

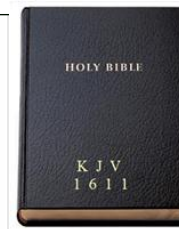
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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19)

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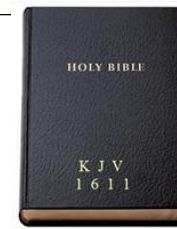


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I. Introduction Regarding The Course Of Church History

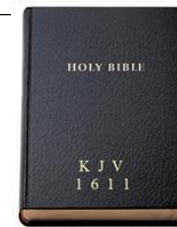
1. **The Three-Fold Division Of *Revelation***

- The PAST= “the things which thou hast seen”= Revelation 1
- The PRESENT= “the things which are”= Revelation 2-3
- The FUTURE= “the things which shall be hereafter”= Revelation 4-22

2. **The Three Applications-** recall the Law of Application states there is one interpretation to scripture but many applications; however, scripture must be correctly interpreted before it can be appropriately applied

Application	Frequency	The Seven Churches Of Rev 2-3
Primary	Always	Seven literal churches in Asia Minor at the time
Practical	Most of the time	Seven types of churches that exist throughout history
Prophetic	Some of the time	Seven successive stages of church history

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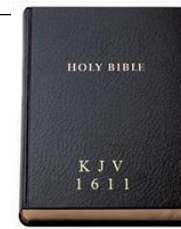
II. Information Regarding The Course Of Church History

1. The Location Of The Seven Churches



The seven churches are listed in geographical clockwise order

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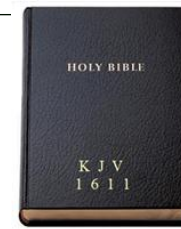


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2. The Letters To The Seven Churches

- The word CHURCH(ES) appears 19 times between Revelation 1:1 and 3:22 (15 times in chapters two and three), but does not appear at all after Revelation 3:22
- The true church, pictured by John, is translated to heaven in Revelation 4:1
- Following Revelation 3:22, the church is referred to as: (1) the Lamb's WIFE (19:7; 21:9); or (2) the BRIDE (21:2; 22:17); and is part of the SAINTS (19:8); and the ARMIES which were in heaven (19:14)
- The professing church left on the earth becomes the APOSTATE church for the first half of the Tribulation (Rev 17)- represented by JUDAS

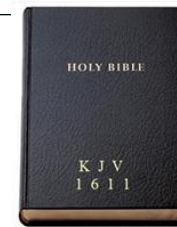
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- 1) A description of The COUNSELOR is given to all the churches
- 2) A COMMENDATION is given to all the churches except Laodicea
- 3) A CONDEMNATION is given to all the churches except Smyrna and Philadelphia
- 4) A COUNSEL is given to all the churches
- 5) A CHALLENGE is given to all the churches
- 6) COMMON STATEMENTS to all the churches
 - “I know thy works”
 - “he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”

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The Seven Periods Of Church History

Ephesus
“full purpose”
34 AD-100 AD

Smyrna
“myrrh”
100 AD-313 AD

Pergamos
“much marriage”
313 AD-590 AD

Thyatira
“continual sacrifice”
590 AD-1517 AD

Sardis
“remnant”
1517 AD-1734 AD

Philadelphia
“brotherly love”
1734 AD-1901 AD

Laodicea
“people’s rights”
1901 AD- Rapture

The Apostolic church

Diligent in doctrine and deeds but decreasing in devotion

Personage: MARTHA
Parable: SOWER

The Compromising church

Committed to the person of Christ but not the precepts of Christ (regarding relationship between saved and lost; pastor and people)

Personage: BALAAM
Parable: MUSTARD SEED

The Reformation church

Justification without complete sanctification and reformation rather than separation

Personage: JOASH
Parable: HID TREASURE

The Apathetic church

Indifferent to spiritual things but indulgent to money and material things

Personage: DEMAS
Parable: DRAG-NET

The Martyr church

Perseverance and prize in persecution

Personage: STEPHEN
Parable: WHEAT & TARES

The Roman Catholic church

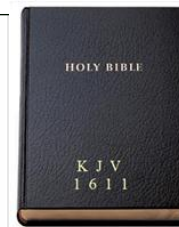
Tolerant toward self-proclaimed prophets and sinful practices

Personage: JEZEBEL
Parable: LEAVEN

The Bible/Revival church

Preservation and preaching of the word in perversion

Personage: JOHN/PAUL
Parable: PEARL



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