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설교제목 (SERMON TITLE):

교회의 이해 III – 모델 교회

(UNDERSTANDING CHURCH III – MODEL CHURCH)

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Revelation 2:1–7

1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Revelation 2:1–7

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

요한계시록 (Revelation) 2:1-7

1 에베소 교회의 사자에게 편지하라 오른손에 있는 일곱 별을 붙잡고 일곱 금 촛대 사이를 거니시는 이가 이르시되 2 내가 네 행위와 수고와 네 인내를 알고 또 악한 자들을 용납하지 아니한 것과 자칭 사도라 하되 아닌 자들을 시험하여 그의 거짓된 것을 내가 드러낸 것과 3 또 내가 참고 내 이름을 위하여 견디고 게으르지 아니한 것을 아노라 4 그러나 너를 책망할 것이 있나니 너의 처음 사랑을 버렸느니라 5 그러므로 어디서 떨어졌는지를 생각하고 회개하여 처음 행위를 가지라 만일 그리하지 아니하고 회개하지 아니하면 내가 너게 가서 네 촛대를 그 자리에서 옮기리라 6 오직 네게 이것이 있으니 네가 니골라 당의 행위를 미워하는도다 나도 이것을 미워하노라 7 귀 있는 자는 성령이 교회들에게 하시는 말씀을 들을지어다 이기는 그에게는 내가 하나님의 낙원에 있는 생명나무의 열매를 주어 먹게 하리라

When you take refuge in a Church, do not seek shelter merely in the place but in the spirit of the place. For the Church is not wall and roof but faith and life.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

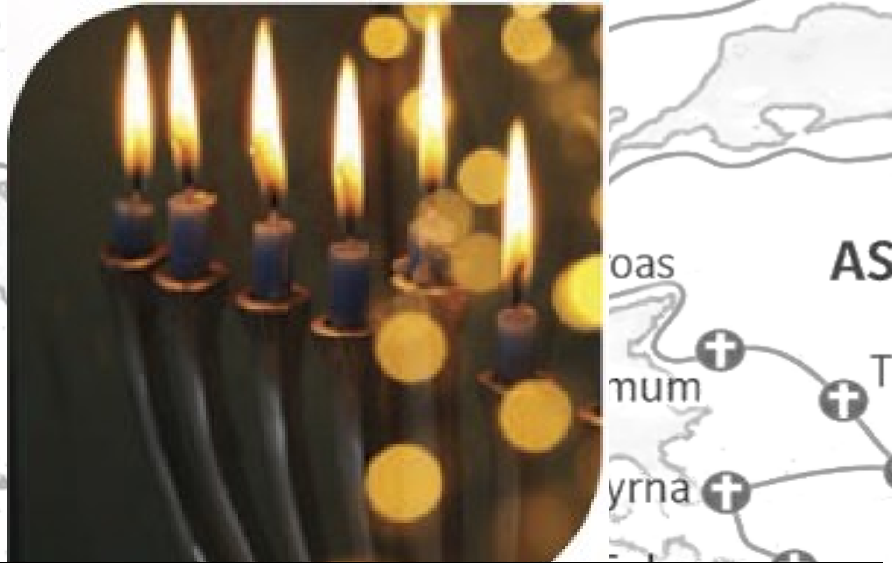
7 Churches in Revelation



John the Evangelist:
“One of Jesus’ first disciples ...became an apostle of the early church... ministered in Asia Minor ...the only apostle not to suffer martyrdom... John is credited with writing a gospel, three epistles ...the book of Revelation... received while exiled on the island of Patmos”

The church in Ephesus

BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS



**“These are the words
of him who holds
the seven stars in his
right hand and walks
among the seven
golden lampstands”**

-Re 2:1-

-Praise: “you cannot tolerate wicked people... You have ... endured hardships for my name”

-Criticism: “I hold this against you: You have forsaken ...the first love”

-Exhortation: “Repent and do the things you did at first... I will...remove your lampstand ”

-Reward: “I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God”

The church in Smyrna

BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS



**“These are the words
of him who is
the First and the Last,
who died and came to
life again”**

-Re 2:8-

**-Praise: “I know your afflictions and
your poverty—yet you are rich!”**

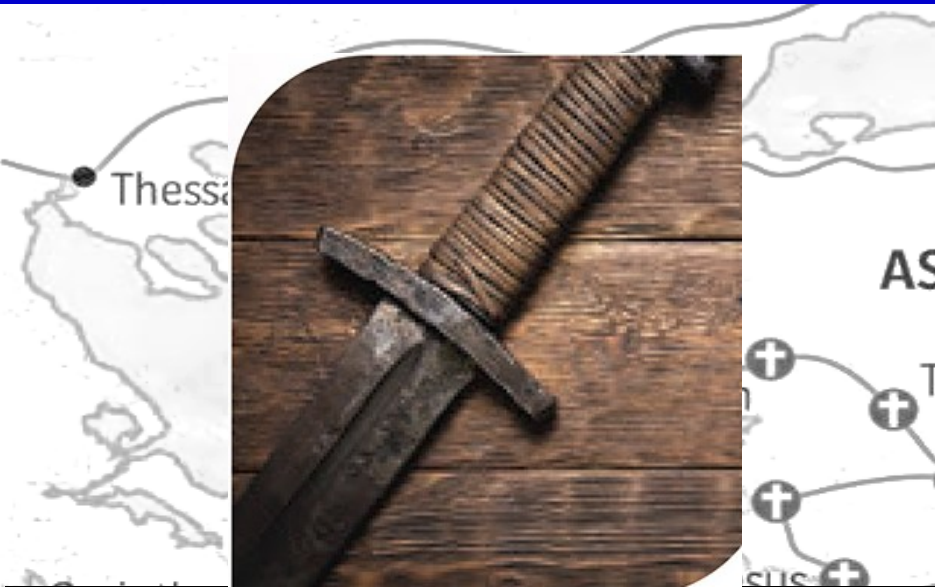
-Criticism: NONE

**-Exhortation: “Do not be afraid of
what you are about to suffer... Be
faithful, even to the point of death”**

**-Reward: “The one who is victorious
will not be hurt at all by the second
death”**

The church in Pergamum

BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS



**“These are the words
of him who has
the sharp, double-
edged sword”
-Re 2:12-**

-Praise: “...you live where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name... not renounce your faith ...”

-Criticism: ...some ... ate food sacrificed to idols ... committed sexual immorality...”

-Exhortation: “Repent... I will ...fight against them...”

-Reward: “To the one who is victorious, I will give ...hidden manna. ...a white stone with a new name”

† Seven Churches of Revelation

The church in Thyatira

BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS



**“These are the words
of the Son of God,
whose eyes are like
blazing fire and
whose feet are like
burnished bronze”**

-Re 2:18-

**-Praise: I know your deeds, your love
...faith... service... perseverance,
...now doing more than ... at first”**

**-Criticism: You tolerate ...Jezebel, who
calls herself a prophet ...misleads my
servants into sexual immorality...”**

**-Exhortation: “Hold on to what you
have until I come”**

**-Reward: “To the one who ...does my
will to the end, I will give authority over
the nations...give ...the morning star”**

The church in Sardis

BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS



**“These are the words
of him who holds
the seven spirits of
God and the seven
stars”**

-Re 3:1-

- Praise: NONE**
- Criticism: “...you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead”**
- Exhortation: “Wake up! Strengthen what remains ... Remember... what you have received ...hold it fast, and repent”**
- Reward: “The one who is victorious will...be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life...”**

The church in Philadelphia

BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS



**“These are the words
of him who is holy
and true, who holds
the key of David”**

-Re 3:7-

-Praise: I know ...you have little strength, yet ...kept my word ...not denied my name... endure patiently...”

-Criticism: NONE

-Exhortation: “I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown...”

-Reward: “The one who is victorious, I will make a pillar in the temple of my God... I will write on them the name of my God...”

† Seven Churches of
Revelation

The church in Laodicea

BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS



**“These are the words
of the Amen,
the faithful and true
witness, the ruler of
God’s creation”**

-Re 3:14-

-Praise: NONE

-Criticism: you are neither cold nor hot... You say, ‘I am rich... acquired wealth.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind...”

-Exhortation: “buy from me gold refined... so you can become rich; white clothes ...cover your shameful nakedness; salve ...so you can see”

-Reward: “I will give the right to sit with me on my throne”.

The Perfect Model...?			Strengths	Weaknesses
Epnesus	Perseverance; reject false apostles			Forsaken their first love
Smyrna	Endure suffering & poverty, yet are rich			None
Pergamum	Remain true to Christ's name			Tolerate false teachers
Thyatira	Deeds, love, faith & service			Tolerate false prophets
Sardis	Some have remained faithful			Deadness
Philadelphia	Kept Christ's word; not denied his name			None
Laodicea	None			Neither hot nor cold; trust in wealth



**“Be faithful to
the point of death,
and I will give you
the crown of life”**

-Rev 2:10-