

Revelation Series

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Revelation 2–3



- 1. Commission: an address opens each letter***
- 2. Character: a citation of 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***

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BITHYNIA

Apollonia

Samothrace

Thessalonica

ampus

Troas

Assos

Mitylene

Aegean Sea

Kios

Thyatira

MYSIA

Pergamum

ASIA

Sardis

Philadelphia

Pisidian

Antioch

lphi

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Athens

Smyrna

LYDIA

Ephesus

PHRYGIA

PISIDIA

Iconi

Lystr

chrea

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Patmos

Laodicea

Colosse

Miletus

PAMPHYLIA

Attalia

LYCIA

Patara

Perga

Cos

Cnidus

Myra

Rhodes

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ἄγγελος, *angelos*

masculine dative singular

“angel, messenger”

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ὁ πρῶτος καὶ ὁ ἔσχατος *ho protos kai ho eschatos*

the First and the Last,

Title emphasizing Christ's Infinity

Isaiah 44:6, “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.’ ”

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γίνομαι, ginomai, aor passive indicative. A culminative aorist emphasizes the completion of the action; “who became dead”. Passive voice, he received the action of the verb, he received death.

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ζαω, zao, aor act ind 3s, “to live, to have life” was alive.

Again, a culminative aorist emphasizing a finished act in past time.

Because he is the first and the last he will outlast any and all creaturely opposition.

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θλῖψις, *thlipsis*, “to crush, press, compress, squeeze” hence tribulation, adversity, affliction

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Romans 5:3, “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;”

2 Corinthians 1:4, “who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

πτωχεία, *ptocheia* complete, abject
poverty

πέννης *pénēs*; poor and helpless but
not abject poverty or totally destitute
which is the idea of *ptocheia*.

2 Corinthians 8:2, “that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.”

2 Corinthians 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

Revelation 2:10, “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Do not fear:

φοβέω, *phobeo*, Pres act imperative

**The devil, διάβολος, *diabolos*, slanderer,
accuser, one who assaults someone.**

**πειράζω, *peirazo*, 2P; subjunctive
aorist passive. The subjunctive
emphasizes the possibility or
potential in testing.**

εχω, *echo*, 2P, future active indicative

The indeterminate but soon future.

James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials [tests]

James 1:3, “[because you] know that the testing of your faith produces endurance

James 1:4, “But let endurance have its perfect [maturing] work, that you may be perfect [mature] and complete, lacking nothing.”