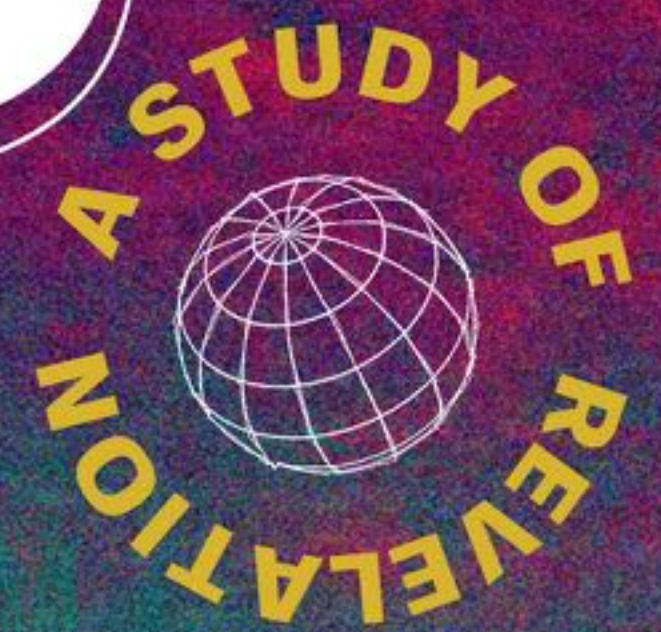


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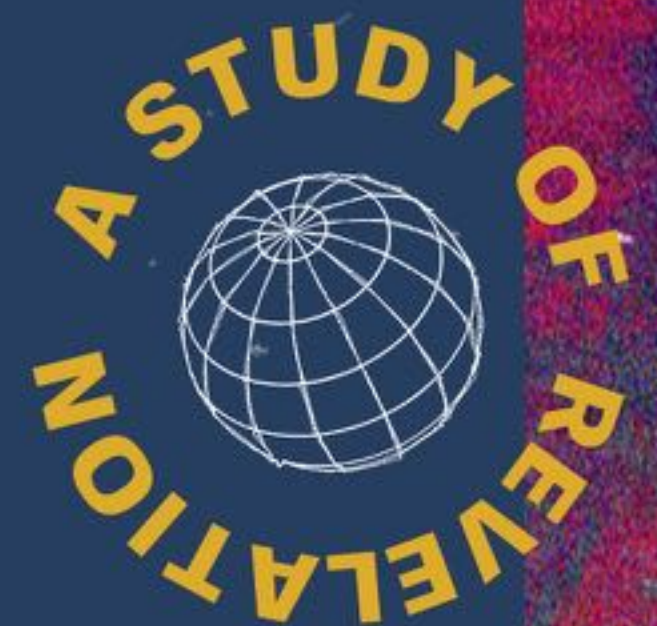


**REVELATION 2-3**

# **THE SEVEN CHURCHES**


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**THE MAJESTY OF  
JESUS**



# REVELATION 1:19-20

**19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. 20 As 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.**




***“Anyone who cares about the church or is involved with the church needs to study these letters because every problem, difficulty, and challenge facing the church is addressed in the seven letters.” -Jon Courson***

# ***THE SEVEN CHURCHES***

***Christ is the author of each message;  
it is a special word from Him***

***Christ is the answer for our every problem;  
He is our need and solution***

***Christ is the authority for our lives;  
we are all answerable to Him***



***“There are strengths and weaknesses to any of these interpretations, but we do know that in some way, these angels are representatives of each congregation. It is more important to notice where the angels are; the right hand of Jesus. This is a place of safety and strength.***

***Even the problem churches that will be described in the next chapters are in the right hand of Jesus.” -David Guzik***

## ***Ephesus: The Backsliding Church (v2:1-7)***

### **REVELATION 2:1-3**

**“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary**

## ***EPHESUS: The Backsliding Church (v2:1-7)***

### **REVELATION 2:4-7**


**“4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’**



## ***SMYRNA: The Suffering Church (v2:8-11)***

### **REVELATION 2:8-11**

**8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.  
9 “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’**



***“This promise of eternal life and glory, with no threat of death and damnation, gives hope to the believers in Smyrna. No matter how hard the persecution, no matter what the church of Smyrna would face, Christ’s promises would give them strength to persevere. The same promises remain true for us today.”***

***-Chuck Swindoll***

# **5 HEAVENLY CROWNS**

**1-Crown of exultation (1 Thes 2:19)**  
**for those who win others to Christ.**

**2-Crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:8)**  
**for those who live in expectation of Christ's coming.**

**3-Crown of life (James 1:12; Rev 2:10)**  
**for those who endure persecution unto death.**

**4-Crown of imperishability (1 Cor 9:25)**  
**for those who run the race of life in purity and self-control.**

**5-Crown of glory (1 Peter 5:4)**  
**for those who lead the church with humility.**

# **JAMES 1:2-4**

**2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**