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EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS, JUDE 3

BkRev 2 FROM PENTECOST TO THE RAPTURE 05-31-20
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The LORD Commands the Church of all Ages, "...till I come..."			
Paul said, These things command and teach... till I come (1Ti 4:12-15).			
Jesus said, <i>that which ye have already hold fast till I come</i> (Re 2:19-27).			
Rev 2-3	Characteristics	Age	Approx. Dates
Ephesus Re 2:1-7	Many righteous works but lost their first love, sternly warned, backslidden	APOSTOLIC True apostles devoted themselves to prayer and ministry of the Word, manifested God's presence, evangelized, and planted churches (Act 6:1-7)	Pentecost - AD30
Smyrna Re 2:8-11	Severe persecution, enemy revealed, false brethren Notwithstanding, the true church was strong and continued to grow	MARTYRS Stephen stoned, James the Great beheaded, Philip crucified, Matthew halberd, James the Less clubbed, Matthias beheaded, Andrew crucified, Mark dragged, Peter crucified, Paul beheaded, Jude crucified, Bartholomew crucified, Thomas speared, Luke hung, Simon Zelotes crucified, John boiling oil but miraculously escaped, Barnabas martyred. Many saints martyred for refusing to worship the emperor	10 Emperors/waves- severe persecution Nero - AD70 Domitian - AD81 Trajan - AD108 Marcus Aurelius - AD162 Severus - AD192 Maximus - AD235 Decius - AD249 Valerian - AD257 Aurelian - AD274 Diocletian - 10 years AD303-313
Pergamos Re 2:12-17	Deceptive preaching, world seduction, immorality tolerated, soft snaring teaching.	CHURCH AND STATE marriage by Constantine AD313 until the first Pope AD590, Great External Growth, Post Millennial view	AD 313 - AD 800
Thyatira Re 2:18-29	False prophet tolerated, doctrinal corruption, spiritual fornication, lax on forbidden practices	PAPACY OR PAPAL DOMINATION Roman Catholic Church authority over the Word of God, Scriptures withheld from laity, pagan theosophy, ritualism, secret knowledge religion	AD 800 - AD 1517
Sardis Re 3:1-6	A dead church with a few faithful believers, formalistic, ritualistic. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (2 Timothy 3:1-7)	REFORMATION aided the circulation of Scripture, justification by faith revived, true worship of God revived. Great but held to Amillennial view. Rise of the State Church	AD 1520 - AD 1750
Philadelphia Re 3:7-13	Keeps God's Word. True Church in all ages from Pentecost to the rapture	MISSIONARY Revived Pretribulation view, spread the Word to the world, William Carey, the Wesley Brothers, Finney, Edwards, Moody, and the Pentecostals. The Revival Age	AD 1750 - AD 1948

<p>Laodicea Re 3:14-22</p>	<p>To God a thoroughly distasteful, lukewarm, rich church that is spiritually wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.</p> <p>The Lord counsels to get back to Him, His Word, and His righteousness or they will be expelled from Him.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APOSTACY</p> <p>It began in the late 1800's and is characterized by the start of Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, the New Age/Theosophy movement under Alice Baily, 7 Day Adventist's under Ellen G. White, Christian Science under Mary Baker Eddy. The United Nations started the World Council of Churches.</p>	<p>AD1948 - Rapture</p>
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Hear What the Spirit Saith Unto the Churches

Church	Works Commended	Works Against	Command	To Him That Overcometh
<p>Ephesus</p> <p>These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;</p>	<p>I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:</p> <p>And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.</p>	<p>Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. (De 6:4-5; 11:1; De 11:13-17; Jos 23:11-13; Ps 31:23; Ps 97:10; Mt 22:36-38)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>← Should be in WORKS COMMENDED</p> <p>But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.</p> </div>	<p>Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.</p>	<p>To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.</p>
<p>Smyrna</p> <p>These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;</p>	<p>I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.</p>		<p>Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.</p>	<p>He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.</p>
<p>Pergamos</p> <p>These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;</p>	<p>I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.</p>	<p>But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.</p> <p>So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.</p>	<p>Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.</p>	<p>To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.</p>
<p>Thyatira</p> <p>These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes</p>	<p>I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.</p>	<p>(Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants, to commit fornication, and to eat things</p>	<p>But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that</p>	<p>he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with</p>

<p>like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;</p>		<p>sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.</p>	<p>which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.</p>	<p>a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star.</p>
<p>Sardis</p> <p>These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;</p>	<p>Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.</p>	<p>I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.</p>	<p>Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.</p>	<p>He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.</p>
<p>Philadelphia</p> <p>These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;</p>	<p>Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.</p>		<p>Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.</p>	<p>Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.</p>
<p>Laodicea</p> <p>These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;</p>		<p>I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:</p>	<p>I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.</p>	<p>To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.</p>