

OUTLINE OF REVELATION

Cf. Revelation 1:19

I. The things which you have seen (1)

- A. Prologue 1:1-3
- B. Greeting and Praise 1:4-8
- C. Vision of Christ the Judge 1:9-20

II. The things which are (2-3)

Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor

- A. To Ephesus 2:1-7
- B. To Smyrna 2:8-11
- C. To Pergamom 2:12-17
- D. To Thyatira 2:18-29
- E. To Sardis 3:1-6
- F. To Philadelphia 3:7-13
- G. To Laodicea 3:14-22

III. The things which will take place after this

(4-22)

Revelation 2 and 3--

“Prophetically the history of the church through the centuries.”

Ephesus	1 st Century/Apostolic Age New Testament Church
Smyrna	2 nd -3 rd Century Church of the persecution Church in suffering
Pergamos	4 th - 6 th Century Popular and politically powerful
Thyatira	7 th - 16 th Century Dark Ages
Sardis	15 th - 17 th Century Church of the Reformation
Philadelphia	18 th - 20 th Century Church of missionary activity and evangelical power
Laodicea	20 th Century

Christ the Judge

Chapter 1 --Character of the Judge

Chapters 2-3 --Judge in the midst of the churches

Chapters 4-19 --Judge in the midst of Israel and the nations

Chapter 20 --Two resurrections and Judgment at the Great White Throne

Letters to 7 Churches

SARDIS 3:1-6
Dead/Dying

All-sufficient Christ
Chief Shepherd

PHILADELPHIA 3:7-13
Faithful, though weak

Omnipotent Christ,
the Judge
Utterly Sovereign One

LAODICEA 3:14-22
Lukewarm

Living Word of God
Head of the church
Head of the New
Creation