



Logos Class

Book of Revelation- Ch 2C & 3A

June 15, 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 preemptively attacked Iran's nuclear, missile defenses, infrastructure, and military leadership*
- *All indications are they have dealt a crippling blow to Iran*
- *Iran's responses show an inability to be forceful due to one-dimensional deterrence and damage*

US/World

- *Protesters (paid and unpaid) are creating havoc in major blue cities. US government is reacting with strong force to stop violence*
- *Nations of the World are being pronounced "elevated risk" for travel by Americans due to terrorism and kidnapping risks*
- *The economy is getting slightly better with lower prices, but still high interest rates and general pricing for food, insurance*
- *Antisemitism is rising across Europe and the US. Playing out on the streets as riots*

June 13 Strike

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To summarize so far:

The IDF launched a massive attack on Iranian soil last night.

Among other things:

- The attacks were carried out in six waves and involved hundreds of fighter jets.
- Mossad fighters participated in the attacks, launching pre-deployed weapons inside Iranian soil.
- Senior members of the Revolutionary Guards and the Iranian army were eliminated.
- A number of scientists from the Iranian nuclear project were eliminated.
- A number of ballistic missile production and storage sites were destroyed.
- The nuclear facility in Natanz was severely damaged and put out of service.
- The facilities in Fordow and Isfahan were not attacked yet.
- Iran is threatening a very severe response, which they claim will come soon.

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

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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

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

The Return of the King – Ch 19

Wrapping Things Up – Ch 20

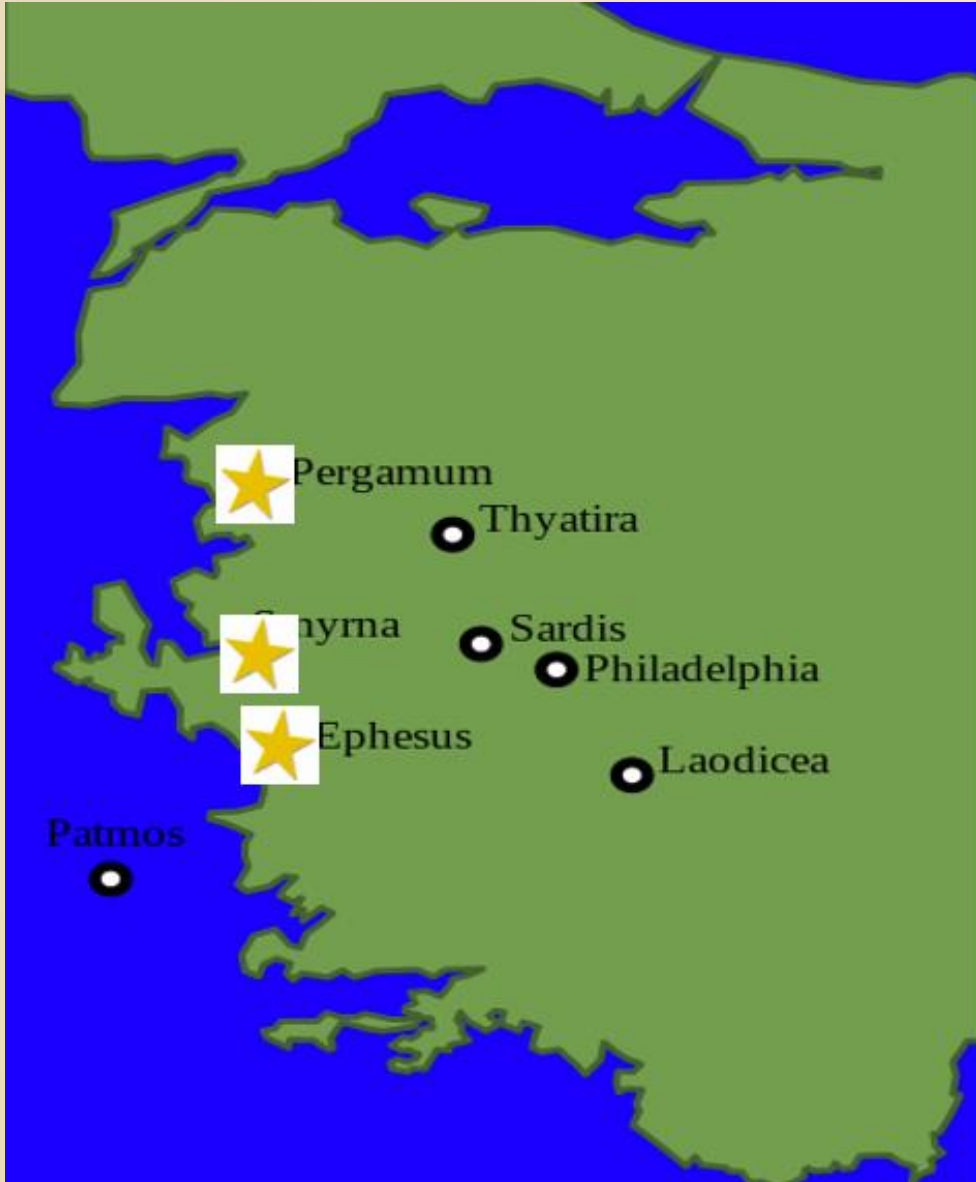
Part 5: Eternity – Rev 21-22

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*

Thyatira – A Look at the City



Let's watch a quick [video](#) on Thyatira, AKA the Apostate Church

- *Thyatira was a garrison city, not a large city*
- *It was famous for making cloth and purple dyes – Lydia in Acts*
- *They were also famous for tradesmen and making bronze and brass items*
- *It was a difficult place to be a Christian due to the pagan nature of trade unions and the governance, plus the overwhelming pagan nature of the area*
- ***Thyatira** was founded by Seleucus, One of the 4 generals after Alexander*
- *The name means “she who rages madly,” or “female butcher,” or “sacrifice of Contrition,” which led to a pagan “works” focus*
- *Also known as **Semiramis**, the female queen of the Assyrian kingdom, who started a mother-son cult in the area. (Semiramis/Tammuz)*
- *Long history of female influence and leadership*

Thyatira



Revelation 2:18-29 - Thyatira

- Longest of the 7 letters
- Very small church in an obscure city, for this long letter, let's see why
- Likely, it was started by Lydia as her house church, which is referenced in Acts
- Thyatira is known as the Apostate Church, and most likely this fact is why this church is called out, for all to see and learn about Apostasy in the Church
- This church parallels the time of the church up to the Reformation. It was a time when the church combined Christian thought with Pagan practices. Another name was the Dark Ages
- Common type of church today in Spiritual Apostasy

Letter to Thyatira- Lots to discuss

¹⁸ “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

*These are the words of the **Son of God**, whose **eyes are like blazing fire** and whose **feet are like burnished bronze**. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.*

*²⁰ **Nevertheless, I have this against you:** You tolerate that woman **Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophet. **By her teaching, she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.** ²¹ **I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.** ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of **her ways**. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and **I will repay each of you according to your deeds.***

*²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you **who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets**, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you,²⁵ **except to hold on to what you have until I come.**’*

*²⁶ To the one who is **victorious and does my will to the end**, I will give **authority over the nations**— ²⁷ that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’^[b]—just as I have received authority from my Father.²⁸ **I will also give that one the morning star.** ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

Revelation Ch 2:18-19. Powerful words to begin

18 “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

- ***Son of God*** – The Lord expresses his Title and Deity in a way that contrasts to the title “Son of Man” in the letter to the Ephesians. This is in keeping with the judgments to come.
- ***Eyes of Blazing fire and feet like burnished bronze*** – These words give us the burning nature of what God sees, and that his feet being burnished or shiny bronze, gives us the premonition of judgment for impurity.
- ***Love and Faith, service and perseverance, and increasing levels-*** This is a remarkable list of accomplishments, and they are getting better every year.

Revelation 2:20-21

Nevertheless...

20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching, she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.

- *There was a woman of high rank who was a great influence in the church. Some say she is the wife of the Pastor who is a strong believer in the heretical idea that physical activities are not relevant in their church. She has declared herself a prophetess and was teaching members to engage in sexual sin and participate in pagan rituals.*
- *The Lord had given her time to repent, but she is not willing. This is a willful disregard for the direct commands of the Lord. This is a common thing in churches today. Sinning with impunity and no fear of the Lord.*
- *The sin of this church is that they knew but did not challenge or stand against this blatant sin. Apostasy is the act of turning away from the right path.*

Revelation Ch 2:22-23

God is not tolerant of sin

***22 So** I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of **her** ways.*

***23** I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.*

- God is not tolerant of spiritual sin or physical sin, but the Lord is patient and long-suffering in desiring people to repent, but there is a point of judgment.*
- The Lord pronounces judgment on her. She will be placed in a “bed” of suffering, and all those who participated with her will also suffer, unless they repent.*
- Then all of her children will be struck dead. Seeing this, all the churches will see that the Lord searches the hearts and minds of all...and judgment will be meted out according to their deeds.*

Revelation 2:24-29. *Thyatira remnant*

24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you,

25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—

27 that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father.

28 I will also give that one the **morning star**.

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

Deeper thoughts...

- **Rest of you** – there is always a remnant of God, even in the darkness. These are the ones that refused to give in to the depravity in the church at Thyatira
- **No additional requirements** – just hang on to what you have...until I come (again). This is a reference to the Return of Christ.
- **Victorious One** – Authority over the Nations. (reference to Millennial Kingdom period)
- **For those who are faithful to the end** – I will give the Morning Star – the morning star is a reference to Christ Himself. Those who are faithful to the end will receive Christ as an everlasting possession. In the darkest of times, the morning star shines brightest. This is an encouragement to hang on even when the situation gets almost impossible
- **Whoever has ears** – for all the churches and believers in these situations, hear and believe what the Spirit says about your future.

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 14th century, now the small town of **Sart**
- Parallels the rise of Formalism in the Church
- Name means “Place of Standardization”

Sardis – The Dead Church



Lineage

**SARDIS: THE
DEAD CHURCH**
THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION | EPISODE 6

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.***

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

3 *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.*

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*

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.***

Revelation 3:2-3 *Wake Up!*

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

³ 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 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
<i>Ephesus</i> (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
<i>Smyrna</i> (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.
<i>Pergamum</i> (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
<i>Thyatira</i> (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
<i>Sardis</i> (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.

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 that we would 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.*