

Revelation Series

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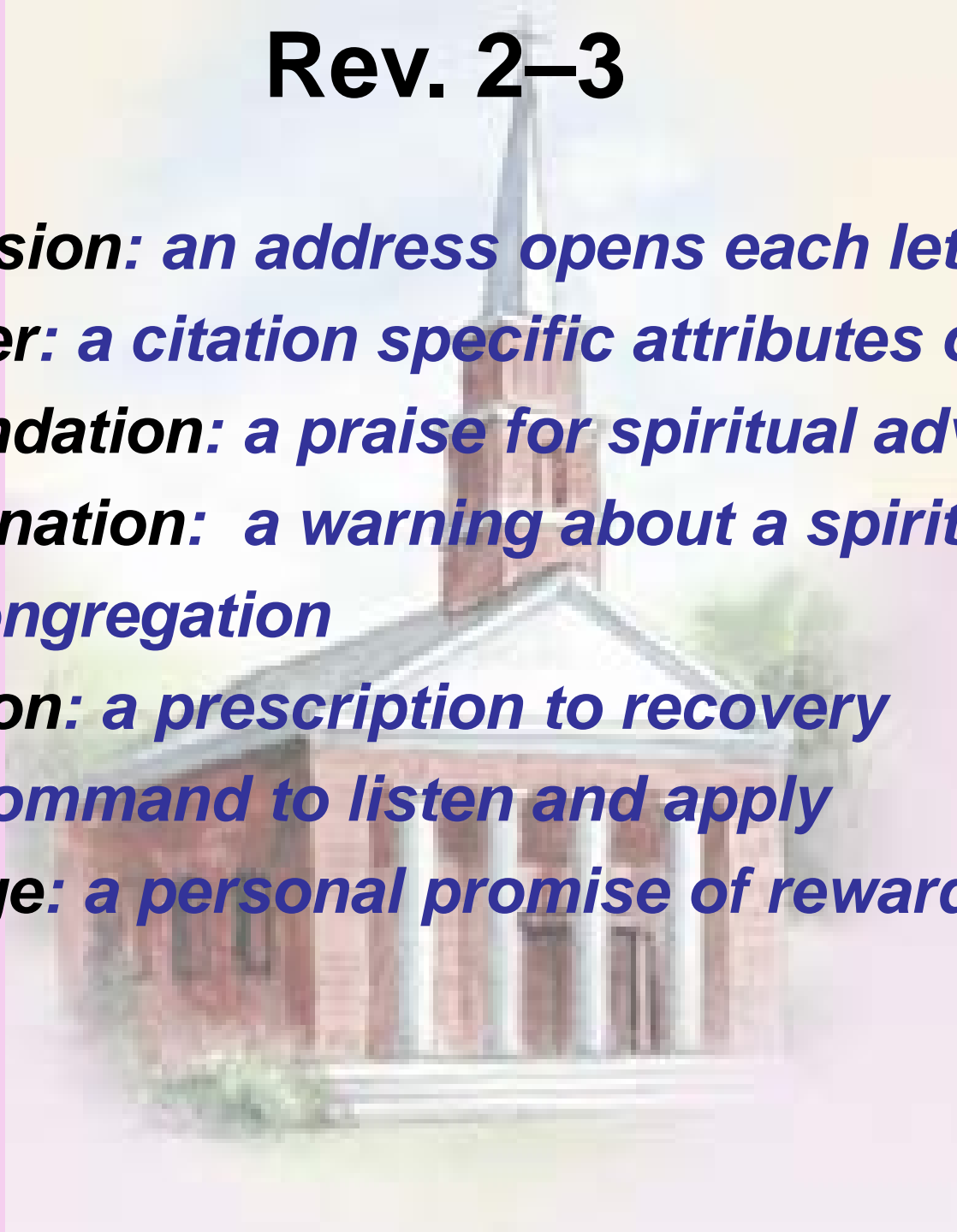
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Rev. 2–3

- 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

Ister River

IOESIA

THRACIA

EDONIA

BITHYNIA PONTUS

ASIA

Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Smyrna
Ephesus
Laodicea

GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA

LYCIA
CILICIA

Aegean Sea

CHIA


Rhodes

RHODES

CYPRUS

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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**

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κόπος *kopos*,
“toil resulting in weariness”
Used for Christian service

1 Corinthians 3:8, “Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own **labor.**”

John 4:38, “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their **labor.**”

1 Cor. 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your **toil is not in vain in the Lord.”**

2 Corinthians 6:4, “But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

2 Corinthians 6:5, “in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;”

2 Corinthians 11:27, “I have been in **labor** and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.”

1 Thessalonians 1:3, “constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and **labor** of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,”

1 Thessalonians 3:5, “For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our **labor** would be in vain.”

Revelation 14:13, “And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, ‘Write, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!” ’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘so that they may rest from their **labors**, for their deeds follow with them.’ ”

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Romans 5:3, “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation [*thlipsis* ‘adversity’] produces perseverance [*hupomone* ‘endurance’];

Romans 5:4, “and perseverance [*hupomone* ‘endurance’], character [*dokimion* ‘approval’]; and character [*dokimion* ‘approval’], hope [*elpis* ‘confident expectation’].”

Romans 5:5, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

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βαστάζω *bastazo*, be able to bear up under especially trying or oppressive circumstances bear, *endure*

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***Kakos*, evil, in the sense of worthless, useless, production that has no eternal value or spiritual value**

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πειράζω *peirazo*;

To put something to the test to reveal its character

Revelation 2:3, “and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.”

perseverance ὑπομονή **hypomone**

endured βαστάζω **bastazo**

**Revelation 2:4, “Nevertheless I have
this against you, that you have left your
first love.”**