

Sunday Night Bible Study
LAUNCHINGPOINT

REVELATION

“WEEP NO MORE; BEHOLD, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE ROOT
OF DAVID, HAS CONQUERED...”

REV. 5:5



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The 7 Churches:

**What stands out from
these 7 churches that
needs to be applied
today?**



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7 Churches

- Order is by Design
- Relationship to Imperial Cult
- Represents Issues in churches
- 7 = Completeness



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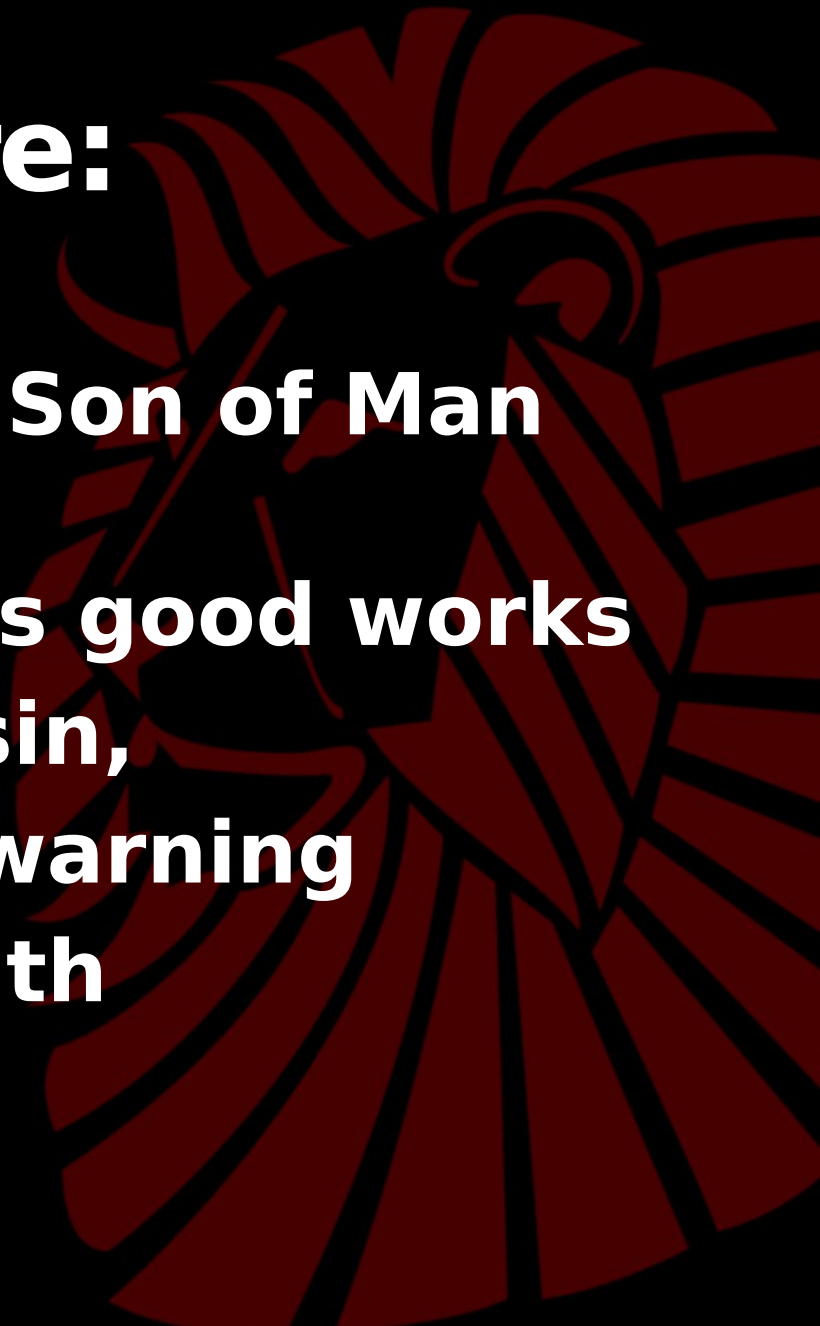
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7 Churches Letter Structure:

- 1. Command to write
- 2. Christ's self-description from Son of Man vision
- 3. Commendation of the church's good works
- 4. Accusation because of some sin,
- 5. Exhortation to repent with a warning
- 6. Exhortation to discern the truth
- 7. Promise to the conquerors.

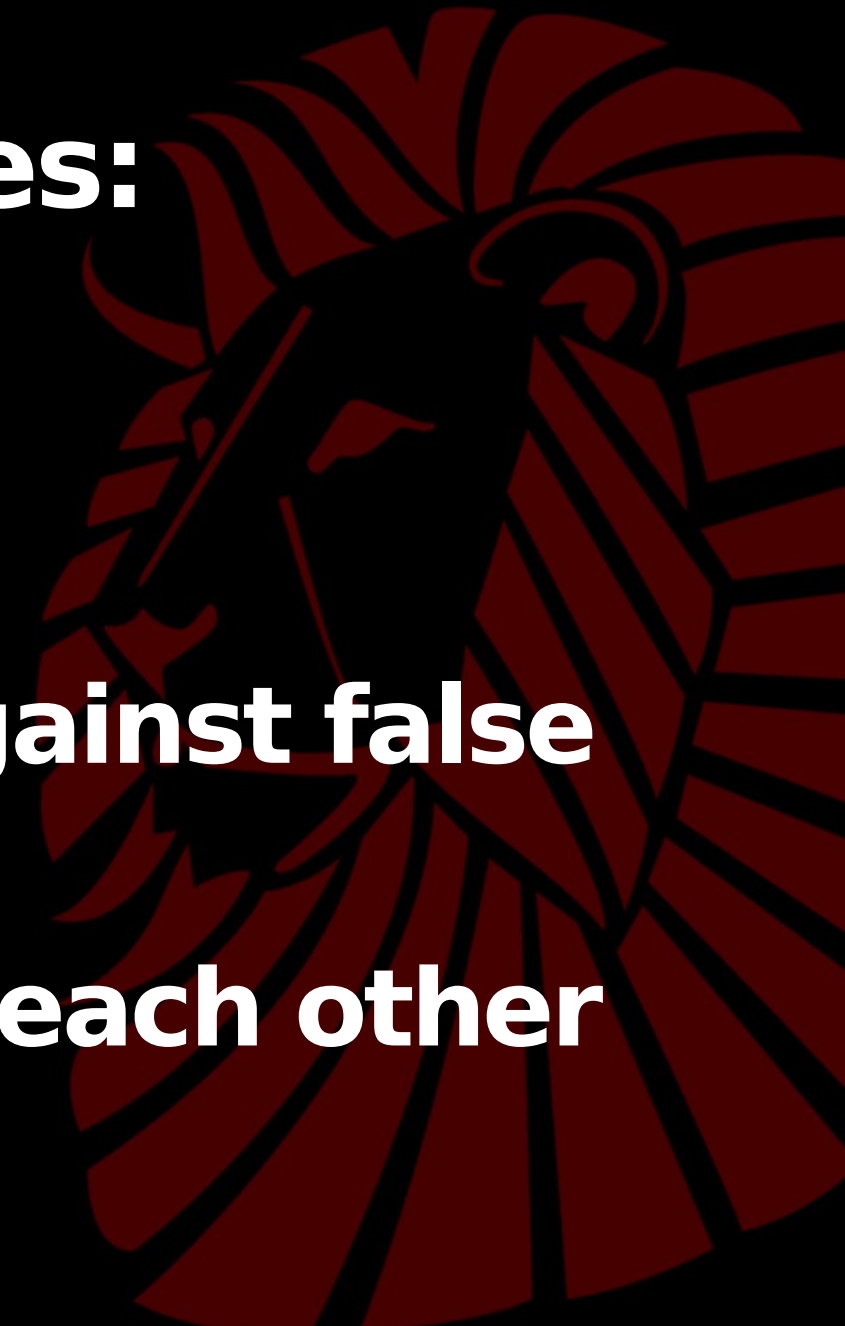


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Special Notes of 7 Churches:

Ephesus

- **Strategic city in Asia Minor**
- **Strong in endurance and against false teaching**
- **Weak in love to God and to each other**



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Special Notes of 7 Churches:

Smyrna

- Only one of 7 cities still in existence (Izmir)
- Son of Man - first/last; dead/alive
- Great persecutions
- Be Faithful



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Special Notes of 7 Churches:

Pergamum

- Capital city of Asia Minor
- Son of Man - Two edged Sword
- Remained Faithful
- Allowed false teachers



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Special Notes of 7 Churches:

Thyatira

- City for manufacturing and market
- Son of Man - Eyes of fire - feet of bronze
- Strong works - love, faith, service, patience
- Given over to spiritual adultery - Jezebel

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Special Notes of 7 Churches:

Sardis

- **City of decline - held to ancient prestige**
- **Son of Man - has seven stars**
- **Reputation - Alive; Truth - Dead**
- **Be watchful and wake up!**



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Special Notes of 7 Churches:

Philadelphia

- City of prosperity - gateway to the East
- Son of Man - Holy One, True One
- Nothing said against them
- Kept His Word, Endured



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Special Notes of 7 Churches:

Laodicea

- City of wealth
- Son of Man - The Amen, faithful true witness
- Not Hot or Cold
- Did not understand their condition



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The Promises for Overcomers:

- **2:7** - Eat of the tree of life
- **2:11** - Not hurt by second death
- **2:17** - Hidden Manna; White Stone
- **2:26-28** - Authority; Morning Star
- **3:5** - Clothed in white; book of life
- **3:12** - Pillar in the Temple
- **3:21** - Sit with Christ on the Throne

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**What practical implication
about the relationship of
Christ to the church
emerges from reading
these seven letters?**

Takeaway Thought.

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“The messages peg Revelation firmly to our world. Its is a word of hope addressed to people who need hope, people who may falter. The messages, like so much of the New Testament, bring us encouragement. There never has been a perfect Christian community. Christians have been faithful and heroic, and they have been frail and vacillating. It is not enough for us to find comfort in the word to Philadelphia; we must also hearken to the word to Laodicea.”

W.J. Harrington, *Revelation*

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This Week Try:

Read Revelation 4-5 and note the characteristics and activities found in the Throne Room and what that may tell us about heaven.



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