

BOOK OF REVELATION — REVELATION 3:1-22 THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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The Seven Churches – Revelation 3:1-22

Churches of: Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea

John **Saw** the **Golden Lampstands**, as a **Mystery** with a meaning **Hidden** by **God**.

Then **Jesus Revealed** what the **Mystery** of the **Golden Lampstands**,
by **Interpreting** what **they Literally** were, **Literally** the **7 Churches**.

Mysteries > **Hidden Things** or **Kept Secret Things** of **God**, **Rev 1:20**

Mysteries in the Bible are those things **revealed** by **God**, that were **previously hidden** by **God**.



The **7 Churches** addressed were actual **Churches** of **John's** day. **Map**

But **they** also represent and apply to types and conditions of **churches** in **all generations**.



This idea is supported by the fact that only **seven** were selected out of the many that existed and flourished in **John's** time and by the statement at the close of each letter that **the Spirit** was speaking to **the churches**.

The Angel Messengers of each of the **7 Church Assemblies**

Q: WHO were these **messengers** ?

A: These **messengers** were **Men** and probably **Elders**, **Pastors**, or **Overseers** of each individual **Congregation**.

An Epistle or a Letter

An **Epistle** (Greek, epistolē, "letter") is a writing directed or sent to a **person** or **group of people**.

It's a distinctive kind of **letter**, one valued and worthy of honor.

Epistles are instructional in nature and typically one of teacher to student.

The **21 Letters/Books/Epistles** in the **New Testament** are from **Apostles** to specific **Churches** (assemblies). In **Revelation** there are **7** more **Epistles** to specific **Churches** (assemblies), but from **Jesus Christ Himself**. Therefore, there at least **28 Epistles** to specific **Churches** (assemblies), in the **New Testament**.

The Fifth Epistle: to the (5th messenger) of the Church (5th assembly) in Sardis

Read Revelation 3:1-6

- I. 1 “To the angel (man, messenger) of the church (assembly) in Sardis write:
- A. He (Jesus) who has the seven spirits (Angels) of God and the seven stars (Angels),
 - B. (Jesus) says this:
 - C. ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.
 - D. 2 ‘Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die;
 - 1. for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. (works?)
 - E. 3 ‘So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent.
 - 1. Therefore (because of that) if you do not wake up, I (Jesus) will come like a thief,
 - 2. and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.
 - F. 4 ‘But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments;
 - 1. and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.
 - G. 5 ‘He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments;
 - 1. and I (Jesus) will not erase his name from the book of life,
 - 2. and I (Jesus) will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.
 - H. 6 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (assemblies).’

Sardis – The important commercial city of Sardis was the capital of the Lydian empire and was located about 30 miles southeast of Thyatira, on an important trade route that ran east and west through the kingdom of Lydia. Important industries included jewelry, dye, and textiles, which had made the city wealthy. Only a small village called Sart in modern day Turkey, remains on the site of this once-important city. Sardis was a center of pagan worship a Roman Imperial Cult and site of a Temple of Artemis (not Ephesus Temple), which ruins remain today. Artemis a Greek Goddess. Known as the virgin archer-huntress and a deity associated with nature, animals, and fertility. She was one of the 12 Olympians, and the twin sister of Apollo. To the Romans, Artemis was known as Diana.

Commendation: 3:4

There is little commendation for this Church except in Rev 3:4

‘But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments;
and they (a few) will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

Reproof: 3:1-2

“I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.”

Their outer appearance, “you are alive”, was a facade hiding their lack of life.

“for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God”

They were falling far short of fulfilling their obligations as believers.

Exhortation: 3:2-3

They were exhorted to “Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die.”

They were to wake up from their spiritual slumber and strengthen the few evidences of life they still had.

“So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it (obey), and repent”

Christ exhorted them to remember, obey, and repent.

“Therefore (because of that) if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief”

He warned them that if they did not heed this exhortation, He would come on them like a thief,
that is, suddenly and unexpectedly.

Promise: 2:5

Christ promised “He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

WHITE GARMENTS, ROBES, CLOTHES, OR COVERINGS - Revelation 3:4-5

Revelation 3:4-5

They who “have not soiled their garments”, 3:4 “they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy”, 3:4
“He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments”, 3:5

[Those with Unsoiled (clean) garments, Walk with Christ in White Garments because they are Worthy]

[Because they Overcome, they will be Clothed in White Garments]

[Those Born of God, Overcome the World, by Faith and Belief, that Jesus is the Son of God, 1 John 5:4-5]

Revelation 3:18

18 I advise you to buy from Me ... (buy or acquire) white garments

so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; also 16:15

[Buy (acquire) White Garments, Because White Garments, Clothe or Cover you]

[Garments Cover the Shame (Self-Conscience feeling of Guilt) or Cover Nakedness (Guilt Not revealed)]

[Adam and Eve were First Naked and Not Ashamed, Gen 2:25, and Then Naked and Ashamed, Gen 3:7-11]

Revelation 6:11

11 And there was given (by God) to each of them (the souls of those slain because of their testimony, 6:9)
(given) a white robe;.....

[A White Robe or Garment is given by God to Martyrs, slain for their testimony of Christ]

Revelation 7:9

9 After these things I (John) looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count,
from every nation, ... tribe, people and tongue, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

[Those in Heaven before the throne with Lamb, are Clothed in White Robes or Garments]

Revelation 7:13-16

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me (John),

“These who are clothed in the white robes,

who are they, and where have they come from?”

14 I (John) said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of
the great tribulation,

and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 “For this reason (washed their robes), they are before the throne of God;

and they serve Him day and night in His temple;

and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

16 “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;

[Those in Heaven with Lamb, are clothed in white robes or garments]

[They have washed their robes with Blood of Lamb and made their robes white]

[They were washed, sanctified, justified, in the name of Jesus and in the Spirit, 1 Cor 6:11]

[Because they washed their robes with Blood of Lamb they are before the throne]

[they will serve Him day and night in His temple]

[they will have God’s Tabernacle (shelter with presence, ESV)]

[they will Not hunger or thirst or receive heat]

Revelation 19:14

the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

[Because they washed their robes with Blood of Lamb, they will follow Jesus at His Second Coming]

Conclusion Chart

Those Born of God or Overcomers will be Given by God Clean White Fine Linen Robes, Rev 3:5

Because they are Worthy and have Overcome the World by Faith and Belief in Jesus, Rev 3:4-5, 1 John 5:4-5

Because they were Washed, Sanctified, and Justified with the Blood of Lamb, Rev 7:15, 1 Cor 6:11

Because of the Blood of Lamb their Sins are Forgiven and they are Reconciled to God, Col 1:21-22

THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB - Revelation 3:5

Revelation 3:5 Overcomers in the book of life

5 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments;
and I (Jesus) will not erase his (overcomer's) name from the book of life,
and I (Jesus) will confess his (overcomer's) name before My Father and before His angels.

Chart [Overcomers (Saved Believers) will Not have their names erased from the book of life]
[This implies that Overcomers (Saved Believers) have their names in the book of life]

Revelation 13:8 All on earth who worship the Beast are Not in the book of life

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him (Beast),
everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world
in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

Chart [All who dwell on the earth (earth dwellers) will worship him (the Beast, AntiChrist)]
[everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world]
[everyone WHO (Unbelievers) doesn't have their name written from the foundation of the world]
[everyone WHO (Believers) do have their name written from the foundation of the world]
[This tells us WHEN certain people have their names written in the book of life of the Lamb]
[This implies there is a book of life of the Lamb (Jesus), that is Jesus has that Book]

Revelation 17:8 All on earth who see the Beast's wonders are Not in the book of life

8 "The beast (AntiChrist) that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss
and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth (earth dwellers),
whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world,
will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

Chart [those who dwell on the earth (earth dwellers) will wonder when they see the beast (AntiChrist)]
[those WHO (Unbelievers) don't have their name written from the foundation of the world]

Revelation 20:12-15 The Dead are Judged based on their Deeds, if Not in the book of life

12 And I (John) saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne,
and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life;
and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them;
and they (dead) were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.
14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Chart [books were opened, before the Throne (of Him Jesus, 21:11)]
[another book was opened, which is the book of life, before the Throne]
[anyone WHO (Unbelievers) doesn't have their name written in the book of life,
is thrown into the lake of fire]
[This implies the book of life records who will Not be thrown into the lake of fire]

Revelation 21:27 Only those names written in the Lamb's book of life come into New Jerusalem

27 and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying,
shall ever come into it (New Jerusalem),
but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

[Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, those clean, shall come into New Jerusalem]

Conclusion Chart

There is a Book, called the Book of Life, that belongs to the Lamb Jesus, Rev 13:8, 21:27

This Book of Life of Jesus was written or prepared from the foundation of the world, Rev 13:8, 17:8

This Book of Life of Jesus only has the names of Overcomers or Believers written in it, Rev 3:5, 21:27

This Book of Life of Jesus determines who will be allowed to come into the New Jerusalem, Rev 21:27

This Book of Life is used by Jesus to Judge Unbelievers that leads to the lake of fire, Rev 20:15

I (JESUS) WILL COME LIKE A THIEF, Revelation 3:3

Revelation 3:3

3 'So remember what **you** have **received** and **heard**; and keep it, and **repent**.

Therefore (because of that) if **you** do not **wake up**, **I (Jesus) will come** like a **thief**, and **you** will not know at what **hour I will come** to **you**.

Chart **I (Jesus) will come** like a **thief**, Rev 3:3, 16:15, 1 Thes 5:15, 2 Pet 3:10, Matt 24:43-44, Lk 12:39-40

if **you** do not **wake up**, **I (Jesus) will come** like a **thief**, Rev 3:3

you will not know at what **hour I will come** to **you**. Rev 3:3, Matt 24:43-44, Matt 25:13

Revelation 16:15

15 ("Behold, **I (Jesus) am coming** like a **thief**."

Blessed is the **one** who **stays awake** and keeps **his clothes**,

so that (Reason) **he** will not walk about **naked** and **men** will not see **his shame**." Rev 3:18

Chart **I (Jesus) am coming** like a **thief**

the **one** who **stays awake** and keeps **his clothes**, **so that he** will not walk **naked**, not **shamed**

Clothes Cover Shame (Self-Conscience feeling of Guilt) OR Cover Nakedness (Guilt Not revealed)

Adam and **Eve** were First Naked and NOT Ashamed, Gen 2:25, and Then Naked and Ashamed, Gen 3:7-11

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now as to the **times** and the **epochs**, **brethren**, **you** have no need of anything to be written to **you**.

2 For **you yourselves** know full well that **the day of the Lord** will come just like a **thief** in the **night**.

3 While **they** (**unbelievers**) are saying, "Peace and safety!" then **destruction** will come upon **them** suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and **they** (**unbelievers**) will not escape.

4 But **you**, **brethren**, are not in **darkness**, that **the day** would overtake **you** like a **thief**;

5 for **you** are all **sons of light** and **sons of day**. **We** are not of **night** nor of **darkness**;

6 so then let **us not sleep** as others do, but let **us** be **alert** and **sober**.

7 For **those** who sleep do **their** sleeping at **night**, and **those** who get drunk get drunk at **night**.

8 But since **we** (**believers**) are of **the day**, let **us** be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of **salvation**. Eph 6:13-19

9 For **God** has not destined **us** for **wrath**, but for obtaining **salvation** through **our Lord Jesus Christ**,

10 **who** died for **us**, **so that** whether **we** are **awake** or **asleep**, **we** will live together with **Him**.

11 **Therefore** encourage **one another** and build up **one another**, just as **you** also are doing.

Chart **Brethren** (**believers**), **the day of the Lord** will come just like a **thief** in the **night**. 1 Thes 5:2

they (**unbelievers**) are saying, "Peace and safety!" then **destruction** will come upon **them**, 1 Thes 5:3

they (**unbelievers**) will not escape, 1 Thes 5:3

You, **brethren**, are not in **darkness**, that **the day** would overtake **you** like a **thief**, 1 Thes 5:4

let **us not sleep** as others do, but let **us** be **alert** and **sober**. 1 Thes 5:6

those (**unbelievers**) who **sleep** do **their** sleeping at **night**, 1 Thes 5:7

God has not destined **us** for **wrath**, but for obtaining **salvation** through **our Lord Jesus Christ**, 1 Thes 5:9

God has not destined **us** (**believers**) for **His wrath** or **His** Righteous **Anger** and **Punishment**

2 Peter 3:10-12

10 But **the day of the Lord** will come just like a **thief**, in which the **heavens** will pass away with a roar and the elements will be **destroyed** with intense **heat**, and **the earth** and **its** works will be **burned** up.

11 Since **all these things** (**heavens** and **earth**) are to be **destroyed** in this way, what sort of **people** ought **you** to be in **holy conduct** and **godliness**,

12 **looking** for and **hastening the coming of the day of God**,

Chart **the day of the Lord** will come, 2 Pet 3:10

the **heavens** will be **destroyed** by **burning**, the **elements** will **melt** with intense **heat**! 2 Pet 3:10

the heavens will pass away, the earth will be burned up. 2 Pet 3:10
all these things (heaven and earth) are to be destroyed in this way (burning), 2 Pet 3:11

Matthew 24:42-44

42 “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

43 “But be sure of this,
that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming,
he would have been on the alert Rev 3:3, Matt 25:13
and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

44 “For this reason you (Israel) also must be ready;
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do Not think He will.

Chart the thief is coming, be on the alert and be ready, Matt 24:43, 25:13, Rev 3:3,
you (Israel) also must be ready Matt 24:44
the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do Not think He will, Matt 24:44, Lk 12:40

Conclusion **Chart**

I (Jesus) will come like a thief, Rev 3:3, 16:15, 1 Thes 5:2, 2 Pet 3:10, Matt 24:43-44, Lk 12:39-40

“Like a thief” is a Simile Metaphor, Jesus is Compared to a thief

Thieves Come at an hour when you do Not think they will.

Jesus will Come at an hour when you do Not think He will, Matt 24:44, Lk 12:40

Q1: WHY be Alert and Ready ?

Compare Parable of 10 Virgins, Matt 25:1-13

A: Because, you will Not know at what hour I (Jesus) will come to you. Rev 3:3, Matt 24:43-44, Matt 25:13

Q2: HOW will Jesus Come ?

A: the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night, 1 Thess 5:2,

Therefore, “the day of the Lord” is the Day when Jesus will Come Again, His Second Coming

Q3: WHAT kind of Day will it be for People on Earth?

A: It will be a Day of destruction, that will come upon (unbelievers), they will not escape, 1 Thes 5:3
they (unbelievers) are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them, 1 Thes 5:3

Q4: WHAT kind of Day will it be for the Heavens and the Earth?

A: the day of the Lord will come, 2 Pet 3:10

the heavens will be destroyed by burning, the elements will melt with intense heat ! 2 Pet 3:10

the heavens will pass away, the earth will be burned up. 2 Pet 3:10, Rev 21:1

all these things (heaven and earth) are to be destroyed in this way (burning), 2 Pet 3:11

Q5: HOW should we respond to knowing this Day is Coming?

A: Be on the alert, be ready, looking for and hastening the Day, Matt 24:42, 44, 2 Peter 3:12,

stay awake and keep clothes (not naked), wake up, Rev 16:15, Rev 3:3

let us not sleep as others (unbelievers) do, but let us (believers) be alert and sober. 1 Thes 5:6

Q6: Will this time be a Day of Destruction, upon Believers as well as Unbelievers ? ,

A: Unbelievers and will be subject to God’s Wrath, but Believers will Not be. **Q:** WHY Not Believers ?

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but (destined) for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.”

“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.” 1 Thes 5:9-11

Q7: Why won’t this Day of God’s Wrath and Vengeance, be upon Believers ?

A: Because The Lord takes vengeance and reserves wrath for His adversaries and His enemies

“A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful.

The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.” Nahum 1:2

Q8: Is there another reason, this Day of God's Wrath and Vengeance, won't be upon Believers ?

A: Because Jesus will deal out retribution to those (unbelievers) who do not know God, 2 Thes 1:6–10

2 Thessalonians 1:6–10

6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you (believers),

7 and to give relief to you (believers) who are afflicted

and to us (believers) as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven

with His mighty angels in flaming fire, (2nd Coming) Jude 1:14-15

8 dealing out retribution to those (unbelievers) who do not know God

and to those (unbelievers) who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 These (unbelievers) will pay the penalty of eternal destruction,

away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when He comes (2nd Coming) to be glorified in His saints on that day,

and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

Q9: Is there still another reason, this Day of God's Wrath and Vengeance, won't be upon Believers ?

A: Because Jesus will execute judgment upon all ungodly sinners, Jude 14–15

Jude 14–15

14 It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying,

“Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,

15 to execute judgment upon all,

and to convict all the ungodly (unbelievers) of all their ungodly deeds

which they (unbelievers) have done in an ungodly way,

and (convict them) of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

Chart

BELIEVERS, GOD'S PEOPLE, WERE AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO GOD'S WRATH

Believers, God's People, were NOT subject to God's Wrath > in Noah's Flood, Lk 17:26-27

Believers, God's People, were NOT subject to God's Wrath > in Sodom and Gomorrah, Lk 17:28-29

Believers, God's People, will NOT be subject to God's Wrath > at His Second Coming, Lk 17:30

Believers, God's People, are (destined) for salvation (deliverance from punishment + sin), 1 Thes 5:9

(saved) so that (purpose) whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.” 1 Thes 5:11

Believers, God's People, will NOT be subject to God's Wrath >

Because only for His adversaries and His enemies, Nahum 1:2

Because Jesus will deal out retribution to those (unbelievers) who do not know God, 2 Thes 1:6–10

Because Jesus will execute judgment upon all ungodly sinners, Jude 14–15

Read Revelation 3:7-13

- I. 7 “And to the angel (man, messenger) of the church (assembly) in Philadelphia write:
- A. He (Jesus)
 - 1. who is holy, who is true,
 - 2. (Jesus) who has the key of David, Isa 22:22, Rev 1:18, Matt 16:19
 - 3. (Jesus) who opens and no one will shut, 3:8
 - 4. and (Jesus) who shuts and no one opens,
 - B. (Jesus) says this:
 - C. 8 ‘I know your deeds. 3:1’
 - 1. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, 3:7
 - 2. because you have a little power, and have kept My word,
 - 3. and have not denied My name.
 - 4. 9 ‘Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, 2:9
 - 5. who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—
 - 6. I will make them come and bow down at your feet,
 - 7. and make them know that I have loved you.
 - D. 10 ‘Because you have kept the word of My perseverance,
 - 1. I also will keep you (Philadelphia Church) from the hour of testing (trial),
 - a. that hour which is about to come upon the whole world,
 - i. to test (tempt) those who dwell on the earth. 6:10, 8:13, 11:10, 13:14, 17:2, 17:8, Lk 21:35
 - E. 11 ‘I (Jesus) am coming quickly (soon);
 - 1. hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.
 - F. 12 ‘He who overcomes,
 - 1. I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God,
 - 2. and he will not go out from it anymore;
 - 3. and I will write on him the name of My God,
 - 4. and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem,
 - a. which comes down out of heaven from My God,
 - 5. and (write on him) My new name.
 - G. 13 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (assemblies).’

Philadelphia - Located in modern day Turkey on a hillside about 30 mi. SE of Sardis, the city (modern Alashehir) was founded around 190 B.C. by Attalus II, king of Pergamos. His unusual devotion to his brother earned the city its name, “brotherly love.” Its chief deity was Dionysus, the god of wine.

Commendation: 3:8-9

Jesus says, I know your (Philadelphia Churches’) deeds, 3:8

“you have a little power, and have kept My word and have not denied My name”, 3:8

“you have kept the word of My perseverance”, 3:10 and “that I (Jesus) have loved you”, 3:9

Reproof: 3:8

There is no word of Reproof, though Jesus said, I know that you have little power, 3:8

Exhortation: 3:12

There is no obvious Exhortation

Promise: 3:10

Jesus Promises the Church, “I also will keep you from the hour of testing (trial),

that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

Also “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God”

“he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God”

“(write on him) the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, and (write on him) My new name.”

**I WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TESTING,
OF THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH, Rev 3:10-11**

Jesus tells the Philadelphia Church: Because they have kept the word of His perseverance, 3:10
He will keep them (Philadelphia Church) from the hour of testing (trial), 3:10
that hour (of testing) which is about to come upon the whole world, 3:10
(that hour of testing) “to test (tempt) those who dwell on the earth”, 3:10

Q: WHO are “those who dwell on the earth” or WHO are the earth dwellers, in 3:10 ?

A: “those who dwell on the earth” **Chart**

Refers to: **Unbelievers** and Not the **Believers** and Not the **Church**, 17:8

Refers to: **those who dwell on the earth**, whose name has not been written in the **book of life**, 17:8

Refers to: **those Unbelievers** who are **judged/punished** and subject to the **wrath** of **God**

Refers to: **those Unbelievers** in the **Book of Revelation**, 6:10, 8:13, 11:10, 13:14, 17:2, 17:8

Refers to: **those Unbelievers** who receive the **Judgements** in **Revelation**

Luke 21:35

35 for it (Tribulation) will come upon all those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the face of all the earth.

Revelation 6:10

10 and they (Believers) cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from **judging** and **avenging** our **blood** on those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth ?”

Revelation 8:13

13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice,
“Woe, woe, woe to those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth,
because of the remaining blasts of the **trumpet** (judgements)
of the three angels who are about to sound!”

Revelation 11:10

10 And those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them (2 witnesses) and celebrate;
and they (Unbelievers) will send gifts to one another,
because these two prophets tormented those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth.

Revelation 13:14

14 And he deceives those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth
because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the **beast**,
telling those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth to make an image to the **beast**
who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 17:2

2 with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality,
and those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality.”

Revelation 17:8

8 “The **beast** that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to **destruction**.
And those (Unbelievers) who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the **book of life**
from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the **beast**, that he was and is not and will come.

Q2: WHAT is “that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, in 3:10 ?
to test those who dwell on the earth?”

A: “that hour which is about to come upon the whole world” **Chart**

Refers to: Events in **Revelation 6** thru **Revelation 19** concerning **God’s Judgement** on **Men** and **Earth**

Refers to: a Time of “**Tribulation**” before **Jesus’ Second Coming**, **Matt 24:21, 24:29**

Refers to: a Time before the **Son of Man Comes with Power** and **Great Glory**, **Matt 24:30, Lk 21:27**

The Seventh Epistle: to the (7th messenger) of the Church (7th assembly) in Laodicea

Read Revelation 3:14–22

- I. 14 “To the angel (man, messenger) of the church (assembly) in Laodicea write:
- A. (Jesus)
 - 1. (Jesus) The Amen,
 - 2. (Jesus) the faithful and true Witness,
 - 3. (Jesus) the Beginning of the creation of God,
 - B. (Jesus) says this:
 - C. 15 ‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; 3:1
 - 1. I wish that you were cold or hot.
 - 2. 16 ‘So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold,
 - 3. I will spit (vomit) you out of My mouth.
 - D. 17 ‘Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,”
 - 1. and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,
 - E. 18 I advise you
 - 1. to buy from Me gold refined by fire
 - a. so that you may become rich,
 - 2. and (to buy) white garments
 - a. so that you may clothe yourself,
 - b. and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; 3:18, 16:15
 - 3. and (to buy) eye salve to anoint your eyes
 - a. so that you may see.
 - F. 19 ‘Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline;
 - 1. therefore be zealous and repent.
 - G. 20 ‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
 - 1. if anyone hears My voice and opens the door,
 - a. I will come in to him and will dine (eat) with him, and he with Me.
 - H. 21 ‘He who overcomes,
 - 1. I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne,
 - a. as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
 - A. 22 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (assemblies).’

Laodicea - Located in modern day Turkey became the **wealthiest**, most important commercial center in the region known for banking, wool, and medicine which played a major part in Jesus Reproving them. An inadequate local water supply forced the city to build an underground aqueduct. Laodicea was located on the road to **Colosse** about 40 miles southeast of **Philadelphia**. About 35 years before this letter was written, **Laodicea** was destroyed by an earthquake, but it had the **wealth** and ability to rebuild. There is no record that **Paul** ever visited this city, but he was concerned about it (**Col 2:1–2; Col 4:13-16**).

Commendation:

No Obvious Commendation

Reproof: 3:16-7

You are Lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, but wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

Exhortation: 3:18-19

Buy from **Jesus**, refined **gold**, **white garments** to cover your **nakedness**. [See **White Garments**, this Lesson.] and **eye salve** so that **you** may see. Be zealous, and repent.

Promise: 3:21

He who **overcomes** **Jesus** will dine (eat) with **him** and **he** will sit on **Jesus’ Throne**, like **He** sat on **Father’s Throne**.