

## The Messages to the Churches Begin

*Revelation 1:17 – 2:7*

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Observations, symbolism, instructions, \_\_\_\_\_, reproofs, rebukes, and blessed \_\_\_\_\_ are part of the message God gave John as he penned the letter of Revelation. We \_\_\_\_\_ from taking \_\_\_\_\_ to the truths and principles presented in this book.

### A. Self-description of the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

1. His \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The first – \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The last – Ruler and \_\_\_\_\_
2. Emphasis on His \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Living One – uncaused \_\_\_\_\_ in Himself
  - b. Was \_\_\_\_\_ – life yielding One (literal self-sacrifice)
  - c. Alive for evermore – Life-\_\_\_\_\_ One
  - d. Amen - \_\_\_\_\_
3. His \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Over physical and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To give commands and \_\_\_\_\_ them to be obeyed

### B. The Writing \_\_\_\_\_

1. A three-fold outline
  - a. The things John had \_\_\_\_\_ – chapter 1
  - b. The things which \_\_\_\_\_ (presently occurring) – chapters 2-3
  - c. The things which shall be \_\_\_\_\_ – the remaining chapters
2. The \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Seven \_\_\_\_\_ – the angels (messengers) of the seven churches

- b. Seven candlesticks (lampstands) – the seven \_\_\_\_\_
- c. “Hold” means “to hold authoritatively” – indicating divine \_\_\_\_\_ and divine \_\_\_\_\_

### C. The Church at \_\_\_\_\_

1. The city itself
  - a. Large and prominent city in the Roman province of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Already had a long \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian witness (Acts 19)
2. The church commended for its doctrine and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. It abhorred the things morally \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the things theologically \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. They kept on having \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Their labor had the correct \_\_\_\_\_ (“my name’s sake”).
3. The reproof – they had \_\_\_\_\_ their first love
  - a. The order of the words in Greek is \_\_\_\_\_ (“thy first love thou hast left”).
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ and depth had disappeared.
  - c. Their defect was a matter of \_\_\_\_\_, not of the head or will.
  - d. A cooling heart is a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual apathy. Then that \_\_\_\_\_ love is replaced with a love of the things of this \_\_\_\_\_, and the results are \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual corruption with a loss of effective spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ – go back to the place of departure
  - b. Repent – change your \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Do the \_\_\_\_\_ works – A true love for God is always shown in the \_\_\_\_\_ which it produces.