

**The seven churches symbolize the seven stages of Church history:**

	Church	Meaning of its name	Symbolized period	Dates
1	Ephesus	Desirable	Apostolic Church	33 - 100
2	Smyrna	Fragrant when crushed	Persecuted Church	100 - 313
3	Pergamos	Raised up city	Compromising Church	313 - 538
4	Thyatira	Savor of labor	Corrupt Church	538 - 1517
5	Sardis	That which remains	Reformation Church	1517 - 1755
6	Philadelphia	Brotherly love	Awakening Church	1755 - 1844
7	Laodicea	Judging the people	Today's Church	1844 - End

**The portrait of Jesus reflects the need of each one of the seven churches:**

1	Ephesus	Jesus walks among the seven golden lampstands.	The church must come back to Jesus, who won't abandon it.
2	Smyrna	Jesus was dead, but came back to life.	It must confront trials, even facing death.
3	Pergamos	He has the two-edged sword.	It must return to the Bible.
4	Thyatira	He has eyes like fire, and His feet like fine brass.	It must come out of darkness and come back to the Light.
5	Sardis	He holds the seven stars.	Jesus can give it life again.
6	Philadelphia	He has the key of David which opens the door.	It must take advantage of the door Jesus opened for it.
7	Laodicea	He is the Amen, the Beginning of God's creation.	It must acknowledge that a new world will soon begin.

**What Jesus knows about each one of the seven churches:**

1	Ephesus	«I know your works, and your labor, and your patience, and how you can not bear them which are evil.» (Revelation 2:2)
2	Smyrna	«I know your works, tribulation, poverty.» (Rev. 2:9)
3	Pergamos	«I know your works, and where you dwell, even where Satan's seat is.» (Revelation 2:13)
4	Thyatira	«I know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and your patience.» (Revelation 2:19)
5	Sardis	«I know your works.» (Revelation 3:1)
6	Philadelphia	«I know your works.» (Revelation 3:8)
7	Laodicea	«I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot.» (Revelation 3:15)

**The positive points Jesus finds in each one of the seven churches:**

1	Ephesus	«You have tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and have found them liars: and have borne, and have patience, and for My name's sake have labored, and have not fainted.» (Revelation 2:2,3)
2	Smyrna	«You are rich.» (Revelation 2:9)
3	Pergamos	«You hold fast My name, and have not denied My faith.» (Revelation 2:13)
4	Thyatira	«As for your works, the last are more than the first.» (Rev. 2:19)
5	Sardis	Jesus doesn't identify any positive point for this church.
6	Philadelphia	«You have a little strength, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.» (Revelation 3:8)
7	Laodicea	Jesus doesn't identify any positive point for this church.

**The negative points Jesus finds in each one of the seven churches:**

1	Ephesus	«You have left your first love.» (Revelation 2:4)
2	Smyrna	Jesus doesn't identify any negative point for this church.
3	Pergamos	«You have there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam. (...) So have you also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.» (Revelation 2:14,15)
4	Thyatira	«You suffer that Jezebel, which calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce My servants.» (Revelation 2:20)
5	Sardis	«You have a name that you live, and are dead.» (Rev. 3:1)
6	Philadelphia	Jesus doesn't identify any negative point for this church.
7	Laodicea	«You are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot. (...) You know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.» (Revelation 3:16,17)

**The counsel Jesus gives to each one of the seven churches:**

1	Ephesus	«Repent, and do the first works.» (Revelation 2:5)
2	Smyrna	«Be you faithful to death.» (Revelation 2:10)
3	Pergamos	«Repent.» (Revelation 2:16)
4	Thyatira	«I gave her space to repent. (...) That which you have already hold fast till I come.» (Revelation 2:21,25)
5	Sardis	«Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent.» (Revelation 3:3)
6	Philadelphia	«Hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown.» (Revelation 3:11)
7	Laodicea	«I counsel you to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, (...) and white raiment, (...) and anoint your eyes with eye salve. (...) Be zealous, and repent.» (Revelation 3:18,19)

The warning Jesus gives to each one of the seven churches:		
1	Ephesus	«I will come to you quickly, and remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent.» (Rev. 2:5)
2	Smyrna	No warning is given to this church.
3	Pergamos	«Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.» (Rev. 2:16)
4	Thyatira	«Behold, I will cast (...) [them] into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.» (Revelation 2:22)
5	Sardis	«If you shall not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come.» (Rev. 3:3)
6	Philadelphia	No warning is given to this church.
7	Laodicea	«So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth.» (Rev. 3:16)

What Jesus promises to him who overcomes in each of the seven churches:		
1	Ephesus	«I will give to eat of the tree of life.» (Revelation 2:7)
2	Smyrna	«He (...) shall not be hurt of the second death.» (Rev. 2:11)
3	Pergamos	«I will give to eat of the hidden manna; I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name.» (Rev. 2:17)
4	Thyatira	«To him will I give power over the nations. (...) And I will give him the morning star.» (Revelation 2:26,28)
5	Sardis	«He that overcomes shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father.» (Rev. 3:5)
6	Philadelphia	«I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, (...) I will write on him the name of My God.» (Revelation 3:12)
7	Laodicea	«To him will I grant to sit with Me in My throne.» (Rev. 3:21)

