Rev 2:1 These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; | Rev 2:8 These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; | Rev 2:12 These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; |
| III. COMMENDATION | <p>Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:</p> <p>Rev 2:3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.</p> | <p>Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.</p> <p>Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days:</p> | Rev 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. |
| IV. CONDEMNATION | Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. | | <p>Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.</p> <p>Rev 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.</p> |
| V. CORRECTION | <p>Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.</p> <p>Rev 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.</p> | <p>(No correction, this is an exhortation.)</p> <p>Rev 2:10 be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.</p> | Rev 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. |
| VI. CALL | Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; | Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; | Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; |
| VII. CHALLENGE | Rev 2:7 To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. | Rev 2:11 He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. | Rev 2:17 To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. |

A HARMONY OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA

| DIVISION | THYATIRA | SARDIS | PHILADELPHIA | LAODICEA |
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| I. COMMISSION | Rev 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; | Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; | Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; | Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; |
| II. CHARACTER | Rev 2:18 These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass: | Rev 3:1 These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; | Rev 3:7 These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth: and shutteth, and no man openeth: | Rev 3:14 These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; |
| III. COMMENDATION | Rev 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. | Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. | Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie: behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. | |
| IV. CONDEMNATION | Rev 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Rev 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. Rev 2:23 And I will kill her children with death: and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. | Rev 3:1 I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. | | Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. |
| V. CORRECTION | Rev 2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak: I will put upon you none other burden. Rev 2:25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. | Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. | (Not a "Correction," but an "Exhortation," for the future) Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. | Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. |
| VI. CHALLENGE | Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron: as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star. | Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. | Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. | Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. |
| VII. CALL | Rev 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. | Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. | Rev 3:13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. | Rev 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. |



You will be tested over the Introductory material and the chart.

Click the blue button to return to the course main page. Then scroll down to the test links for Revelation I. and click the test link for this lesson. The test will be closed book.