



# Logos Class

## *Book of Revelation- Ch 3 B*

**June 22, 2025**

**Rooms 123/124 New Building**

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *May 25, 2025 – Revelation- Ch 1B*
- ✓ *June 1, 2025 – Revelation Ch 2A – Church of Ephesus*
- ✓ *June 8, 2025 – Revelation Ch 2B New Classroom -*
- ✓ *June 15, 2025 – Revelation Ch 2C & 3A*
- ✓ *June 22, 2025 – Revelation Ch 3B*
- *June 29, 2025 – Revelation Ch 4 – Things to come*

# Quick Update ...ICYMI

## ***Middle East***

- *Israel and Iran are trading blows. Israel is inflicting much more damage to Iran's capability to wage war*
- *Iran is targeting Civilian populations and hospitals*
- *Israel is attacking military and defense targets*
- *Serious damage to Iran's military hierarchy*

## ***US/World***

- *Protesters (paid and unpaid) are creating havoc in major blue cities. US government is reacting with strong force to stop violence*
- *Los Angeles and Portland are in chaos*
- *The “world” powers are calming down in their calls against Israel*
- *Anti US and Anti Israel are trying to force the UN to act*

# Revelation – How the Book of Revelation Unfolds- 1

*The book of Revelation presents Jesus Christ in 3 areas:*

*His Person, His Power, His Program*

*This unfolds in **5 Parts**:*

## ***Part 1: Rev 1-3 - Jesus and His Church***

- ✓ *Introductions 1:1-8*
- ✓ *Unexpected Meeting 1:9-20*
- ✓ *Introduction to the Church*
- ✓ ***Love Letters to the 7 churches (several lessons)***

## ***Part 2: Rev 4-5 – Journey to Heaven***

*Heaven's Open Door- Ch 4*

*Lion and Lamb – Ch 5*

# Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 2

## ***Part 3 – The Judgments of the Lamb – Rev 6-18***

*The lamb opens the seals – Ch 6*

*First interlude – Ch 7*

*The Trumpets sound – Chapters 8-9*

*Second Interlude – Part 1 -John eats the book – Ch 10*

*Second Interlude – Part 2 – Two witnesses*

*Third Interlude – Part 1 – The Invisible War – Ch 12*

*Third Interlude – Part 2 – Antichrist comes to power – Ch 13*

*Third Interlude – Part 3 – Preview of things to come – Ch 14*

*A Song for the End – Ch 15*

*The Pouring of the Bowls – Ch 16*

*The Fall of Babylon – Ch 17-18*

# Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 3

*Part 4 – The Reign of the King – Rev 19-20*

*The Return of the King – Ch 19*

*Wrapping Things Up – Ch 20*

*Part 5: Eternity – Rev 21-22*

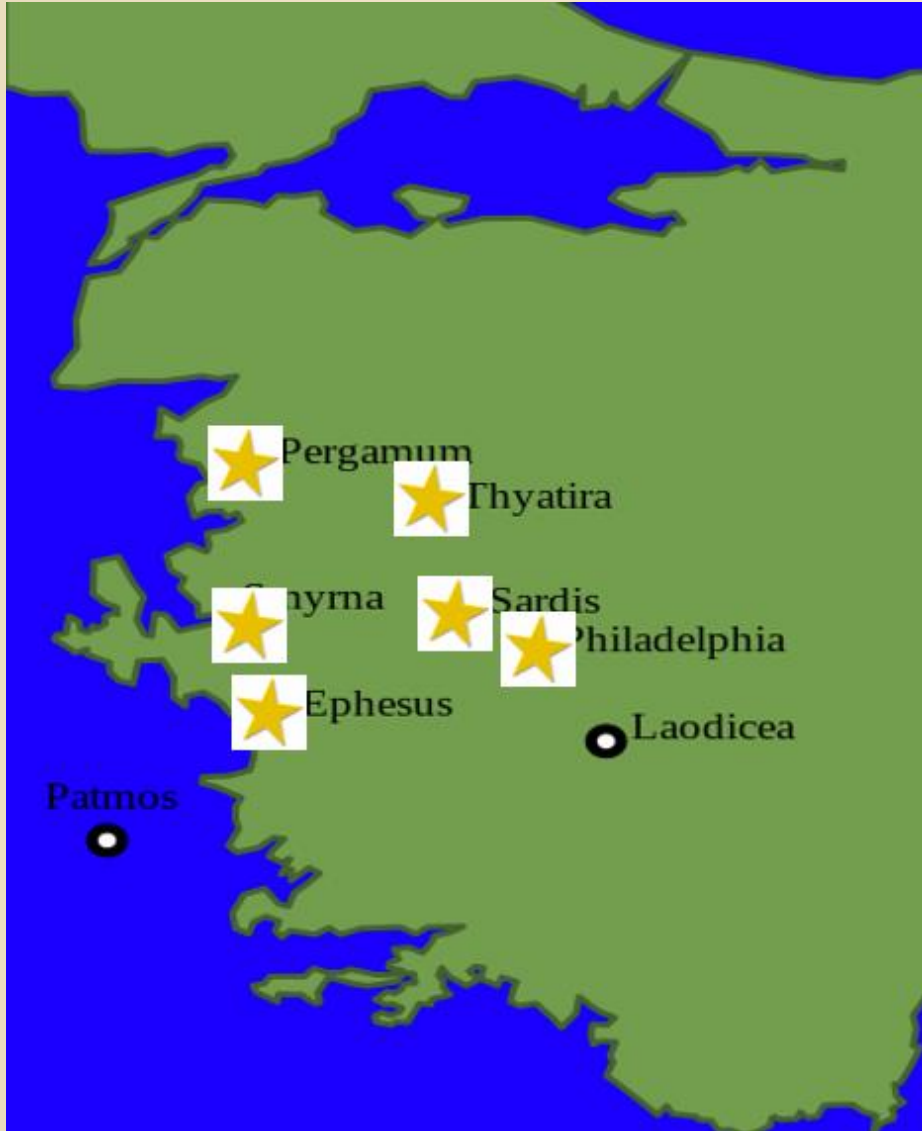
*All things new – Ch 21-22:5*

*Even So...Come – Ch 22:6-21*

*Maranatha!!*



# Revelation Ch 2 – The 7 Churches of Revelation



## Seven Churches in Asia Minor

- *They were alive and well when Revelation was written*
- *All in Modern Day Turkey*
- *All Ruins today*
- *John was established in Ephesus*
- *Made circuit trips to each church periodically as the only Disciple left*
- *Many people believe they represent the church for all time, and in every age.*
- *Some believe they are stages of the church*
- *There were many other churches in the area*

# Sardis – A look at the city



Let's watch a short [video](#) on Sardis

- *An important and wealthy city on a major trade route to Lydia*
- *Old city with roots deep in antiquity, provincial capital of the Kingdom of Lydia*
- *It came back to prominence in Roman times*
- *Wealth was from textile manufacturing, jewelry, and the dye industry*
- *Pagan City with mystery cults and the Temple of Artemis*
- *Ruins of the Christian church are next to the Temple*
  - *Close proximity to the seat of high paganism*
  - *Existed until the 14<sup>th</sup> century, now the small town of **Sart***
- *Parallels the rise of Formalism in the Church*
- *Name means “Place of Standardization”*



# Sardis – The Dead Church



# Revelation 3:1-6 Letter to Sardis

**3** *“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:*

*These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; **you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.***

**<sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.**

**<sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.**

**<sup>4</sup> Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.**

**<sup>5</sup> The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.**

**<sup>6</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches**

# Revelation 3: 1A

**3** *“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:*

*These are the **words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.***

***Words of Him who holds the 7 spirits of God, and the 7 stars – Christ reminds them that HE holds both the Stars (Pastors) and the 7-fold spirit of God. Isa 11:2,5***

**11** A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

**2** The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of **wisdom** and of **understanding**,  
the Spirit of **counsel** and of **might**,  
the Spirit of the **knowledge** and **fear of the Lord**—

**5** **Righteousness** will be his belt  
and **faithfulness** , the sash around his waist.

# Revelation 3:1B Appearances do not fool God

*I know your deeds; **you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.***

- *This is pretty self explanatory. In the region, the church at Sardis had a reputation of being a church that followed the Lord and did His work. This was because they followed the formal rules of religion, but they did not have the Spirit of God*
- *Therefore, Christ pronounced them dead*
- *This is the parallel with churches that practice formal religion, but the Holy Spirit is not in what they do. This is also parallel with “believers” who say and do what is Christian, but are not really true believers*
- *This has been a plague in the church since adoption in the Roman Empire, where wholesale conversions were made and brought into the church, with many of their pagan roots and practices. **Read Church History in Plain English for a long form narrative of this.***



# What is the real-world effect of this?

- *The early church was Apostolic. That is...it followed the teaching of the Apostles.*
- *They had their problems with paganism, Judiazers, and the difficulty in convincing pagans they should give up their lifestyles to follow Christ.*
- *BUT, when Constantine declared Christianity the approved religion of the Roman Empire, several things happened over time.*
  - *Wholesale importation of pagans into the “church” and with them the lack of commitment to Apostolic Teaching*
  - *Paganism in ritual entered both the Roman part of the church and the Byzantine part of the church (Orthodox), and they split*
  - *The Western church centered in Rome took on the massive pageantry that was so common in the Roman Empire, and to allow the “new” members to blend in, accepted many pagan ideas, holidays, and practices so foreign to the early church.*
  - *To add to that, the Roman Empire merged with the church to form the Holy Roman Empire, and the church was further corrupted by power and politics*
  - *This pushed the Western church to formalize everything about its practices, and they focused on church teaching and practice, rather than Apostolic teaching and Biblical obedience.*
  - *This abuse led to the Reformation in the 1500s*
  - *Formalization is still is prevalent in modern churches and denominations*



# Revelation 3:2-3    What to do??    *Wake Up!*

***<sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.***

***<sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.***

*Good news...**Wake up!** If you are dead, you cannot be awakened, so this implies that some are still alive...even if barely. Their deeds are incomplete...started but not finished in His sight.*

*How do you do that? **Remember** what you have received (Apostolic teaching) and **hold on** to it. **Repent** of your sinful ways.*

*If you don't, Christ will come unexpectedly for judgment.*

# Revelation 3:4-6.

# A Word to the Remnant

***4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.***

***5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.***

***6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches***

- *There is a **remnant of the Lord in Sardis** – Their reward is that they will walk with the Lord in white...a symbol of victory and purity...for they have been found worthy*
- *Not only the ones pure today, but **those who overcome** will be dressed in white robes. **Come as you are, repent, and you will be saved.***
- ***Book of Life:** This is best understood as the book that lists all who are within God's time of grace to repent. If they are faithful and victorious, the Lord will never remove them from the book of Life, and acknowledge them before God and the Angels*
- *Those with ears, hear the word of the Lord to the churches*

# The first 5 Churches ... Summary

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION, Chapters 2 & 3					
	Sender	Compliment	Criticism	Command	Promise
<b>Ephesus</b> (2:1-7)	The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks in the midst of the seven candlesticks	Reputation for works, labor, and endurance; intolerant of evil; tested false teachers; hated the practices of the Nicolaitans	Abandoned their first love	Remember, repent, and do the works done at first	Given the right to eat from the tree of life
<b>Smyrna</b> (2:8-11)	The First and the Last; was dead and is now alive	Enduring tribulation, poverty, slander, and imprisonment	—	Do not fear persecution, being faithful unto death	Given the crown of life; will not be harmed by the second death.
<b>Pergamum</b> (2:12-17)	The One who has the sharp, double-edged sword	Holding onto Jesus' name; not denying the faith in face of persecution	Tolerating the teachings of Balaam and of the Nicolaitans.	Repent	Given the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name inscribed on it
<b>Thyatira</b> (2:18-29)	Son of God, the One whose eyes are like a fiery flame and feet are like fine bronze	Love, faithfulness, service, and endurance; current works are greater than the first	Tolerating teachings of Jezebel, leading to sexual immorality and idolatry	Repent; hold on to what you already have until I come	Given authority over the nations and the morning star
<b>Sardis</b> (3:1-6)	One who has seven spirits of God and the seven stars	—	Are dead; works are incomplete	Remember what you received, keep it, and repent; be alert	Dressed in white clothes; name secured in book of life; acknowledged before the Father.



# Let's look at the 6<sup>th</sup> church - Philadelphia



- Short [Video](#) on Philadelphia
- Name means "Brotherly Love"
- It is the Faithful Church
- Commendations only and no criticisms from Christ
- Represents the time in the church after the Reformation when **Gospel Fire** moved across the world and America
- Focused on the soon return of Jesus Christ and not all the negatives of society
- In a valley between mountains and was considered a gateway to the Empire.
- Earthquakes common

# Philadelphia





# Revelation 3:7-10 The Letter to Philadelphia

*<sup>7</sup> “To the **angel** of the church in **Philadelphia** write:*

*These are the **words** of him who is **holy and true**, who **holds the key of David**. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.*

*<sup>8</sup> I know your deeds. See, **I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut**. I know that you have little strength, **yet** you have kept my word and have not denied my name.*

*<sup>9</sup> I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.*

*<sup>10</sup> Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also **keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.***

# Revelation 3:11-13 The Letter to Philadelphia

***11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.***

***12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.***

***13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.***

# Revelation 3:7 Holy and True...Key of David

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*Again, a letter to the Pastor of the Church. Christ is giving another characteristic of Himself that applies directly to the message to be delivered.*

***Holy and True** – Jesus is Holy and can call us to be Holy (1 Peter 1:15), He is also True, which is to say He is truth. He does not just speak the truth but... **IS truth**. In a world of lies, distortions, violence, fake news, and perversion... Christ stands alone for us to follow*

***Key of David** –*

***Isa 22:22** <sup>22</sup> I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.*

***1 Peter 1:15** <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;*

*What He opens cannot be shut by man (or Satan), and what He closes cannot be opened by man (or Satan). God's actions are only changeable by Him. This is a wonderful thing to memorize – God's plans will happen, and no one, not even the dark forces of Satan, can change them. We are held by Him and protected by Him.*

# Revelation 3:8-9 The Letter to Philadelphia

*<sup>8</sup> I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.*

*<sup>9</sup> I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.*

*I know your deeds, and I have given you the key to David and have opened a door for you to work, that cannot be shut. You have suffered and have little strength, YET you have kept my word and not denied my name. Loyalty to the Word and to God fulfills the **First Commandment – Thou shalt have no other Gods before thee.***

***Synagogue of Satan** – They will be forced to come to you and acknowledge that I have loved you, and their lies will be before them and on them.*

# Revelation 3:10-11 I Am Coming Soon

***<sup>10</sup> Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.***

***<sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.***

***Keep you from the hour of Trial** – Because they have been faithful and endured all that has come their way... The Lord will keep them from the time of trial, aka the Tribulation period, that will come to the whole world. This is a view of the rapture of the church mentioned in the Letter to the Thessalonians about all who believe being delivered from this period.*

***I am coming soon** – This should be interpreted as a **sudden coming**, not any relation to a particular time. Persevere and hang on to the hope of deliverance.*



# Revelation 3:12-13 You will be a Pillar in the Temple

***<sup>12</sup> The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.***

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**Pillar in the Temple** – when the earthquakes destroyed this church physically in 17 AD, only 2 pillars remained. While this is a figure of speech, it does foreshadow the fact that when the enemy attacks, and things seem to fall apart, they will remain standing as part of the Temple of God

**New Jerusalem** – this is a picture of the time of eternal bliss, where there is a new city of God that descends from Heaven to earth, and they will have the name of God, the City of God, and the New Name of the Lord. They are signed, sealed, and delivered and in Heaven for eternity

# Seven Church Era's Associated with Revelation Churches

*The Seven Churches of Revelation are often interpreted to represent different periods in church history. These periods are:*

- ✓ **Ephesus** (Apostolic Church, 30-100 A.D.),
- ✓ **Smyrna** (Martyr Church, 100-313 A.D.),
- ✓ **Pergamon** (Church-State Union, 313-590 A.D.),
- ✓ **Thyatira** (Middle Ages, 590-1517 A.D.),
- ✓ **Sardis** (Protestant Reformation, 1517-1750 A.D.),
- ✓ **Philadelphia** (Revival Church, 1750-1900 A.D.), and
- **Laodicea** (Worldly Church, 1900-Rapture).

# Next week

- *Next week, Finish reading Rev 3*
- ***Pray for our country and our leaders***
- ***Pray for Georgia, and our Leaders***
- ***Pray for our church and leaders and our new facilities will be the lampstand that holds the light of Christ high for all to see.***
- ***Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem***
- *Pray for each other and encourage each other*
- *Pray for a **great awakening** to continue across the world and in the US in preparation for the things to come*
- ***Pray for the Nations, as the world closes in on the prophetic movement of the end times, as it marches to God's timetable***
- *Be thankful and grateful for all the Lord has done and is doing.*