

Revelation Study
The Seven Churches, An Overview
Revelation 2:1, 7

- I. The Pattern of Each Letter
 - A. To the angel...
 - B. An exalted statement about Jesus
 - 1. Seven distinct statements, each unique for each church
 - 2. Each closely connected with the statements made about Jesus in Revelation 1
 - C. A statement of exhortation, encouragement, or both
 - D. He who has ears to hear
 - 1. First 3 - listed before the overcoming statements
 - 2. Last 4 – listed after the overcoming statements
 - E. To Him who overcomes
 - 1. Seven distinct blessings for perseverance
 - 2. All related to the full consummation of all things
- II. The Statements on the Exalted Jesus
 - A. These statements point back in the writing
 - B. Holds the stars, dwells among the lampstands
 - 1. Revelation 2:1
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 1:12-13, 16
 - C. First & the last, dead come to life
 - 1. Revelation 2:8
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 1:17-18
 - D. Sharp two-edged sword
 - 1. Revelation 2:12
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 1:16
 - E. Son of God, eyes of flame, feet of bronze
 - 1. Revelation 2:18
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 1:13-15
 - F. Seven Spirits, Seven stars
 - 1. Revelation 3:1
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 1:4, 16
 - G. Holy, true, key of David, opens and shuts
 - 1. Revelation 3:7
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 1:5, 18
 - H. The Amen, faithful and true witness, beginning of creation
 - 1. Revelation 3:14
 - 2. Revelation 1:5, 8
- III. Statements of Overcoming
 - A. These statements point forward in the writing
 - B. Eat from the tree of life
 - 1. Revelation 2:7
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 22:2, 14, 19
 - C. Not hurt by the second death
 - 1. Revelation 2:11
 - 2. Cf. 20:6, 14; 21:8
 - D. Hidden manna, white stone, new name
 - 1. Revelation 2:17
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 14:1; 19:12; 21:11-19; 22:4
 - E. Authority over nations, rod of iron, morning star
 - 1. Revelation 2:26-28
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 12:10; 12:5; 19:5; 22:16
 - F. Clothed in white, name in book, name confessed
 - 1. Revelation 3:5
 - 2. Cf. Revelation 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 13-14; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27

G. Pillar in temple, write name of God on, name of new Jerusalem

1. Revelation 3:12
2. Cf. Revelation 21:22; 14:1; 22:4; 21:2

H. Sit on throne

1. Revelation 3:21
2. Cf. Revelation 4:4; 11:16; 20:4

IV. What Each Letter Seeks To Do

- A. Call the church into order by the voice of a teacher
- B. That teacher should call their attention to the exalted Christ
- C. The gospel message of Jesus, either to encourage wisdom or exhort foolishness, should be declared (including a call of faithfulness and repentance)
- D. A call to leading by the gracious gift of the Spirit
- E. A promise of present transformation and future fulfillment is made, to the one overcoming their own sin in this present age by the power of the gospel