

THE SEVEN LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST TO HIS CHURCH UNTIL AND BEFORE HE RETURNS FOR US.

REVELATION 2:1-7

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“MY DEAR EPHESUS, I’VE WRITTEN YOU A LETTER”

The Calling and The Cry of Jesus Christ to His Bride the Church and to all who Desire to Live

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I am (guessing) but I am of no doubt, that this morning - that all around the world pastors are delivering sermons to their congregation about HOPE, PEACE, ENCOURAGEMENT and all of it based on God’s word is good.

He has led me in the exact same path, but by the way of priority. (what must come first before there can be Hope, Peace and Encouragement)

Revelation 2:1-7

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. 4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. :7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

The book of revelation is all featured around one central figure, that figure is Jesus Christ - it is the unveiling of the God who became the man for us.

Jesus Christ is not only revealed as the awesome judge and ruler but He’s also revealed as a lamb that has been slain for the sins of the world.

Today Jesus presides over His church as the great high priest for His redeemed.

(The Book of Revelation is Unlike any other book of the Bible - but Why?)

So the world is “saying” today – several very opposing things.

#1 - “is this the end of the world? – many young people today believe that the world will end in their life-time.” #2 others are saying that this is part of the evolution process. #3 some are saying that this is the judgment of God upon the world

“These Things Must Come to Pass – For The End is Not Yet.”

“I personally believe that this is one of those events whereby
God is speaking to the World.”

Many things are certain at this time. Many things are clear – but nothing is more certain and clearer than the voice of Almighty God - - “It’s the hour of Mercy”

REGARDING CV-19 // BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN ADEQUATE WARNING.

This morning, all around the world there’s a silence – The wheels of **industry** have been silenced! The sound of people **buying and selling** have been silenced. **There’s no traffic** on our highways, the streets and parks, even **Disneyland** are silenced!

“God is using this hour - - all distractions have ceased! #1 - There’s no soccer, #2 - there’s no **baseball**, #3 there’s the fact that not a single one of us today will be going to the **stadium**, you will not be going to the **Mall...**”

THE VATICAN IS SILENT

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/03/15/pope-francis-delivers-blessing-empty-st-peters-square-12401450/>

THE TEMPLE MOUNT IS SILENT

[HTTPS://WWW.BREAKINGISRAELNEWS.COM/147237/AS-CORONA VIRUS-CAUSES-MUSLIMS-TO-ABANDON-TEMPLE-MOUNT-JEWS-REIGN-SUPREME/](https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/147237/as-corona-virus-causes-muslims-to-abandon-temple-mount-jews-reign-supreme/)

THE KAABA IS SILENT

[HTTPS://WWW.THEATLANTIC.COM/PHOTO/2020/03/EMPTY-SPACES-DUE-CORONAVIRUS-FEARS/607666/](https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2020/03/empty-spaces-due-coronavirus-fears/607666/)

Saudi Arabia announced on Tuesday that all mosques would no longer permit it’s worshippers to gather – *but didn’t our government do the same?*

BUT IS THE CHURCH SILENT?

[HTTPS://QWIKET.COM/CONTEXT/CHANNEL/QWIKET/TOPIC/OPINION-WHAT-TO-DO-WITH-EMPTY-CHURCHES](https://qwiket.com/context/channel/qwiket/topic/opinion-what-to-do-with-empty-churches)

DO NOT CONFUSE THE CHURCH WITH A BUILDING

QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE CHURCH HAS NEVER BEEN BIGGER, MORE EFFECTIVE & VOCAL – THIS IS THE HOUR OF MERCY !!! (LOUDER IS DIFFERENT FROM NOISY)

THE WORLD IS CALLING THIS THE; “SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER”
AND IT’S INTENDED TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS – SAFE FROM YOURSELF AND OTHERS
FROM BECOMING INFECTED

**MY DEAR EPHEBUS
I’VE WRITTEN YOU A LETTER**

1.) So **listen** to what I **AM saying** to you v.1

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, Who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

Notice that it's Jesus Christ Himself who Holds The 7 Stars

Notice that it's Jesus Christ Himself who Walks in the midst of The 7 Golden Lampstands

What is He saying to you today ?

{{ extemporaneous }}

MY DEAR EPHESUS I'VE WRITTEN YOU A LETTER

2.) So **look** at what I AM **showing** you v.2

2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

Notice that they are a Bible Church. They love the Doctrines of God.

James 1:22-24

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

Look – "There are religious crazies everywhere flooding the human mind with confusion and oddities" – can you see this?

3.) So **lean** into what I AM **doing** in you v.3

and you have persevered and have patience,
, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

At this hour of Mercy – our faith is being exposed.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Here's a Question for Us all,
What is God doing in your heart and life in these days of mercy?

4.) So **learn** what it is I AM **teaching** you v.4-5

4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

(immediately we're reminded (or informed) that Jesus Christ is not only
LORD and Savior, but He is Judge.)

Jesus Christ Judges, *Examines, Reviews, Instructs, Teaches*
Every Christian & Every Church that belongs to Him.

Verse 4b

that you have left your first love.

Left: aphiemi; to neglect, to leave alone, to slowly drift away or to let slip. Abandoned, to allow or to introduce others in. to permit, tolerate that which breaks the love (singularity)

The Singularity of Love (God)

(possessive, tenacious, jealous, protective, fierce)

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD. 7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.

First: grk protos; (proto-type) the first, the best, the one.

Jeremiah 2:1-2

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 “Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, “Thus says the LORD: ‘I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothal, when you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown.

“Love Cannot Survive Alone – It Needs Interaction.
Love unspoken is bad enough – Love unfulfilled will murder a heart.”

In this hour of mercy – this hour of divine opportunity,

Some are being “distracted” from what this course is teaching.

“Stop Looking Out The Window”

Step # One - verse 5a

Remember therefore from **where** you have fallen;

Step # Two

Repent and **do** the **first works,**

Verse 5b

or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—
unless you repent.

In the History of England – 1,600's specifically,

There was what is known as The Great Ejection. It was the systematic silencing of the pastors who refused to nationalize their churches.

2,000 of England's most effective, passionate, bible teaching pastors were ordered to be "**Shut-Up**" - a 16-century term meaning to "Shut up the mouth" or to "Board it up" or "Cease the words" – "Stop speaking that"

The Prototype was William Tyndale - 1536 London, England

"I call God to record against the day we shall appear before our Lord Jesus, that I never altered one syllable of God's Word against my conscience, nor would do this day, if all that is in earth, whether it be honor, pleasure, or riches, might be given me."

Tyndale would not allow himself to be "**Shut Up**" and so he was arrested and sentenced to Strangulation. Upon his death – he was then sentenced to be burned at the stake!

By the way - from that time on in England's history to this hour, records a tragic decline of the empire's influence for Christ.

MY DEAR EPHESUS I'VE WRITTEN YOU A LETTER

5.) So **let** what I AM **working** on be done v.6-7

6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. :7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

Joshua 1:6

Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Isaiah 43:2

But when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

Psalm 23:4

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

1 John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

————— *End of Study* —————

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