
Things To Come: A Study of Revelation

"The Church at Ephesus"

Revelation 2:1-7

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Introduction: We have begun working our way through Revelation. Last week we learned Revelation can be outlined using chapter 1:19 as a guide.

1. In chapter 1 we were introduced to the book & covered the vision John saw.
2. In chapters 2-3 John will cover the present reality, leaving chapters 4-22 to cover the things to come.
3. In chapters 2-3 John writes to 7 churches in Asia Minor as their apostolic leader.
4. It is important to recognize Christ's relation to the church.
 - He promised to build the church.
 - He is the root source.
 - He is in their midst.
 - He holds the messenger.
5. As the Apostolic Era comes to its close, Christ takes the opportunity to challenge His church.
6. He starts with Ephesus, the dominant church at this time.

I. Christ's Evaluation

- A. I Know
- B. The Positive
- C. The Negative

II. Christ's Treatment

- A. Remember
- B. Repent
- C. Restructure

Conclusion:

1. Notice how Christ closes:
 - We must understand His challenge.
 - A church can be removed.
 - A church can be victorious.
2. Let's make sure we retain our first love & experience victory!