

Revelation Series

Lesson #033

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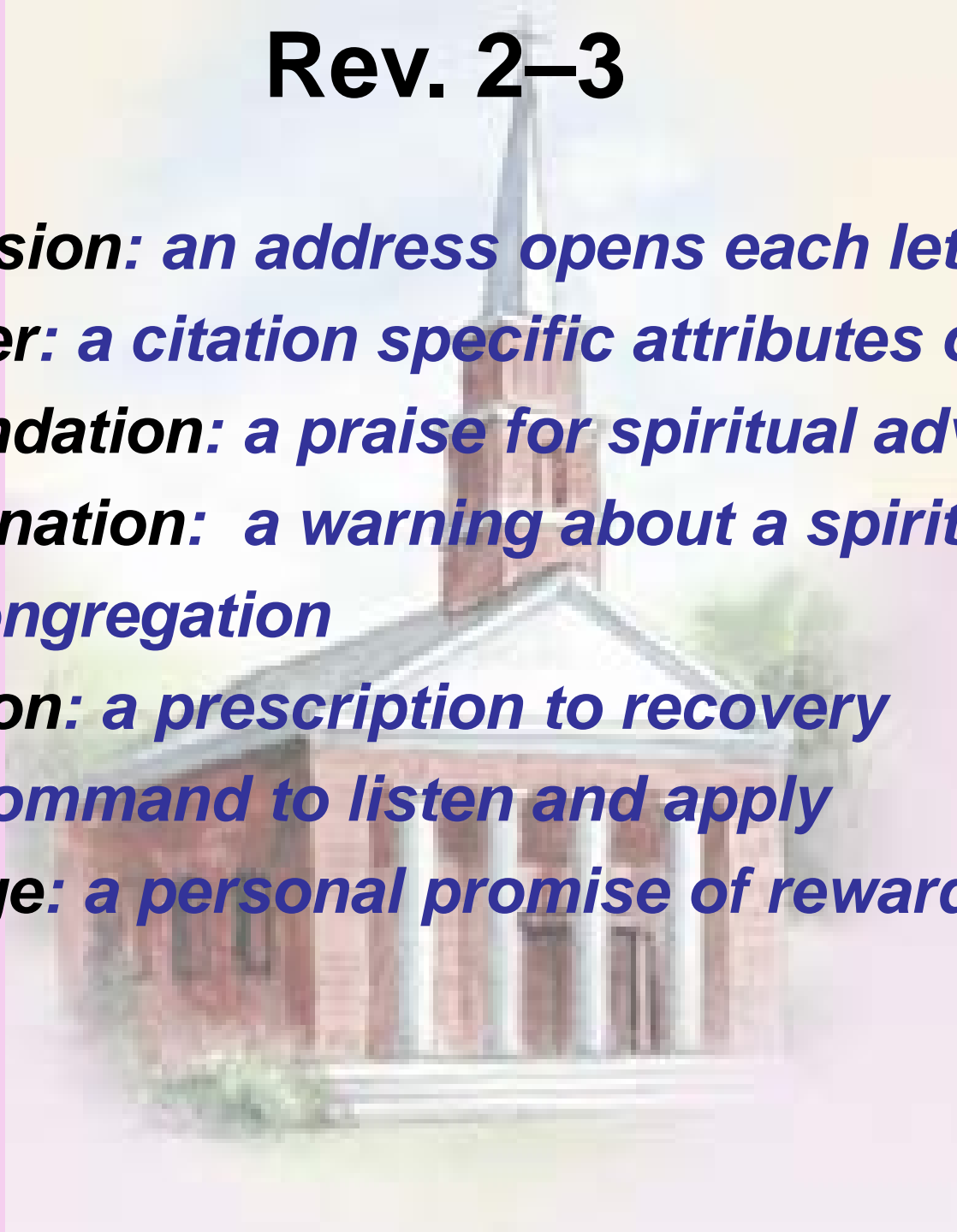
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Rev. 2–3

- 1. Commission: an address opens each letter***
- 2. Character: a citation specific attributes of Christ***
- 3. Commendation: a praise for spiritual advance***
- 4. Condemnation: a warning about a spiritual flaw in the congregation***
- 5. Correction: a prescription to recovery***
- 6. Call: a command to listen and apply***
- 7. Challenge: a personal promise of reward***





Black Sea

Aegean Sea

DACIA

MOESIA

Ister River

THRACIA

MACEDONIA

BITHYNIA

ASIA

- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Smyrna
- Laodicea
- Ephesus
- Paros

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

ARMENIA

MESOPOTAMIA

LYCIA

CILICIA

CYPRUS

CRETE

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Revelation 2:1, “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:’ ”





Acts 19:28,

“Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, ‘Great is Diana of the Ephesians!’ ”



Acts 20:28, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers [*episkopos*], to shepherd [*poimaino*] the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”


Acts 20:29, “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:30, “Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.”

Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

Acts 20:32, “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”


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Τάδε λέγει *tade lego*;

Introduces an authoritative pronouncement

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ὁ κρατῶν, *ho kraton*, “to hold with authority”

The judicial authority of the Lord Jesus Christ over the angels observing the church.

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Οἶδα, *oida*, complete knowledge, here, divine omniscience

Perfect: completed action, emphasizes present results

Active: Christ performs the action

Indicative mood: presenting reality

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ἔργον, *ergon*

Plural indicates lifetime
production

- a. Your labor [*kopos*] and endurance [*hupomone*]**
- b. You cannot bear evils [*bastazo*] and you have tested [*peirazo*] their claims and found them liars**
- c. You have endurance (n-*hupomone*) and persevered [*bastazo*] because of My name**