

CHURCHES OF REV 2 OF 2

Discussing Bible Churches

Part 2 of 2 parts

This Gentile period of called out ones are in serious trouble. They are accepting a false religious group, that may have, in previous time been part of the true called out ones, but now has accepted idolatry. They, and their a powerful influence on the Thyatirans. However, along the way some have not succumbed to the idolatrous influence. Those who held onto the truth are promised a powerful reward.

Rev 2:24 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.

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 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.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 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.

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As time passes the "time of Jacob's trouble (great tribulation) is in full force. The church's faith begins to dwindle away. As we get to the Sardis period it is hard to identify those God has called out of the world. They still do some work, and claim to be believers, but their heart is just not into it. Christ still has hopes for them as he warns and instructs them to wake up. Because a few have not given up Christ recognizes them as his church and pleads with them all to please repent and listen to him..

Fifth # 5 Sardis church (seal # 5 Rev. 6:9-11)

3:1 ¶ And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

This next group of called out ones are going to be the martyrs who will witness to their death. It is also the time of the sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel, and all those who will come out of great tribulation, as well as Gentile martyrs, from many nations. We can read more about their rewards in the 6th seal.

Sixth #6 Philadelphia church (seal # 6 Rev. 6:12-17)

3:7 ¶ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; 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;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 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.

10 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.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 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.

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Seventh #7 Laodiceans (seal # 7 Rev. 6:17 to 19:11-21)

3:14 ¶ And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 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:

18 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.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 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.

21 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.

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We have no way of knowing how much time is involved between each seal. If the seven Gentile churches time schedule agrees with the seven seals this last seventh church would exist during the seven trumpets, three woes, and the seven periods of God's wrath, all of which the seventh seal includes. We also see that enough time will have elapsed for that great city called "Babylon" to become extremely wealthy and powerful. Many nations who take the mark of the Beast will become wealthy before Christ destroys it. This would explain why this church thought of itself as wealthy, it is Gentile, living in a Gentile country, during a prosperous time, able to avoid God puts them to the test. Those who pass the test will be in the first resurrection along with the other martyrs. They will get to sit with Christ on his throne.

All future events described in Revelation will fit within one of the seven

seals. We need to keep in mind John is being shown, in vision, major things that have not happened yet, but will fit in their future time frame. Many other events are left out that are not in Revelation but can be found in other books of prophecies, such as Ezekiel, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, and the smaller books.