

439 - How Far Form Home

How far from home? I asked, as on
I bent my steps the watchman spake:

“The long, dark night is almost gone,
The morning soon will break.

Then weep no more but speed thy flight,
With Hope's bright star thy guiding ray,
Till thou shalt reach the realms of light,
In everlasting days.”

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I asked the warrior on the field;

This was his soul-inspiring song:

"With courage, bold the sword I'll wield

The battle is not long.

Then weep no more, but well endure

The conflict, till thy work is done;

For this we know, the prize is sure,

When victory is won."

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I asked again; earth, sea, and sun

Seemed, with one voice, to make reply:

"Time's wasting sands are nearly run,

Eternity is nigh.

Then weep no more-with warning tones,

Portentous signs are thickening round,

The whole creation, waiting, groans,

To hear the trumpet sound."

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Not far from home! O blessed thought!

The traveler's lonely heart to cheer;

Which oft a healing balm has brought,

And dried the mourner's tear.

Then weep no more, since we shall meet

Where weary footsteps never roam-

Our trails past, our joys complete,

Safe in our Father's home.

Opening Scripture

Revelation 1: 10,11:

10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.



Study of Prophecy: “The Seven Churches”

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Service: Evangelistic Meeting

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SESSION 7:

**Review
of the
Seven Churches**

The background of the slide features a repeating pattern of faint, light-colored architectural sketches of domed structures, possibly churches or classical buildings, arranged in a grid. In the center, there is a photograph of an open book with white pages and a dark cover. A quill pen with a dark, textured body and a light-colored, feathered tip is positioned diagonally across the book, pointing towards the top left. The overall color palette is warm and muted, with shades of beige, cream, and light brown.

Acts of the Apostles by Ellen G. White (pg 583)

Chap. 57 – The Revelation

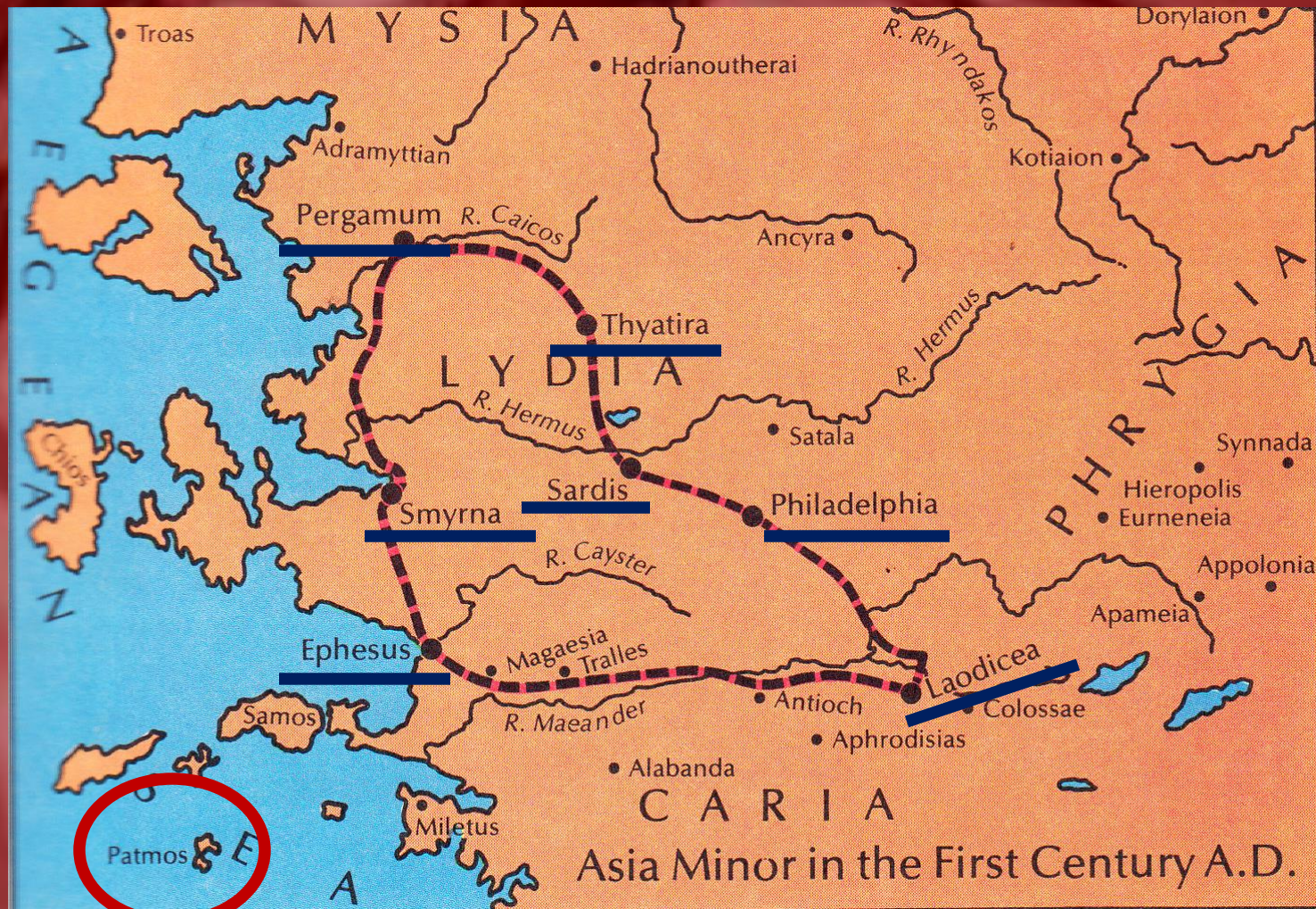
This revelation was given for the guidance and comfort of the church throughout the Christian dispensation. Yet religious teachers have declared that it is a sealed book and its secrets cannot be explained. Therefore many have turned from the prophetic record, refusing to devote time and study to its mysteries. But God does not wish His people to regard the book thus. It is “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.”...For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. Revelation 1:1; 22:18,19.

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Jesus between the Seven Candlesticks. Taken from
“God Cares Vol. 2” pg 88 .

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Location of the seven Cities. Taken from “God Cares
Vol. 2” pg 91.

Review of the Seven Churches

General Structure of the Letters

1. Character of the Church.
2. Description and Knowledge of Jesus Christ.
3. Commendation to the Church.
4. Reproof to the Church.
5. Counsel to the Church.
6. Promise to the Church.

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Character of the 1st Church

- 1. Meaning of Ephesus: “Desirable”.**
- 2. Period: A.D. 31 – 100.**
- 3. Era: Apostolic Age.**
- 4. Purity: Best – Doctrines of Christ**
- 5. Benefits/Blessings: Enjoyed the gifts of Holy Spirit.**

Description & Knowledge of Christ

❖ Revelation 2:1,2.

- 1. He holds the seven stars (angels/messengers) and walks among seven candlesticks (churches).**
- 2. Knows the works, toils and endurance of His followers (patience).**

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Commendation to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:2,3,6.

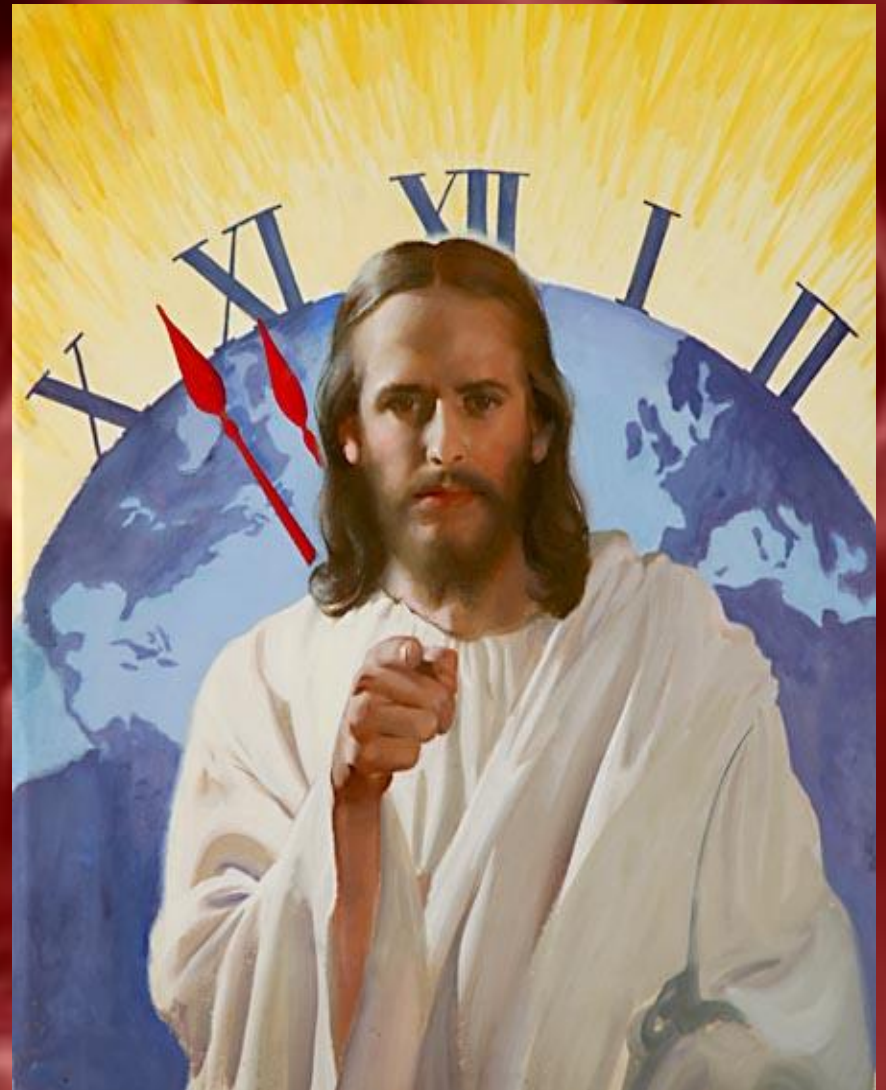
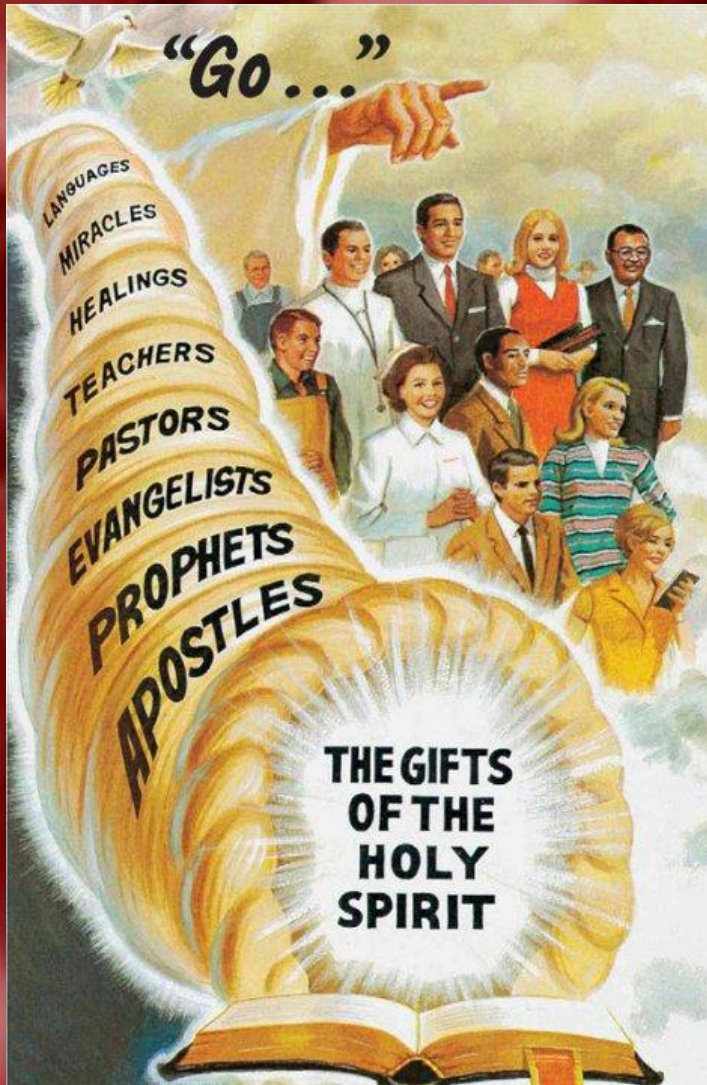
1. They laboured and were not weary. (Gospel to the World)
2. Tested teachers, found them liars.
3. Hated Nicolaitans.

Reproof to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:4,5.

1. Abandoned their first love.
2. Remove their candlestick.

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The Gospel Commission

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Counsel to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:5.

1. Repent .
2. Remember the first works.
3. Return to your first love and first works.

Promise to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:7.

1. Eat from the Tree of Life in Paradise (Heaven).

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Character of the 2nd Church

- 1. Meaning of Smyrna:** “Myrrh – sweet smelling savour”. (See Matthew 2:11).
- 2. Period:** A.D. 100 - 323.
- 3. Era:** Describes the church to the conversion of Constantine when the Roman Empire became Christian and Pagan persecution largely ceased.
- 4. State of Church:** Corruptions began entering the church.

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Character and Knowledge of Christ

❖ Revelation 2:8,9.

1. Christ is the First and the Last.
2. He was dead and now is alive.
3. He knows the tribulation and poverty of the church.
4. Also He knows about their coming troubles.

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The Resurrection of Christ.

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Commendation to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:9.

1. Rich in Heavenly goods.
2. Withstood false Jews.

Reproof and Warning to the Church

Jesus does not rebuke this church. It is the first of two churches that have no reproof.

Counsel to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:10.

1. Do not fear the persecution.
2. Be faithful to the end.

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Promise to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:11

1. Crown of life.
 2. Shall not be subject to the second death.
- **Revelation 20:6,14. (See also Matthew 10:28)**
 - 6) Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
 - 14) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

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Character of the 3rd Church

- 1. Meaning of Pergamos:** “Height” or “Elevation”.
- 2. Period:** A.D. 323 – 538.
- 3. Era:** Conversion of Constantine to beginning of Papal supremacy.
- 4. State of church:** Corrupt doctrines became entrenched.

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Description & Knowledge of Jesus Christ

❖ Revelation 2:12.

1. Jesus holds the sharp two-edged sword.
 - **Hebrews 4:12** (See also Romans 13:4) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
2. Knows that the church dwells where Satan's capital is.

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Encarta Encyclopedia, Oldrich Karasek/The Image Bank

The Babylonian mysteries were preserved in the temple of Zeus at Pergamum and transferred to Rome in 133 B.C. The penetration of the religion of Babylon became so general that Rome was called “The New Babylon.”

The Greek Acropolis – Religious & Public Centre.

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Commendation to the Church

1. Held fast. – Hebrews 10:23,35.
2. Faithful Martyr Antipas. - 3 John 9,10.
3. Did not deny me.

Reproof and Warning to the Church

1. Presence of Balaamites. See Numbers 24 and 25.
2. Nicolaitans were now condoned.
3. Christ will make war against them with the sword of His mouth.

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Counsel to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:16.

1. Repent.

Promise to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:17.

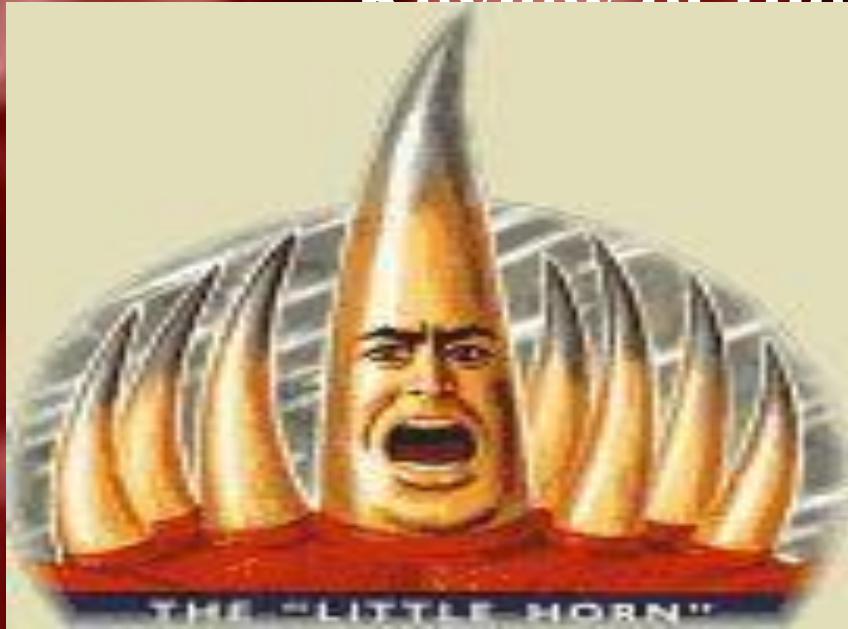
1. Hidden manna.
2. White Stone.
3. New Name.

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Character of the 4th Church

1. **Meaning of Thyatira:** “Contrition” and “Song of Labour”.
2. **Period:** A.D. 538 - 1798.
3. **Era:** Papal supremacy - 1,260 years of persecution.
4. **State of Church:** Dark Ages or Middle ages. Superstition reigned and ignorance supreme.

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Description & Knowledge of Jesus Christ

❖ Revelation 2:18,19.

1. Son of God.
2. Flaming eyes.
3. Bronze feet.
4. Knows the works, love, Faith, Service and Patience.

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Commendation to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:19.

1. Latter works exceeds first.

Reproof and Warning to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:20-23.

1. Tolerates Jezebel. (Compare Revelation 2:14).
2. Jezebel would not repent.
3. Thrown onto a sickbed.
4. Great tribulation.
5. Christ will kill her children with Death.

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Counsel to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:25.

1. Repent.
2. Hold fast.

Promise to the Church

❖ Revelation 2:26-29.

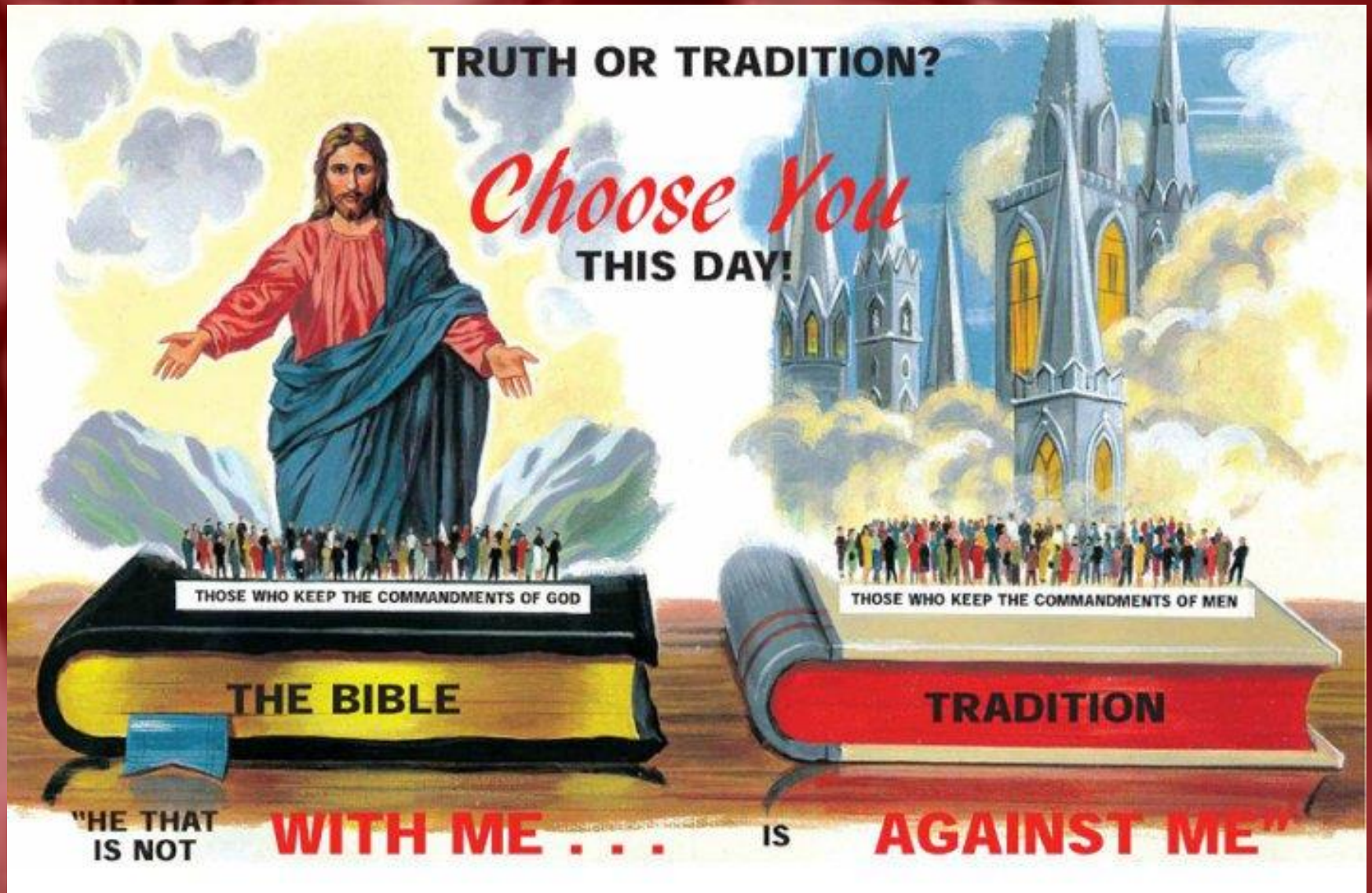
1. Rod to rule the nations.
2. Morning star.

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Character of the 5th Church

1. **Meaning of Sardis:** “That which remains”.
2. **Period:** A.D. 1798 – 1833.
3. **Era:** End of Papal supremacy to the beginning of the Great Advent Awakening.
4. **State of church:** God’s people though purified still clung to papal errors. Sardis lightly esteemed the truths entrusted to them that were obtained at a great and fearful price.

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The Great Controversy by E.G. White (pg 309-10)

Chap. 17 – Heralds of the Morning

The condition of the church at this time is pointed out in the Saviour's words in the Revelation, "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

But as the spirit of humility and devotion in the church had given place to pride and formalism, love for Christ and faith in His coming had grown cold. Absorbed in worldliness and pleasure-seeking, the professed people of God were blinded to the Saviour's instructions concerning the signs of His appearing. The doctrine of the second advent had been neglected; the scriptures relating to it were obscured by misinterpretation, until it was, to a great extent, ignored and forgotten. Especially was this the case in the churches of America.

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Description and Knowledge of Christ

1. He holds the seven spirits and seven stars.
2. Knows the works of the church.

Commendation to the Church

1. A few are worthy.- "A few names even in Sardis," would seem to imply a period of unparalleled worldliness in the church.

Reproof and Warning to the Church

1. Works of the church are imperfect.
2. Seemingly alive but dead.
3. Christ will come as a thief to surprise.

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Counsel to the Church

1. Repent .
2. Remember.
3. Awake.
4. Strengthen.

Promise to the Church

1. White garments for victors.
2. Will walk with Christ.
3. Confesses overcomer's name. – Matthew 10:32,33.
4. Will not blot out the victor's name. – Read Revelation 20:12-15.

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Character of the 6th Church

- 1. Meaning of Philadelphia: “Brotherly Love”.**
- 2. Period: A.D. 1833 – 1844.**
- 3. Era: Period of Great Advent Movement under the Judgment Hour Message.**
- 4. State of church: Return to Primitive godliness.**

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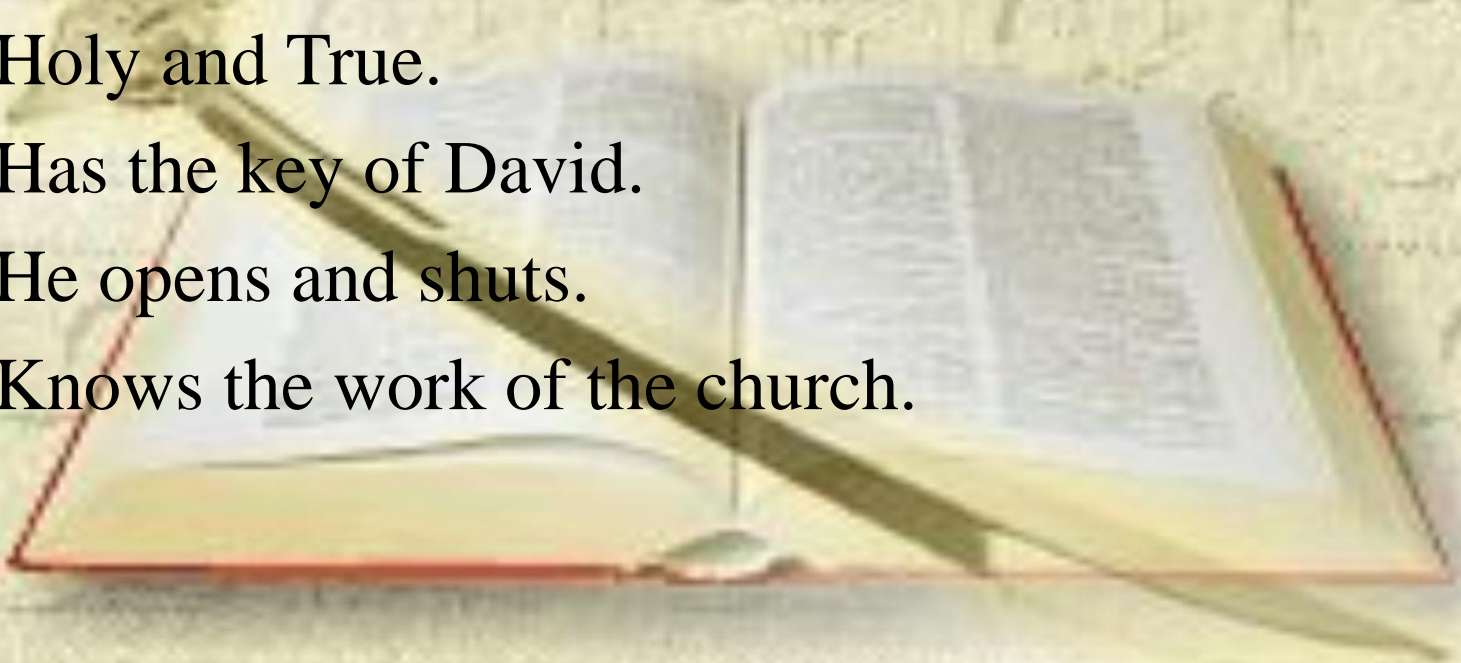
An American Reformer:
An upright, honest-hearted farmer, who had been led to doubt the divine authority of the Scriptures, yet who sincerely desired to know the truth, was the man specially chosen of God to lead out in the proclamation of Christ's second coming.
- Great Controversy pg 317.

Angel of the church of Philadelphia: William Miller.

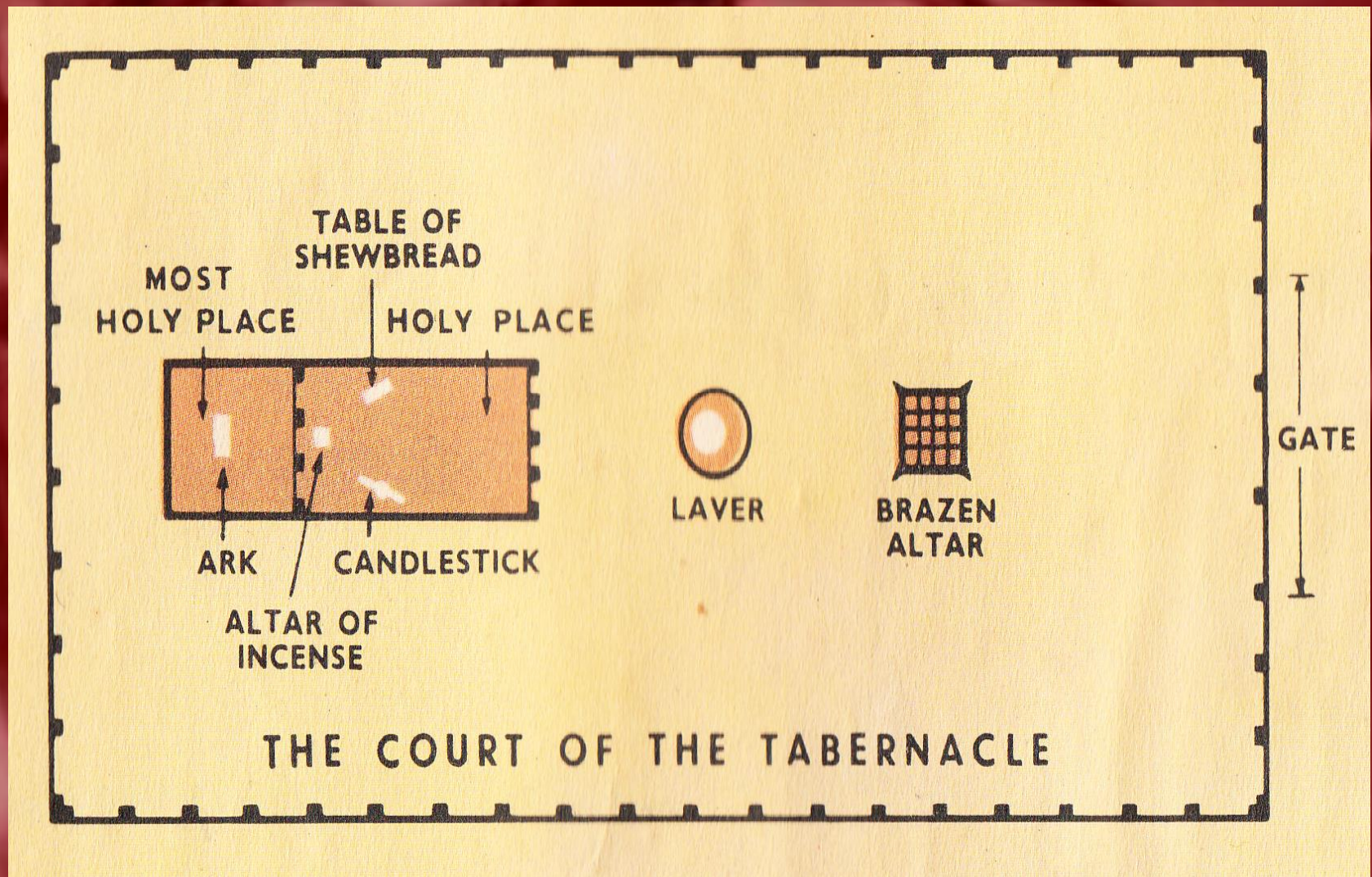
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Description and Knowledge of Christ

❖ Revelation 3:7, 8.

1. Holy and True.
 2. Has the key of David.
 3. He opens and shuts.
 4. Knows the work of the church.
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Commendation to the Church

❖ Revelation 3:8-10.

1. Has kept the words of Christ.
2. Did not deny me.
3. Endured.
4. False Jews will worship at your feet.

Reproof and Warning to the Church

This is the 2nd church not to receive a rebuke.

Counsel to the Church

❖ Revelation 3:11.

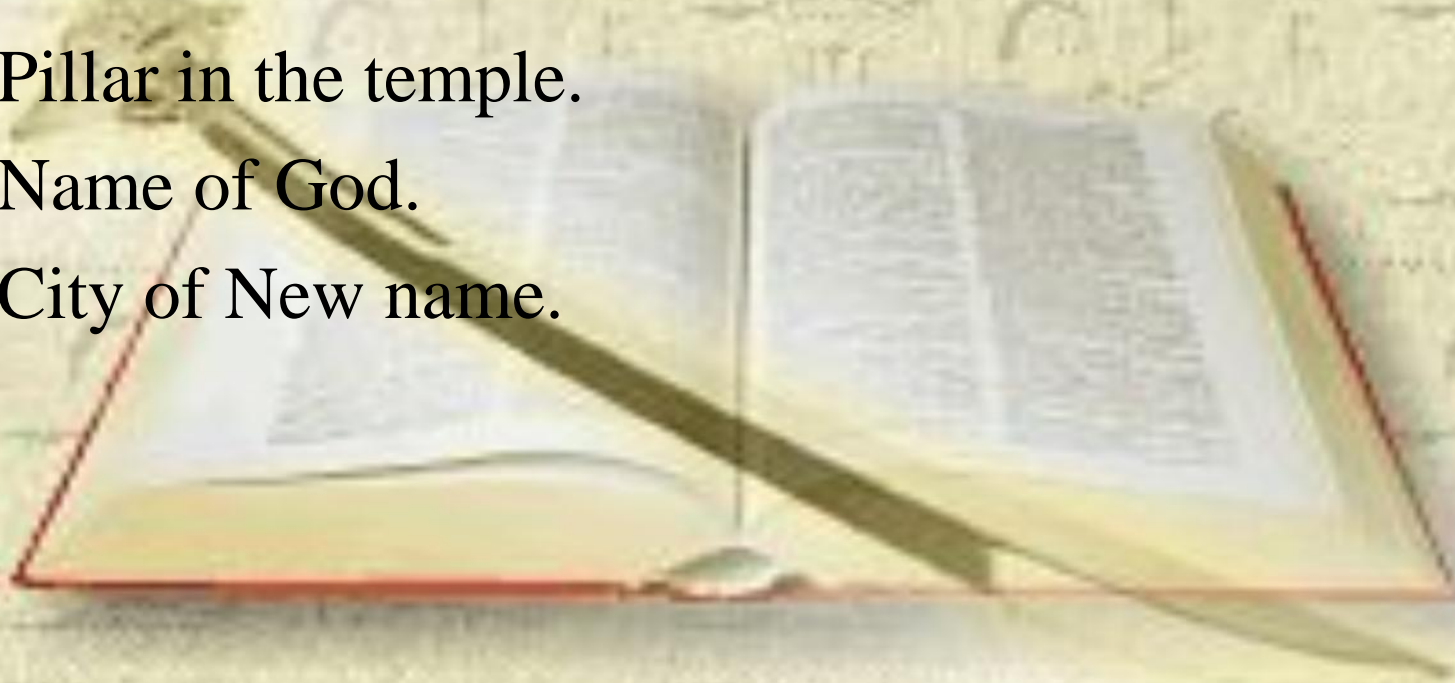
1. Hold fast.

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Promise to the Church

❖ Revelation 3:12.

1. Pillar in the temple.
2. Name of God.
3. City of New name.



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Character of the 7th Church

- 1. Meaning of Laodicea:** “Judging the People”.
- 2. Period:** A.D. 1844 – 2nd Coming of Christ.
- 3. Era:** Judgment of God’s People from 1844 to the End of Time.
- 4. State of church:** Spiritual lukewarm condition pervasive.

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Angel of the church of Laodicea: Ellen G. White

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Description and Knowledge of Christ

❖ Revelation 3:14.

1. He is the Amen.
2. The Faithful and True Witness.
3. The Beginning of the creation. – Colossians 1:16,17.
4. Christ knows the works, the false claims and true condition of this church.

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Commendation to the Church

This is the only church that does not receive a commendation for anything.

Reproof and Warning to the Church

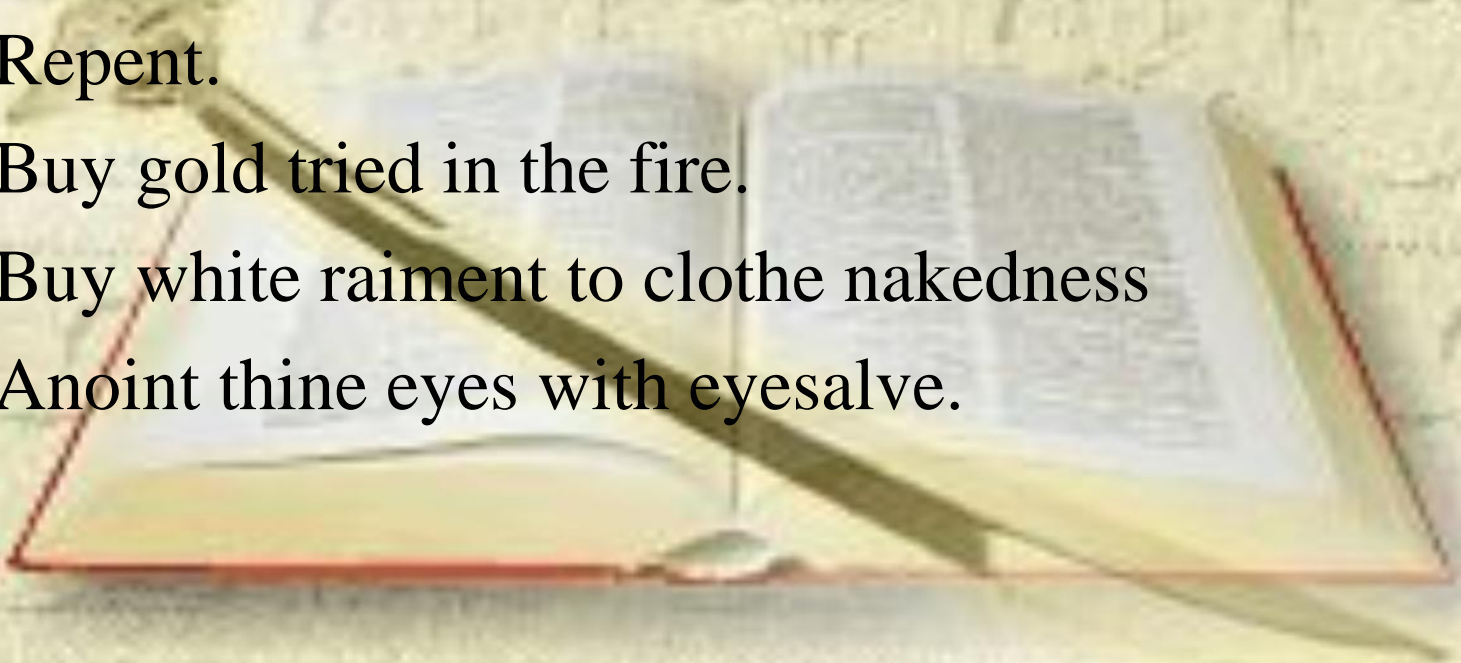
❖ Revelation 3:15,16.

1. Lukewarm, wretched and miserable.
2. Poor.
3. Blind.
4. Naked.
5. Christ will spit this church out.

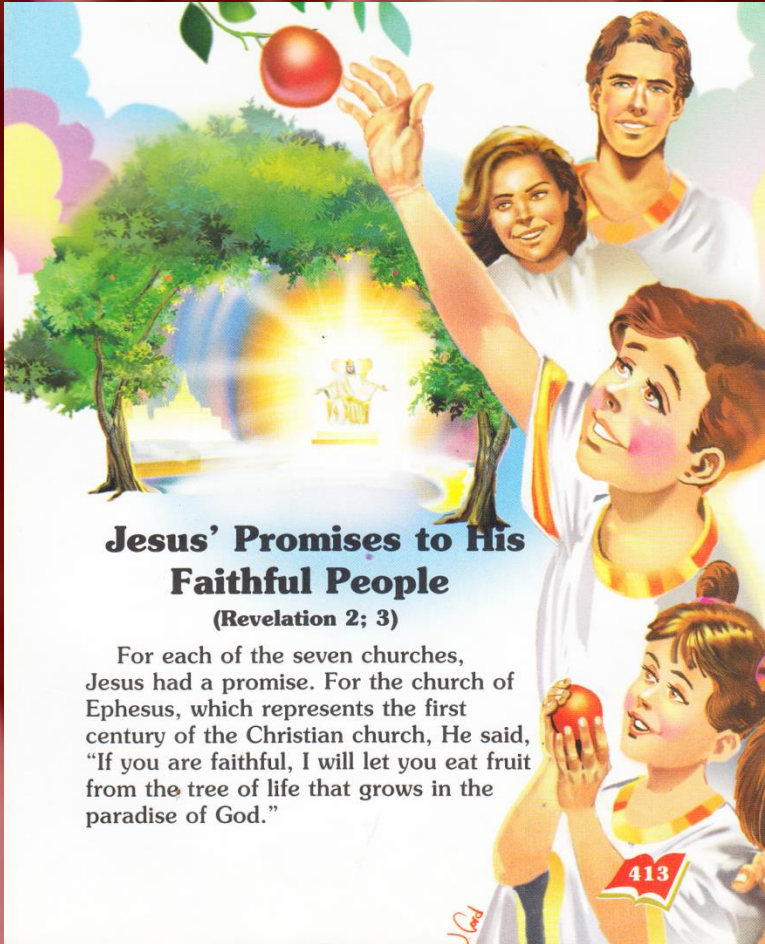
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Counsel to the Church

❖ Revelation 3:18

1. Repent.
 2. Buy gold tried in the fire.
 3. Buy white raiment to clothe nakedness
 4. Anoint thine eyes with eyesalve.
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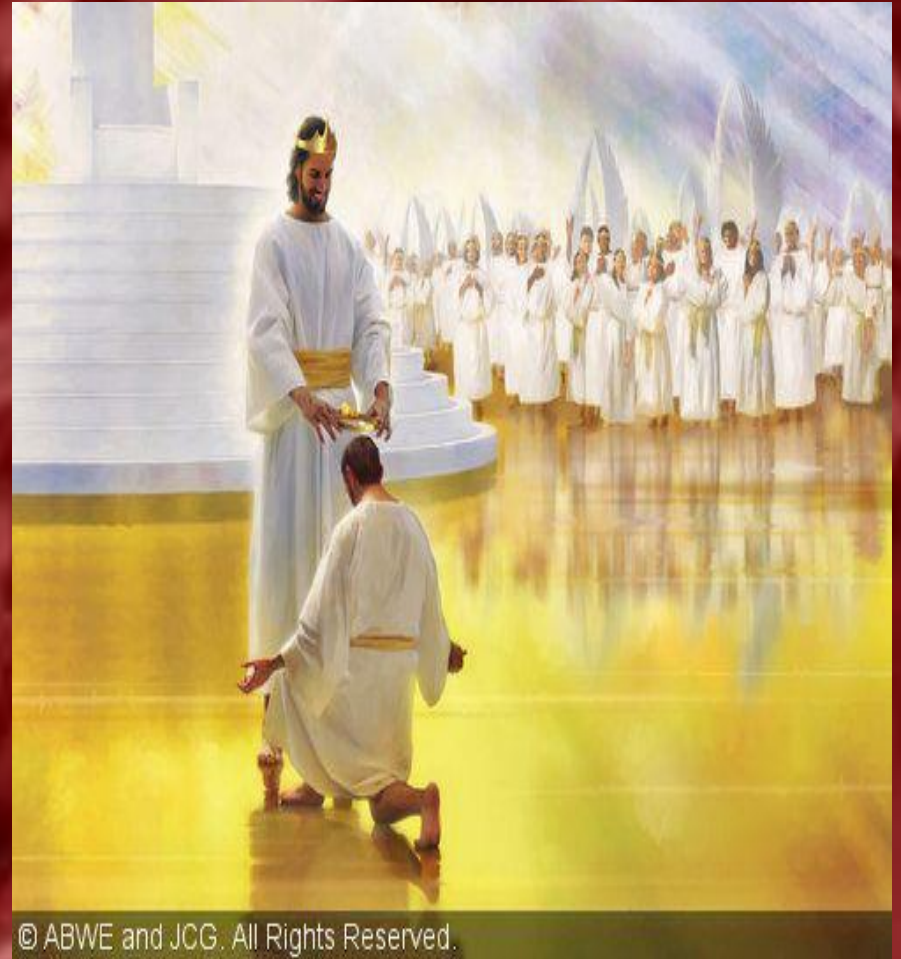


Jesus' Promises to His Faithful People
(Revelation 2; 3)

For each of the seven churches, Jesus had a promise. For the church of Ephesus, which represents the first century of the Christian church, He said, "If you are faithful, I will let you eat fruit from the tree of life that grows in the paradise of God."

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The illustration depicts a bright, paradisaical scene with a large tree of life. Jesus, in a white robe, is shown offering a red apple to a young girl who is also holding an apple. A man and a woman stand behind her, looking on with joy. In the background, a golden throne is visible under a rainbow. A small red book with the number '413' is at the bottom.



Rewards of the Faithful.

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The 2nd Coming of Christ

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City of God

A religious painting depicting several angels with large, white, feathered wings flying over a landscape. The angels are shown in various poses, some looking towards the viewer, others looking down. The landscape below features a body of water, a path, and a distant city or town. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall style is characteristic of 19th-century religious art.

MAY GOD
RICHLY BLESS
YOU.