



The End. Jesus Wins.

A black and white photograph capturing the lower legs and hooves of a horse in motion. The horse is running on a dirt path, and its hooves are kicking up a cloud of dust and dirt. The background is a bright, hazy sky. The overall mood is one of power and triumph.

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To the one who Overcomes!

**“The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
To the one who overcomes . . . ”**

LAY OF THE LAND

“To: Seven churches in Asia...This is a message from the one who was and is and is to come.” Revelation 1:4



REVELATION: ROME & THE SEVEN CHURCHES

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Revelation 2-3, the Seven Churches

- Why 7? Weren't there more churches?
- Why these 7 churches?
- These are literal, historical churches but is there more?
- Isn't it interesting there was a single church per city?
- Once we see Christ in glory, we usually see ourselves more clearly! – Isa 6

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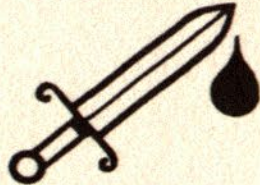
7 Stages of Church History

Church	Era	Years
Ephesus	Apostolic Era	33-64
Smyrna	Period of Persecution	64-313
Pergamum	Era of Official Patronage	313-606
Thyatira	Middle Ages	606-1520
Sardis	Protestant Reformation	1520-1750
Philadelphia	Missionary Era	1750-1900
Laodicea	Modern Period	1900-?

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION



EPHESUS
The Apostolic
Church
Rev. 2:1-7



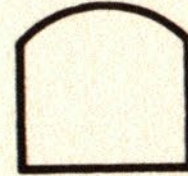
SMYRNA
The Persecuted
Church
Rev. 2:8-11



PERGAMUM
The Indulged
Church
Rev. 2:12-17



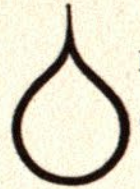
THYATIRA
The Pagan
Church
Rev. 2:18-29



SARDIS
The Dead Church
Rev. 3:1-6



PHILADELPHIA
The Church
Christ Loved
Rev. 3:7-13



RAPTURE
OF THE
CHURCH

LAODICEA
The Lukewarm
Church
Rev. 3:14-22



A.D. 30-100

A.D. 100-312

A.D. 312-606

A.D. 606-Tribulation

A.D. 1520-Tribulation
Protestant Reformation

A.D. 1750-Rapture

A.D. 1900-Tribulation

COMMENDATION
I know your. . .

Good works, labor,
patience.
Hated Nicolaitians.

Works, tribulation,
poverty.

Works.
Held fast my name.
Has not denied my
faith.

Good works, love,
service, faith,
patience.

Works.
A name that you live.

Works. Missions.
Little strength. Kept
my word. Not denied
my name.

Not one word!

CONDEMNATION

You have left your
first love.

Not one word!

You have false teach-
ers of Balaam and the
Nicolaitans.

You allow Jezebel to
teach idolatry and
compromise.

You are dead.
Works not complete.

Not one word!

You are lukewarm,
wretched, miserable,
poor, blind and
naked.

COUNSEL
I counsel you. . .

Remember from
where you are fallen
and repent.

Fear not.
Be faithful.

Repent.

Hold fast what you
have until I come.

Watch. Strengthen
the things that
remain. Remember,
hold fast and repent.

Hold fast what you
have.

Buy gold tried by fire
and white raiment.
Anoint your eyes. Be
zealous and repent.

CHALLENGE
To him that over-
comes. . .

Will give to eat of the
tree of life

Will not be hurt by
the second death.

Will give hidden
manna and a white
stone.

Will give millennial
leadership and the
Morning Star.

Will be clothed in
white raiment. I will
not blot his name out
of the book of life.

Will make him a pil-
lar and write upon
him the name of God
and My new name.

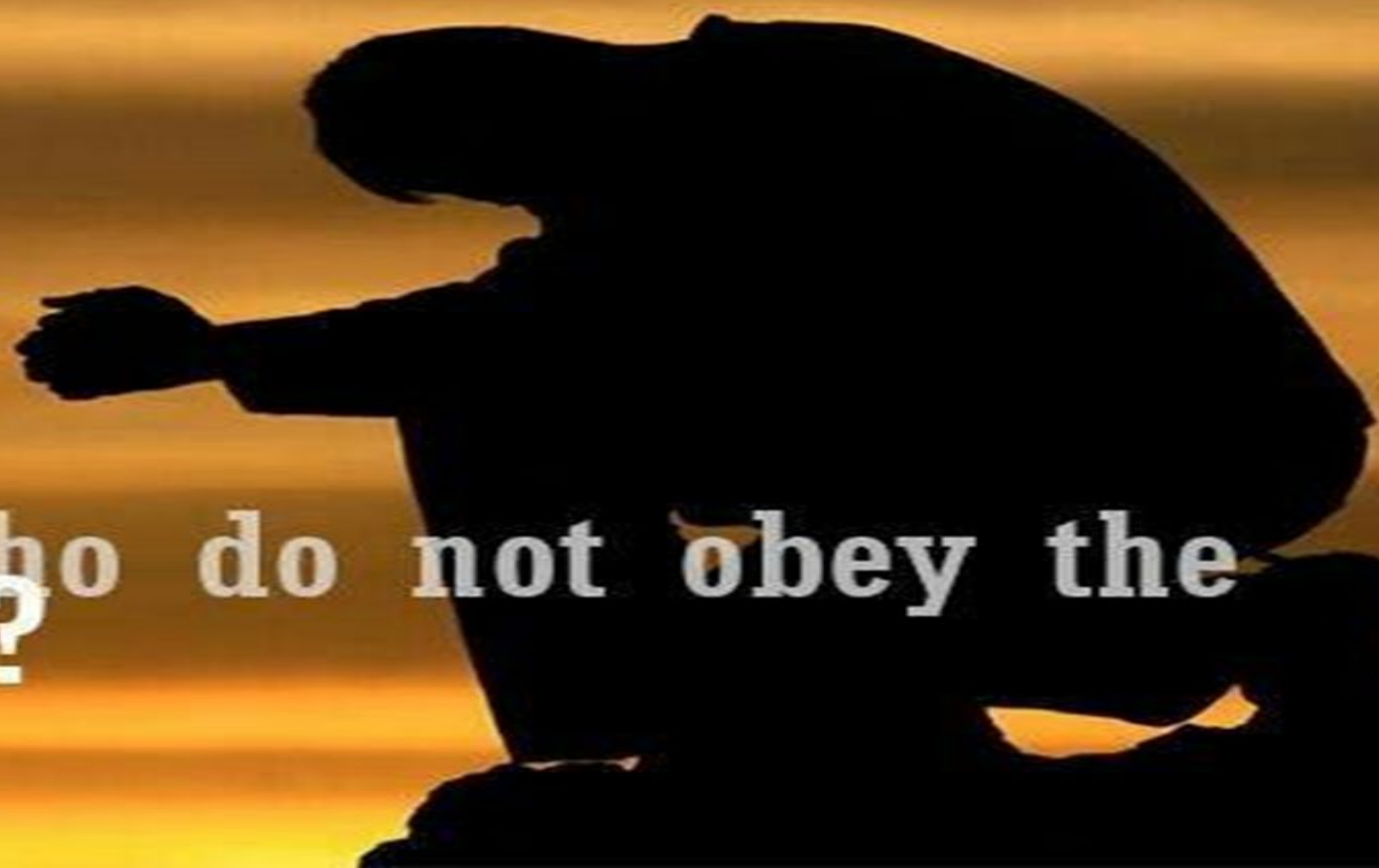
Will grant to sit with
me on my throne.

1 Peter 4:17

For it is time for judgment

to begin with God's household;

and if it begins with **us**,
what will the outcome be



for those who do not obey the
gospel of **God?**

Observations from the letters

- Different facets of Jesus' glory given
- Jesus commended, before He criticized
- Each church; same faith, different struggles
- All 7 Churches were encouraged/identified to Overcome!
- Their “works” revealed them! Not save by works but to

Observations form the letters

- Their “works” revealed them! Not save by works but to
- In spite of some churches having serious sin, Still His!!
- None of those churches remain in Modern Islamic Turkey?

“WORKS” & the 7 Churches

→ **Philadelphia**, Rev 3:8,11 - **COMPLETE / APPROVED “WORKS!”**

8 “I know your **WORKS**

Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.”

11 “Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.”

→ **Thyatira**, Rev 2:19,23,26 - **“WORKS” Mentioned 3 Times!**

Rev: 2:19, “your **latter WORKS** exceed the first.”

Rev 2:23, “I will **give to each of you according to your WORKS.**”

Rev 2:26 “The one who conquers and who **keeps my WORKS** until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations”

→ **Ephesus**, Rev 2:4-5, **DROP** in **“WORKS”**

“...you have **abandoned the love you had at first.**

Remember therefore from where you have fallen;

repent, and **do the WORKS you did at first.**” (Jesus Equates Love to WORKS!)

Rev 2:6 “you **hate the WORKS** of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

→ **Sardis**, Rev 3:1 - **“NOT COMPLETE” “WORKS”**

“I know your **WORKS.** You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die,

for I have **not found your WORKS complete** in the sight of my God.”

→ **Laodicea**, Rev 3:15-16 - **“LUKEWARM” WORKS**

“I know your **WORKS:** you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!

So, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”

A cinematic, post-apocalyptic scene of a city street. The buildings are tall, brick structures, many with broken windows and overgrown with vines and plants. A lone figure stands in the center of the street, looking towards a traffic light. The traffic light is red, and a sign above it reads "Liberty St" and "ONE WAY". The sky is overcast and grey, with some debris floating in the air. The overall mood is somber and desolate.

IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL FACE TRIBULATION, BUT TAKE HEART:
I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD
JOHN 16:33

Positives praised

- Intolerance! – 2:2
- Tested for false prophets
- Persevered / endured
- You hate Nicolaitans
- Suffering for Christ
- Not deny My faith – 2:13
- Love and faith – 2:19
- Service . . Deeds – 2:19
- A few, unsoiled – 3:4
- I know your deeds
- Followed My word
- Smyrna and Philadelphia received no rebuke

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Bible's Must Endure List:

Biblical list of what Conquerors Must Overcome
in the Book of Revelation & Bible Prophecy!

- Rev3:18, 1Cor 3:13-17, Zech13:8-9, Isa33:11-16 **YHWH's Refiners Fire** Eze22:18-22, Dan11:34-35, 2 Pet 3:7,10-12
- Gal 5:24, 16-24, 6:8, Eph 2:3 **Our Flesh** Rom8:5-9, 13:14, 1John 2:16
- Matt24:4,11,23-28 **False Christs & Prophets** Mark13:6,21-23, Luk21:8
- Rev 2:5, 16, 21-23 **Corrupt Churches** Rev 3:3, 15-19, 1 Tim 4:1
- Luke21:8, Jer29:8 **False Predictions & Dreams** Jer23:25-40
- Matt 24:7-8 **Beginning of Birth Pains** Mk13:8, Rev6:1-8
- Rev2:10, 3:10, Mt10:17 **Prison & Beatings** Mark 13:9, Luke 21:12-15
- Rev 2:13, 6:9-11, 12:11, 20:4 **Killing of Believers** Mt24:9,21-22,Mk13:12,20 & Luke 21:16,23-24
- Mt10:21,35-37, Luke21:16 **Family Betrayal** Mark 13:12, Micah 7:5-6
- Matt10:22, 24:29 **Hatred by All Nations** Lk21:17, Mk13:13
- Rev 2:9,3:9 **Synagogue of Satan Slander** Mk 13:9, LK 21:12
- Rev 7:16 **Hunger, Thirst & Scorching Heat** Rev 7:16
- Matt 24:15-22 **The Great Tribulation** Mark 13:14-20
- Mt24:15-22, Mk13:14-20 **Abomination of Desolation** Daniel11:31-35
- Rev 12:17, 13:5-7 **War from Beast & Dragon** Daniel 7:25
- Rev 13:15 **Worship Image or Die** Daniel 3
- Rev 13:15-17 **666 or no Buy & Sell** Rev 13:15-17
- Matt 24:24-28, Mark 13:21-22 **Satanic Signs, Wonder & Miracles** 2 Thess 2:9, Rev13:13, 16:14

Sins confronted

- Left your first love – repent
- A synagogue of Satan
- Where Satan's throne is
- The teaching of Balaam
- Idols, immorality
- Teaching of Nicolaitans
- You tolerate Jezebel – 2:20
- Not alert! Prayerless
- Deeds incomplete
- Lukewarm . . . Vomit you
- You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked

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WHY DIFFICULT TIMES

2Tim 3:1-7 HCSB

IN THE LAST DAYS?

Because **people will be:**

1. *Lovers of self,*
2. *Lovers of money,*
3. *Boastful,*
4. *Proud,*
5. *Blasphemers,*
6. *Disobedient to parents,*
7. *Ungrateful,*
8. *Unholy,*
9. *Unloving,*
10. *Irreconcilable,*
11. *Slanderers,*
12. *Without self-control,*
13. *Brutal,*
14. *Without love for what is good,*
15. *Traitors,*
16. *Reckless,*
17. *Conceited,*
18. *Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.*
19. *Holding to the form of religion but denying its power.*
20. *Led along by a variety of passions (lusts),*
21. *Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Wrath! 7 blessings, 7 woes!!!

- Rev 12:12 – “Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”
- Rev 6:16,17 – and they said to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the sight of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of Their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

SEE THE VEEN

CHURCHES OF REVELATION

HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO YOU

Believers, Fear NOT!

- **No Condemnation!!! – Rom 8:1**
- **Disciplined, not destroyed – Heb 12:5-12, 25**
- **Never separated from Christ! – Rom 8:35-39**
- **Never perishing, eternal life! – Jn 10:28-30**
- **No Wrath!!! – 1 Thess 1:10, 5:9**
- **No revocation! – Rom 11:27, 29; Rev 3:5**

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SO, BECAUSE YOU ARE

LUKEWARM

—NEITHER HOT NOR COLD—

I AM ABOUT TO
SPIT YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH.

—REVELATION 3:16—

Ask the Holy Spirit to examine you!

- 2 Cor 13:5 – Test yourselves [to see] if you are in the faith; examine yourselves

- Heart
- Knees
- Eyes
- Mouth
- Deeds

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E X A M I N E
Y O U R S E L V E S

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you ...?" - 2 Corinthians 13:5

A white horse is galloping from left to right across a field of tall grass. The horse is in mid-stride, with its front legs extended forward and its back legs pushing off. A cloud of dust is kicked up behind its rear legs. The background is a bright, hazy sky.

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GREECE

Black Sea

Thessalonica

Philippi

Aegean Sea

Troas

Pergamum

ROMAN PROVINCE OF ASIA

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Patmos

60 MI/95 KM

Ephesus

Antioch on Meander River

Hierapolis/Pamukkale

Laodicea

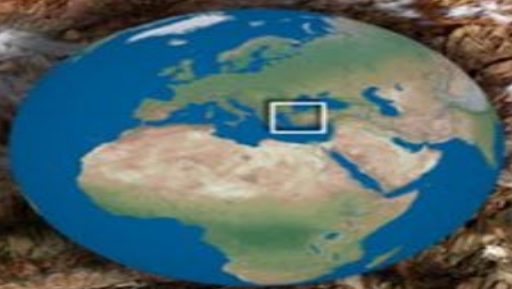
Colossae

Aegean Sea

Rhodes

TURKEY

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7 CITIES OF REVELATION

“I, John...was sent to the island of Patmos because I got caught telling people about Jesus.” Revelation 1:9

LAODICEA



*The Church
That Made God
Sick*

THE MESSAGES TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES COMPARED WITH CHURCH HISTORY



RAPTURE
OF
THE CHURCH
1 THESS 4:13-17



ASCENSION
DESCENT OF HOLY SPIRIT

★ 1 EPHESUS PERIOD REV. 2:1-7 BACKSLIDEN CH.	★ 2 SMYRNA PERIOD REV. 2:8-11 PERSECUTED CH.	★ 3 PERGAMOS PERIOD REV. 2:12-17 LICENTIOUS CHURCH	★ 4 THE THYATIRA PERIOD REV. 2:18-20 A LAX CHURCH	★ 5 SARDIS PERIOD REV. 3:1-6 A DEAD CHURCH	★ 6 PHILADELPHIA PERIOD REV. 3:7-13 A FAVORED CHURCH	★ 7 LAODICEA PERIOD REV. 3:14-22 LUKEWARM CH.
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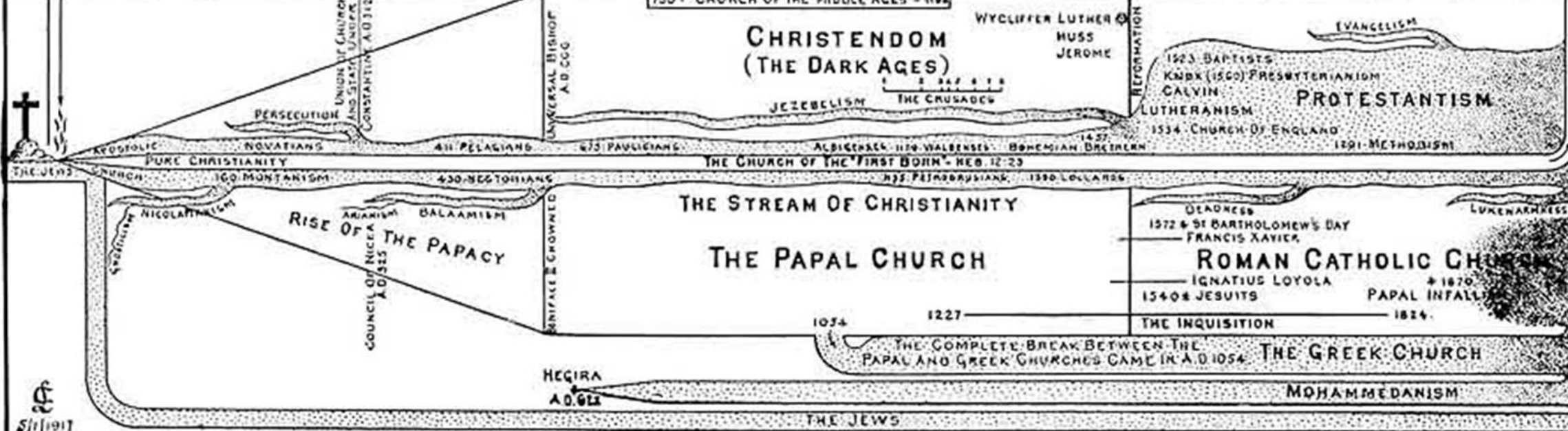
ANCIENT HISTORY

MEDIAEVAL HISTORY

MODERN HISTORY

PERIOD I APOSTOLIC AGE	PERIOD II FROM APOSTOLIC AGE TO CONSTANTINE	PERIOD III FROM CONSTANTINE TO BONIFACE VIII	PERIOD IV FROM BONIFACE VIII TO GREGORY VII (HIEDEBRAND) THE GROWTH OF THE PAPACY	PERIOD V GREGORY VII - BONIFACE VIII FULL SWAY OF PAPACY	PERIOD VI BONIFACE VIII - REFORMATION DECLINE OF PAPACY	PERIOD VII REFORMATION TO PEACE OF WESTPHALIA	PERIOD VIII FROM PEACE OF WESTPHALIA TO THE PRESENT TIME
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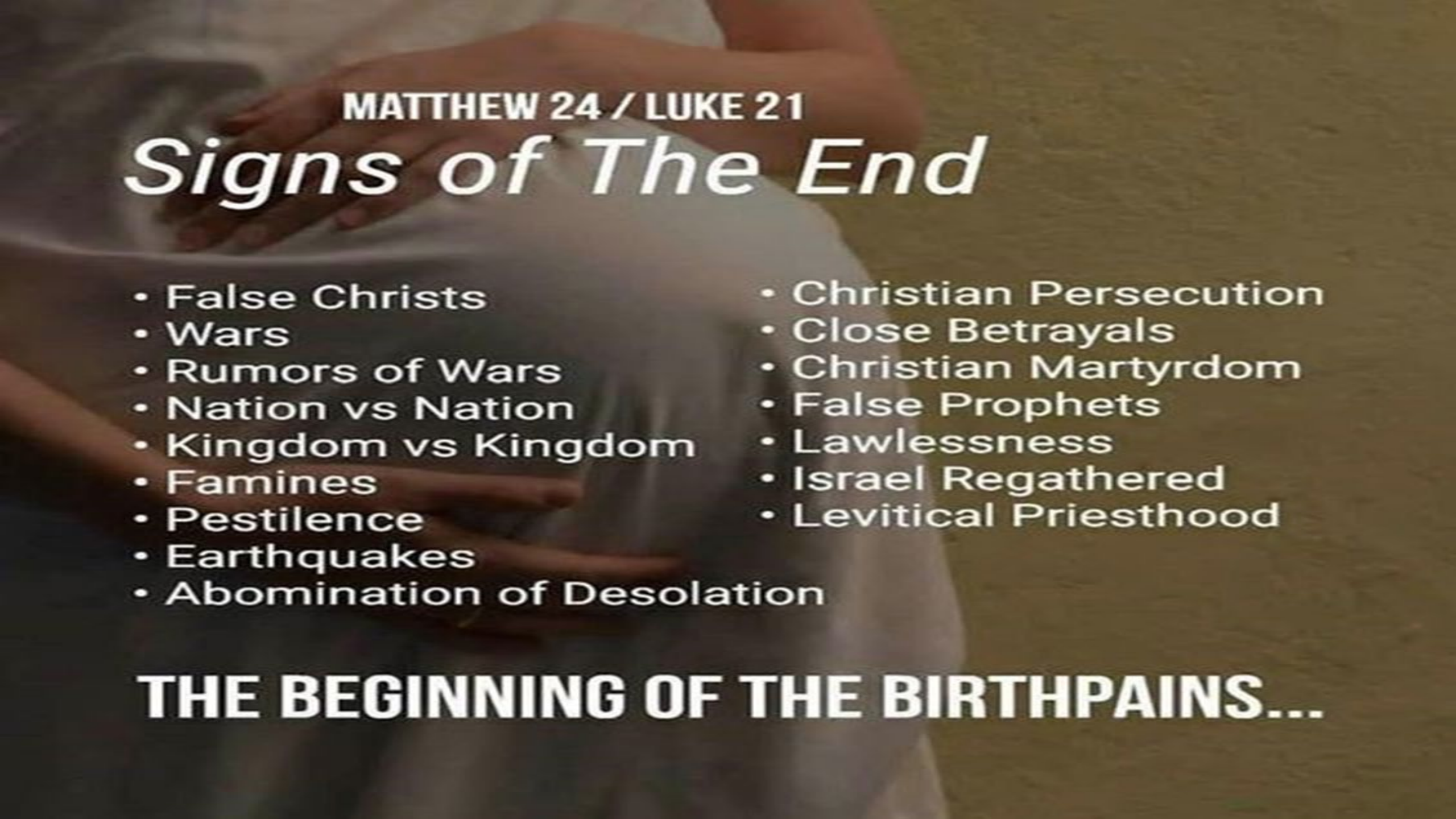
CITY	Church Type	Christ Title	Commendation	Condemnation	Instruction	Promise/Reward
Ephesus 2:1-7	The Modern Church Common Issue Backsliding	Walks Among the Lampstands Head of the Church He Is In The Churches	Works/Patience Defeat Evil Throw Out False Doctr Perseverance	Only One Common Problem Forgetting First Love (Backsliding)	Repent and Do the Works You Did at First	Eat from Tree of Life in Paradise Heaven
Smyrna 2:8-11	The Persecuted Church	First and Last Was Dead and Is Alive Hope	Works Tribulations Poverty Yet You Are Rich!	NONE	Fear Not Be Faithful Unto Death	Crown of Life No Second Death
Pergamos 2:12-17	The Heretical Church Doctrinal Issues	Sharp Two-Edged Sword Mouth/Word Defeats False Doctrine	Hold Fast to His Name Do Not Deny His Faith	False Teachings False Doctrine Idolatry and Immorality	Repent.	Eat Manna=Bread of Life=Jesus White Stone New Name
Thyatira 2:18-29	The Worldly Church Sex/Idol Issues Compromised Corrupt	Eyes of Fire Feet Like Bronze New Kingdom Replaces Daniel	works, love, service, faith, patience put last first	False Teachings Sexual Immorality Satan's "Deep Secrets"	Everyone will get what they deserve according to their works.	Iron and Clay Power over Kingdoms Replacing Daniel Morning Star
Sardis 3:1-6	The Dead Church False Front Impure and Dead	Holds the Seven Spirits and Seven Stars	NONE	False Reputation of Being Alive...DEAD Even what remains is dying. Works not good.	Remember what you heard and received. Repent or He comes like a thief.	Some have not defiled clothing, will walk in white. Name in Book of Life.
Philadelphia 3:7-13	The Loving Church True and Pure Still Has Their Love	Holy/True/Key of David Savior/Opens and No one can close All Authority	Kept His Word Did Not Deny His Name Persevering Faithful	NONE	Hold Fast to what you have. Do not let anyone take your crown (already have it)	Everything! No Tribulation Pillar in Temple New Name, City, etc.
Laodicea 3:14-22	The Rich Church Lukewarm Opposite of Smyrna	The Amen Faithful True Witness (Holy Spirit) Ruler of All	NONE	Lukewarm Rich but Wretched Clothed but Naked Vomit them out	Get the real gold of Christ, the real clothes of white. Anoint your eyes. Repent. Open the Door.	Sup with Him. Sit on the Throne with Him. Co-Heirs

Laodicea Water Supply

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Laodicea's water channelled through this dual pipeline but it carried thick calcium impurities. Combined with its lukewarm temperature, it would make a visitor vomit.

A person in a white robe is washing another person's hands in a white basin. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

MATTHEW 24 / LUKE 21

Signs of The End

- False Christs
- Wars
- Rumors of Wars
- Nation vs Nation
- Kingdom vs Kingdom
- Famines
- Pestilence
- Earthquakes
- Abomination of Desolation
- Christian Persecution
- Close Betrayals
- Christian Martyrdom
- False Prophets
- Lawlessness
- Israel Regathered
- Levitical Priesthood

THE BEGINNING OF THE BIRTHPAINS...