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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 네가 드러낸
것과 3 또 네가 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 네게
가서 네 촛대를 그 자리에서 옮기리라 6 오직 네게 이것이 있으니
네가 니콜라 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

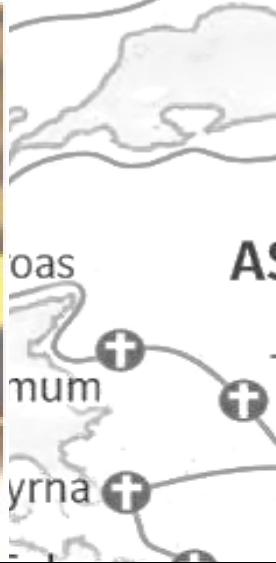


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John the Evangelist: “One of Jesus’ first disciples ...became an apostle of the early church... ministered in Asia Minor ...the only apostle not to suffer martyrdom... John is credited with writing a gospel, three epistles ...the book of Revelation...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

The church in Ephesus

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**“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

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**“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!”**

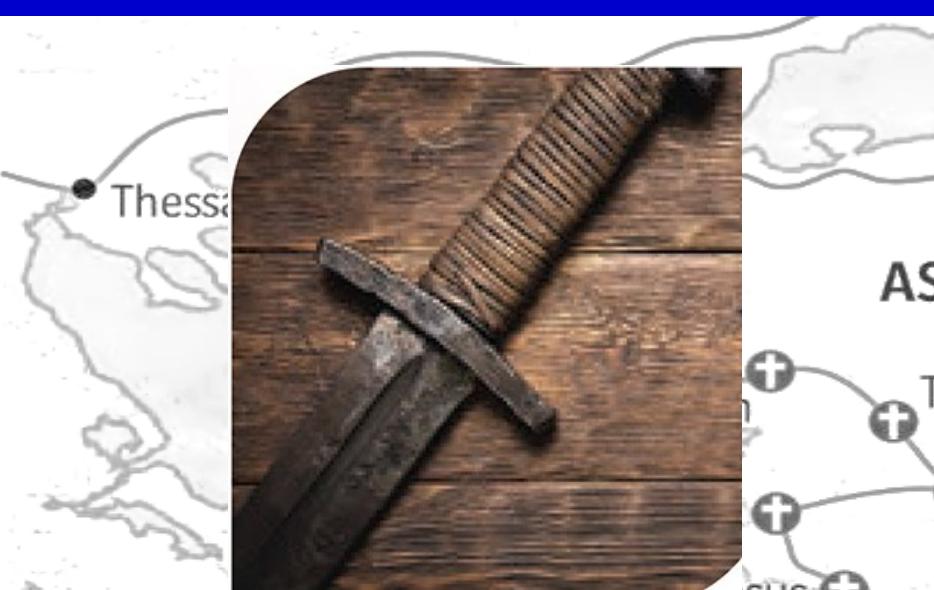
-Criticism: NONE

**-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

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

-Re 2:12-

Seven Churches of
Revelation

- 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”

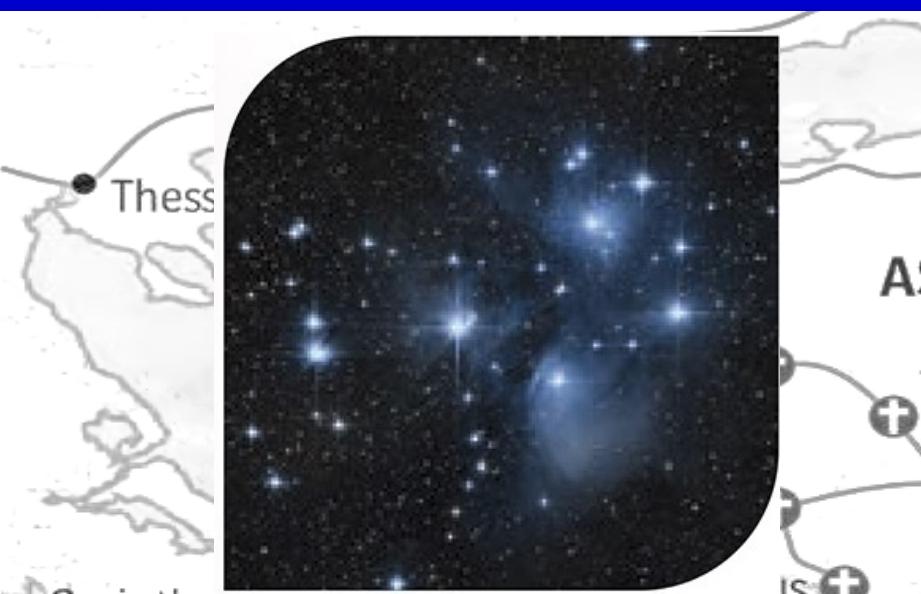
The church in Thyatira

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“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”



“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

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AND PONTUS



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

-Re 3:7-



Seven Churches of
Revelation



Book of Revelation Made Easy

-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...”

The church in Laodicea

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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...? ^{hs}		Weaknesses
Ephesus	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-