

Revelation 2

1. This chapter addresses which Asian churches?
2. What did Jesus “know” about all of the churches (generally)?
3. What same closing admonition is given to all of the churches?
4. What same thing were churches told to do if they had sinned?
5. Acts 19:1-5 describes the background of the Ephesian church. Paul found “disciples” when he arrived at Ephesus but what observation is made about their baptism?
 - a. List the positive characteristics of the Ephesian church in John’s day:
 - b. List the negative characteristics:
 - c. What would be “removed” if they failed to repent, and what did this object represent?
 - d. What particular error had infected this church? What was Christ’s attitude towards this error?
6. The church at Smyrna is mentioned in the Bible only in the book of Revelation. As with the church at Philadelphia, what type of language is NOT used to describe its works?

- a. In what sense was the church at Smyrna “poor?” In what sense were they “rich?”
 - b. The church at Smyrna was persecuted by Synagogue Jews. However, what type of Jews were these? (cp. 1 Thess. 2:14-16)
 - c. And rather than seeking to honor GOD, who did they honor in their Synagogues? (see John 16:2; 12:42-43 + Rom. 2:29)
 - d. What did the saints have to do to inherit the crown of life?
7. Like Ephesus, Pergamos had both good and bad qualities. For what reason were they commended?
- a. What is twice stated regarding “Satan” and Pergamos and what is the significance of this observation?
 - b. The church at Pergamos was affected by what two errors?
 - c. Thinking of Balaam’s history (Numbers 22-25 & 31:16), what was the likely nature of “the doctrine of Balaam” in John’s day?
8. Thyatira also had both good and bad qualities. What were her good qualities?
- a. What “woman” negatively affected the church at Thyatira and how did she damage the church? What did she call herself?