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Ephesus Revelation 2:1-7	Left their 1 st love <i>leaving their 1st love</i>	-Remember from where you have fallen -repent -do the deeds they did at first -persevere & endure for Jesus' name -Don't grow weary	-right to eat from the tree of life in Paradise of God PP-Gen 3:22-24 -eating of the tree of life gives eternal life. PP-Rev 22:1-2,14,19-tree of life will be in the new Jerusalem, those who have the right to it are the ones in the new city. -Jesus told the church that if they didn't repent, He would remove the church
Smyrna Revelation 2:7-11	Tribulation by suffering to the point of death	-don't fear suffering -be faithful unto death	-not hurt by the second death -PP-Rev 20:6, -second death has no power, -those who have eternal life are not hurt. -These are the ones who are priests to God and Christ & reign with Him for 1000 yrs. -PP -v)14-15-second death is the lake of fire, everyone not in the book of life is thrown into the lake of fire. -you will get the crown of life
Pergamum Revelation 2:12-17 -Satan's throne here -infiltrated by the occult -some of church held to what Balaam taught & Nicolaitans leading them astray. Warning: repent or face war with the sword of His mouth.	False teaching, influenced by the devil and immorality	-hold fast to Jesus' name -don't deny His faith	-hidden manna -PP-Exodus 16:13-15, 26-35-manna was from God, only for His people, and no one knew what it really was PP-Deut 8:3-connects it with everything which comes from God's mouth, His Word. That is what the church lives by. -PP-Jn 6:31-40, 48-51-Jesus said that He was the bread out of heaven. Those who eat Him partake of the true bread of life and live forever. Another promise to all believers. -white stone with a new name on it known by no one but the overcomer. When an athlete won a game he was given a white stone as an admission pass to the winner's celebration. If the white stone symbolizes an admission ticket to special social events, then the overcomers are given the admission to eternal life in the new Jerusalem with God Himself and the Lamb, the King of Kings. Outside will be the unbelieving.— John MacArthur
Thyatira Revelation 2:18-29 Most of the church tolerated the false prophetess & knew the deep things of Satan-the rest who didn't hold to that teaching were burdened by the others who ruled, led that church	Tolerating false prophetess who leads to immorality	-don't hold to teaching, immorality -don't know the deep things of Satan	-authority to rule over the nations with a rod of iron -PP-Psalm 2-Jesus quoted this to Thyatira, that the nations, peoples devise a vain thing. Their rulers are against the Lord and His Anointed (Jesus). But He will put His King over them; His Son will receive the nations as His inheritance. He'll break them with a rod of iron. -then Jesus gives authority to overcomers to rule over the nations -PP-Luke 19:11-19-parable about the kingdom of heaven to those near Jerusalem. The citizens of the city represent the Jews of His day who didn't receive Him as their King to rule over them. His slaves would

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	<p>Review of the promises of the overcomer-a believer, a Christian will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -eat from tree of life in Paradise. -not be hurt by the second death, the lake of fire. -receive hidden manna and a white stone with a new name on it. -receive authority to rule the nations and the morning star 		

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<p>Sardis</p> <p>Revelation 3:1-6</p>	<p>Being dead</p>	<p>-wake up -remember what you've received and heard and keep it -repent</p>	<p>-clothed in white garments -PP r-white garments received from Jesus/righteous acts of the saints. -OC's names not erased from book of life by Jesus; and they were confessed by Jesus before the Father and the angels.</p> <p>-church had a name that it was alive, but it was dead. -PP-Rev 13:8 There is a book of life of the Lamb/Lamb's book of life & Rev 17:8-those who dwell on the earth, unbelievers, never had their names written in this book. Different from the book of life from which names are erased before Jesus.</p> <p>***If this is a correct analysis , then the Lamb's book of life with names written before the foundation of the world is the book of eternal life. And the book of life must contain names of those with physical life.***</p> <p>Psalm 139:16 <i>"Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them."</i> If this reference is to the book of life, it seems to indicate that people's names are written there even before they are born.</p> <p>-PP-Revelation 20:12,15—at the great white throne judgment of the dead, (those in the church at Sardis and others), they are judged by their deeds written in books. But anyone whose name is not in the book of life is thrown into the lake of fire. Those names would have been erased by Jesus. COMBINING THIS WITH WHAT Jesus said on Chapter 3, it seems clear that all people's names are at one time written in the book of life, and then erased if they aren't saved—remain dead...then at the end the names in the book of life and the Lamb's book of life will be the same -PP-Dan 12:1—this speaks of those of Daniel's people, Israel, whose names are found written in the book will be rescued at the time of distress and receive everlasting life. -PP-Matt 10:32-33; Lk 12:8-9—Jesus will confess before the Father and the angels in heaven, those who confess Him before men on earth. Those who deny Him on earth will be the ones whose names He erases from the book of life</p>

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<p>Philadelphia</p> <p>Revelation 3:7-12</p>	<p>-Liars and testing</p> <p>Summary: Jesus promised that the overcomer would be a pillar in the temple of God and not go out from it. Believers are the temple of God now (1 /Cor 3:16; 6:19), and God Himself and the Lamb are the temple in the new Jerusalem. Christians will have a permanent and unshakable place in god's presence in the new Jerusalem. Jesus will write on them God's name and His new name---they will know the fullness of His character.</p>	<p>-keep His Word -not deny His name -keep the word of His perseverance -hold fast what you have</p>	<p>- a crown for those who hold fast -Jesus will make the OC a pillar in the temple of His God -the OC will not go out from it anymore -Jesus will write on him the name of His God...the name of the city of His God, ...new Jerusalem...His new name.</p> <p>A name is significant because it's a person's identity. It is what he is known by. We'll know the fullness of His character.</p> <p>-PP- Rev 21:1-7, 10, 22—In the New Jerusalem, God Himself will live with men, and the overcomers will be there. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple in the new city.</p> <p>-PP-Eph. 2:19-22, 1 Pet 2:4-10—Paul was talking about Gentile believers becoming fellow citizens with Jewish believers. Believers, true Christians, are all God's household being "built on the foundation of th apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone."The whole building is growing into a holy temple, the dwelling if God in the Spirit. (Vs 22)</p> <p>The Holy Spirit inhabits each believer and each one's body is the temple of the Spirit. Peter called believers living stones being built up as a spiritual house on Jesus the cornerstone.</p>
<p>Laodicea</p> <p>Revelation 3:14-22</p>	<p>Being lukewarm</p>	<p>-buy from Jesus -be zealous -repent -open the door to Him</p>	<p>He will sit down with Jesus on His throne. Comparison is a s Jesus OC and sat down with the Father on His throne.</p> <p>-PP-Matt 19:28—"you who have followed Me" Jesus addressed His 12 disciples before Judas betrayed Him. Judas didn't follow Him—his deeds were not completed. The PROMISE was for th 12 to sit on 12 trones to judge Israel's 12 tribes during regeneration time. Later in Acts, after praer and consulting the Word of God, the 12th disciple was selected by lot to replace Judas.</p> <p>-PP-Matt 25:31 tells of the time when Jesus will sit on His throne. It's after His second coming.</p> <p>-PP-1 Cor 6:2-3 Paul refers to believers here as saints. They'll judge the world and angels.</p> <p>-PP Rev 5:10, 20:6-tells the time of the reign and where it is , here on earth 1000 yrs.</p> <p>-PP- Rev 2:26-27- OC's will rule over the nations with a rod of iron, during the 1000 year reign of Jesus, the 12 disciples will rule under Him over 12 tribes & church will rule under Him over the nations!</p>