

## Revelation 1:9-11

9I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."



## Revelation 1:12-16

12Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.



## Revelation 1:17-20

17When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. 20As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## 7 Churches of Asia Minor

ἄγγελος = aggelos = angel, or messenger

**Word Origin:** Derived from the root ἀγγέλλω (aggellō), meaning "to announce" or "to bring tidings."

**Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries:** - H4397 (מַלְאָךְ, mal'ak): Often translated as "angel" or "messenger," used in the Old Testament to describe both divine and human messengers.

**Usage:** In the New Testament, "aggelos" primarily refers to a supernatural being sent by God to deliver messages, execute His will, or provide guidance and protection to humans. It can also refer to human messengers in certain contexts. The term emphasizes the role of the messenger rather than the nature of the being.

### Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7

The message for the church in Ephesus is perhaps the most universally applicable message of all.

1. **Jesus has a better understanding of how much you love him than you do.**
2. **Jesus wants you to love him as much today as you did when you loved him before.**
3. **If you don't (metanoia) have your mind blown & start to work for Jesus as you once did he will remove your ability to work for him at all.**

### Smyrna

Revelation 2:8-11

The message for the church in Smyrna is perhaps the hardest message for us to identify with.

1. **Impending suffering is bound to come your way.**
2. **Be faithful to die the first death. Escaping second death is reserved for those who have been faithful to the Lamb through it all.**

### Pergamum & Thyatira

Revelation 2:12-29

The messages to the church in Pergamum & to Thyatira both are particularly polarizing the kingdom of this world with the kingdom of God.

1. **You may live where Satan (one in opposition) dwells, and where people who follow me are killed for doing so, but some have not forsaken the kingdom of God's claim on their life. You follow the way of Jesus with the way you live your life. Others particularly in Pergamum follow the way of idolatry.**
2. **You cannot tolerate the influence of the evil culture you live in to have any negative effect on your ability to follow the way of the Lamb.**

### Sardis

Revelation 3:1-6

The message for the church at Sardis carries a similar theme as that of Ephesus.

1. **Your earthly reputation of being alive in Christ doesn't matter if God disagrees with it.**
2. **Dying to your worldly way of living is simply the beginning of your journey with God.**
3. **The intensity with which you walk with Jesus & work for the kingdom of God cannot diminish.**

**Philadelphia & Laodicea**  
**Revelation 3:7-22**

The message for the church in Philadelphia is one of great approval. While the message for the church in Laodicea is one of great disapproval.

1. **Jesus is the only one who can open the door of the kingdom of God.**
2. **The door is open to those who are patently faithful to the Word in spite of their lack of power.**
3. **The door is closed to those who see themselves as powerful, and have no need of a savior.**
4. **Jesus knocks at all of the closed doors. Only the ones who hear the voice of Jesus will have their door opened.**