

Revelation

*The Consummation of God's Plan
through Jesus Christ*

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Marathon Fellowship

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Like A River Glorious

Verse 1

Like a river glorious, is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth, fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth, deeper all the way.

Chorus

Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

Verse 2

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

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Verse 3

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do.
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly
true.

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- *“Write What You Have Seen” (Chap. 1)*

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- *“What Is Now”—Present (Chaps. 2–3)*

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I. The Message to the Prophet: “Write what you have seen” (Chap. 1)

- ***The Prologue (1:1-8)***

1. **The superscription (vv. 1-3)**

- *The uniqueness & completeness of the revelation*

2. **The salutation (v. 4)**

- *The Apostle John to the 7 Churches*

3. **The subject (vv. 5-6)**

- *Jesus Christ*

4. **The synopsis (vv. 7-8)**

- *He is coming!*

I. The Message to the Prophet (cont.)

- *The Preparation of the Prophet (1:9-20)*

1. The setting for the commission (vv. 9-11)

- *Persecution*

2. The source of the commission (vv. 12-16)

- *The risen & glorified Christ*

3. The statement of the commission (vv. 17-20)

- *Jesus: The eternal, living, risen Christ*
- *The outline for the book (present & future)*
- *The 7 angels & 7 golden lampstands defined*

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The Seven Churches of Revelation

Lycia

Galatia

Asia Minor

Greece

Corinth

Patmos

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Ephesus

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Cyprus

Crete

Mediterranean Sea

Jerusalem

Antioch

Byblos

Sidon

Tyre

Nazareth

Bethlehem

Alexandria



The 7 Churches of Revelation

- Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia & Laodicea
- They are historic and representative.
 1. The number “seven” is symbolic & representative for John.
 2. The promise to each of the churches at the close of each letter is the exhortation to hear what the Spirit says to “the churches.”
 3. These 7 churches may represent the 7 successive periods of church history.

The 7 Letters to the 7 Churches in Revelation 2–3

- The risen & glorified Christ is the Lord of the Churches and the One who evaluates them.
- The letters follow a common literary format:
 1. A description of the recipient & the Author (Christ)
 2. A commendation of works (except Sardis & Laodicea)
 3. A condemnation or rebuke (except Smyrna & Philadelphia)
 4. An exhortation to specific action
 5. A promise

The 7 Churches of Revelation 2–3

Church

Characteristic

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Ephesus | Loveless Orthodoxy |
| 2. Smyrna | Persecuted yet Faithful |
| 3. Pergamum | Faithful yet Compromising Morally |
| 4. Thyatira | Faithful yet Compromising Doctrinally |
| 5. Sardis | Spiritually Complacent |
| 6. Philadelphia | Faithful |
| 7. Laodicea | Spiritually Lukewarm |

The Church in Thyatira (2:18-29)

- **The City of Thyatira:**

- Approximately 35-45 mi. SE of Pergamum
- It was a city known for its many trade guilds.
- It was known for wool & dyeing industry.
- It was the home of Lydia, “a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira (Acts 16:14).

- **The Church in Thyatira:**

- It was the smallest city of the seven churches, but it contains the longest of the seven letters.

The Church in Thyatira (2:18-29) cont.

1. Christ (v. 18)

- The divine Son of God, the Righteous Judge

2. Commendation (v. 19)

- Their good works (love, faith, service, perseverance)

3. Condemnation (vv. 20-23)

- Doctrinal compromise with immoral teaching

4. Exhortation (vv. 24-25)

- Hold on to Christ and His teaching

5. Promise (vv. 26-29)

- To rule with Christ over the nations

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