

# *SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA*

<p><b><u>Ephesus:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center of worship for Goddess Diana.</li> <li>24,500 seat Theater.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Biblically (Acts 19-20):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zealous converts burned Their magic books.</li> <li>Led by elders, Acts 20:17.</li> <li>Fought against false teachers (Acts 20:29, 2 Tim 1:15).</li> <li>Faithful &amp; loving (Eph. 1:15)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In Revelation:</u></b></p> <p><u>The Good:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deeds, toil, perseverance.</li> <li>Cannot tolerate evil men.</li> <li>Not grown weary.</li> <li>Hates deeds of Nicolaitans.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Bad:</u></p> <p>Left their first love.</p>	<p><b><u>Smyrna:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wealthy &amp; beautiful.</li> <li>Took the title of "1st" in beauty, literature.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Biblically:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians were poor.</li> <li>Faced conflict from Jews.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In Revelation:</u></b></p> <p><u>The Good:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spiritually rich.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Bad:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><b><u>Pergamum:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center of emperor worship.</li> <li>Large library.</li> <li>Worshiped several greek gods.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Biblically:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antipas martyred there.</li> <li>"Teachings of Balaam" and "Nicolaitans" followed.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In Revelation:</u></b></p> <p><u>The Good:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held fast to His name.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Bad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Also tolerated some who held to the teachings of Balaam &amp; Nicolaitans.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Thyatira:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wealthy City.</li> <li>Worshiped Apollo.</li> <li>Known for its trade guilds.</li> <li>Known for its purple dye.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Biblically:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lydia was from Thyatira (Acts 16:11-15).</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In Revelation:</u></b></p> <p><u>The Good:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance.</li> <li>Better deeds than at 1st.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Bad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tolerated the prophet Jezebel and her immoral teachings.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Sardis:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital of Lydia.</li> <li>Kings known for their lives of luxury.</li> <li>Twice conquered by surprise.</li> <li>Destroyed by an earthquake in 17 AD, never fully recovered.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In Revelation:</u></b></p> <p><u>The Good:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some with unspoiled garments.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Bad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dead.</li> <li>Incomplete deeds.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Philadelphia:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Means "Brother lover."</li> <li>Wealthy trade center.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Biblically:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jews living here opposed Christians, Rev. 3:9.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In Revelation:</u></b></p> <p><u>The Good:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good deeds.</li> <li>Kept the Word.</li> <li>Persevered.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Bad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Laodicea:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worshiped Zeus.</li> <li>Center of Imperial worship.</li> <li>A famous school of medicine was nearby.</li> <li>Famous for its sheep with glossy-black wool.</li> <li>Banking center.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Biblically:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul had written them, Col 2:1, 4:13-16.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In Revelation:</u></b></p> <p><u>The Good:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Bad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lukewarm.</li> <li>Blind to their own spiritual poverty.</li> </ul>		