7 CHURCHES: OBSERVATIONS

EPHESUS

DESCRIPTION

He that holds the seven stars in his right hand

He walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks

Positives Qualities

I know thy works and thy labor, and thy patience

Cannot bear them that are evil

Tried those who say they are apostles (found them liars)

Have borne

Had patience

Labored for My Name's sake and has not fainted

Hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans

Negative Qualities

They left their first love

Challenge

Remember from whence you are fallen

Repent

Do the first works

Blessing/s

To him that overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life

Judgment

I will come unto thee quickly and remove your candlestick out of its place

SMYRNA

DESCRIPTION

The first and the last

Which was dead and is alive

Positives Qualities

I know thy works

I know thy tribulation

I know thy poverty (but you are rich)

Negative Qualities

I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews

Among the synagogue of Satan

Challenge

Fear none of these things which you will suffer (Devil will come to you in prison)

You will have tribulation 10 days

Blessing/s

Be thou faithful unto death and you will receive a crown of life

PERGAMOS

DESCRIPTION

He that has the sharp sword with two edges

Positives Qualities

I know thy works and where you dwell (where Satan's seat is)

You hold fast my name and have not denied my faith (even in times of martyrdom)

Negative Qualities

There are some who hold the doctrine of Baalam

Taught Balac as a stumblingblock

Eating things sacrificed to idols

Commit fornication

Some hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans

Challenge

Repent or I will come and fight with the sword of my mouth

Blessing/s

To him that overcomes I will give the hidden manna

Give him a white stone with a new name written, which only he knows

THYATIRA

DESCRIPTION

The Son of God

Who has eyes like a flame of fire

Has feet like fine brass

Positives Qualities

I know thy works

I know thy charity and service

I know thy faith and patience

I know thy works (2nd time mentioned)

And the last to be more than the first

Negative Qualities

You allow Jezebel to teach and seduce God's servants to fornication

You permit eating things sacrificed to idols

Challenge

I am He which searches the reins and hearts

I will give you according to your works

Hold fast till I come

Blessing/s

To him that overcomes and keeps my works unto the end

To him will I give power over the nations and he shall rule them

I will give them the morning star

<u>Judgment</u>

She would not repent, even after giving her time/season

I will cast her into bed and them that commit adultery into great tribulation

I will kill her children with death

SARDIS

DESCRIPTION

He that has the seven stars

Positives Qualities

I know thy works

Negative Qualities

I have not found thy works perfect before God

You have a name that thou lives and are dead

Challenge

Be watchful

Strengthen the things which remain

Remember, hold fast and repent

Blessing/s

A few have not defiled their garments and they walk with me in white

They are worthy

To him that overcomes shall be clothed in white raiment

I will not blot his name out from the book of life

I will confess his name before my Fatherand the angels

<u>Judgment</u>

If you do not watch I will come on thee as a thief

PHILADELPHIA

DESCRIPTION

He that is holy and true

He that has the key of David: opens and shuts

Positives Qualities

You have kept my word even with only a little strength

You have not denied my name

Kept the word of my patience

Negative Qualities

None

Challenge

Hold fast to that which you have

Let no man take your crown

Blessing/s

I will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon the world He that overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God

<u>Judgment</u>

Those of the synagogue of Satan (false Jews) will worship before my feet They will know that I have loved you

LAODICEA

DESCRIPTION

The Amen

The faithful and true witness

The beginning of the creation of God

Positives Qualities

I know thy works

Negative Qualities

Neither cold nor hot (lukewarm)

Trust in riches and increased with goods and have need of nothing

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

Challenge

Anoint your eyes with eyesalve that you may see

Be zealous and repent

Blessing/s

I stand at the door and knock

He that overcomes I will grant to sit with me in my throne

<u>Judgment</u>

I will spew you out of my mouth