

11. How is the closing period of tribulation of the church during this time referred to?

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, *the _____ shall cast _____ of you into _____*, that ye may be tried; and *ye shall have _____ ten days*: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." **Revelation 2:10**

NOTE: The most severe of what is commonly known as "the ten persecutions" under pagan Rome, began under the emperor Diocletian, and continued from **303 A.D.** to **313 A.D.**, a period of ten prophetic days.

12. What name is given to the third state of the church?

"And to the angel of the church in _____ write." **Revelation 2:12**

NOTE: The meaning of Pergamos is *height*, or *elevation*, and fitly represents that period of the Christian church, beginning with the reign of the emperor Constantine in 313 A.D., when the power which had put the Christians to death espoused the cause of the church, and by rewards, edicts, and promised promotions to office in the government, sought to induce the people to become Christians, thus bringing a flood of worldliness and corruption into the church. Many of the heathen rites and ceremonies previously introduced into the Christian religion, including the heathen festival, *Sunday* (sun's day), were then established by law, resulting in the first day of the week taking the place of the Sabbath of the Bible.

13. How was the faithfulness of this church commended?

"I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: *and thou holdest _____ my name, and hast not denied My _____*, even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth." **Revelation 2:13**

NOTE: *Antipas* comes from two Latin words, *anti*, opposed to, and *papas*, father, or pope, and denotes a class of people who were opposed to papal rule. Regarding *Pergamos*.



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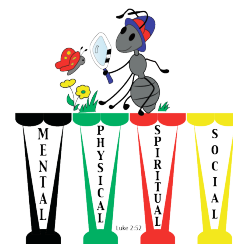
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"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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1. What title is given the last book of the Bible?

"The _____ of _____ Christ." **Revelation 1:1**

2. To whom do those things which are revealed belong?

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but *those* _____ which are _____ belong unto _____ and to our _____ for ever." **Deuteronomy 29:29**

3. For what purpose was the Revelation given?

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, *to show unto His* _____ things which must shortly _____ to _____." **Revelation 1:1**

4. What great event, according to this book, is imminent?

"Behold, _____ with _____ and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him."

Revelation 1:7

NOTE: This book not only opens and closes with the subject of Christ's second coming, but its eight lines of prophecy all reach down to this as the great culminating event to the church and the world.

5. What encouragement is given to study this book?

"_____ is _____ that _____, and they that *hear* the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

Revelation 1:3

6. To whom was the book dedicated?

"John to the _____ which are in Asia." **Revelation 1:4**

7. What were the names of these seven churches?

"What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto *Ephesus*, and unto *Smyrna*, and unto *Pergamos*, and unto *Thyatira*, and unto *Sardis*, and unto *Philadelphia*, and unto *Laodicea*."

Revelation 1:11

NOTE: These seven churches, and the messages addressed to them, apply to seven periods or states of the church reaching from the first to the second advent of Christ.

"Under this emblematical representation of the seven churches of Asia," says Vitranga, in the "Comprehensive Commentary," "the Holy Spirit has delineated seven different states of the Christian church which would appear in succession, extending to the coming of our Lord and the consummation of all things." Their good qualities and their defects are pointed out, with admonitions, exhortations, and warnings suitable for each, all of which are also applicable to individual Christian experience

8. By what title is the first state of the church distinguished?

"Unto the angel of the church of _____ write." **Revelation 2:1**

NOTE: The meaning of Ephesus is *desirable*, and fitly describes the character and condition of the church in its first state, when its members received the doctrine of Christ in its purity, and enjoyed the benefits and blessings of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This applies to the first century, or during the lifetime of the apostles. See dates in the accompanying diagram, showing the beginning and close of the seven periods.

AD 31	100	323	538	1798	1833	1844	THE END
Desirable	Sweet-smelling	Elevation	Contrition	That which remains	Brotherly love	Judging the people	
EPHESUS	SMYRNA	PERGAMOS	THYATIRA	SARDIS	PHILADELPHIA	LAODICEA	

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

9. After commending this church for their good works, what charge did the Lord bring against them?

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because *thou hast* _____ thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and _____, and do the first _____." **Revelation 2:4-5**

NOTE: The "first love" is the love of the truth, and the desire of making it known to others. The "first works" are the fruit of this love.

10. What name is given to the second state of the church?

"And unto the angel of the church in _____ write." **Revelation 2:8**

NOTE: The meaning of Smyrna is *myrrh*, or *sweet-smelling savor*, and applies to the period of time when many of the saints of God suffered martyrdom under pagan Rome.