

2016 Revelation Series-Handout #3
Structure of the 7 letters to the Churches

I THE LETTERS ARE BASED ON 7 ELEMENTS

- A. Superscription
- B. Identity of the writer
- C. Commendation
- D. Reproof
- E. Appeal to repent
- F. Appeal to hear
- G. A promise

II EXCEPTIONS

- Smyrna has no reproof
- Philadelphia has no reproof
- Sardis has no real commendation
- Laodicea has no real commendation

III HISTORICAL SIGNIFIGANCE

- Ephesus - 31-100 AD
- Smyrna - 100-313 AD
- Pergamos - 313-538 AD
- Thyatira - 538-1798 AD
- Sardis - 1798-1833
- Philadelphia - 1833-1844
- Laodicea - 1844-Second Coming of Jesus

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