

The 7-Letters to the 7-Churches of Revelation

	Commendation	Rebuke	Instruction	Promise
Ephesus (2:1-7)	Careful of doctrine, perseverance	Forsaken first love	Do the things you did at first	Tree of life
Smyrna (2:8-11)	Rich in faith, in face of persecution	None	Stay faithful until point of death	Crown of Life
Pergamum (2:12-17)	Held on to faith in persecution	Tolerates false teaching, immorality	Repent	Hidden manna, new name
Thyatira (2:18-29)	Deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance, increased ministry	Tolerates idolatry and immorality	Keep the faith; judgement is coming	Rule over nations (Millennial kingdom)
Sardis (3:1-6)	Formerly alive, but...	...faith and deeds dead	Strengthen what remains. Repent.	White clothes; name in book of life
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	Faith in perseverance, deeds, obedience	None	Hold on to the faith; Jesus coming soon	Keep from hour of trial, pillar in temple, new name, crowned
Laodicea (3:14-22)	None	Materially wealthy, lukewarm faith, spiritually poor, pitiful	Repent, seek true riches and righteous deeds	Sit and share in Christ's throne

Parallels: Birth Pangs and Revelation's Seal Judgements

Birth Pangs: Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24)	Seal Judgements (Revelation 6)
False Christ (v5)	#1: White horse: Antichrist (v2)
War: Nation against Nation & Kingdom against Kingdom (v6-7)	#2: Fiery Red Horse: War and Revolution (v3-4)
Famine (v7)	#3: Black Horse: Inflation and Famine (v5-6)
Death (v6-7)	#4: Pale Horse: Death (v7-8)
Martyrs: persecution and death (v9-13)	#5: Martyrs: Souls of those slain (v9-11)
Earthquakes (v7)	#6: Great earthquake (v12-17)
Evangelism (v14)	Evangelism (Rev 7)