

## The Generation of the Upright are those that stand up or are First Revelation 3

### INTRODUCTION:

The annals of time chronicle the generation of the upright (righteous) from the Adamic era, who was given dominion, authority, and power over all the earth and every living creature, **Genesis 1: 26 & 28**. In that first week the Word of God, **the Alpha (The Beginning of the Creation of God)**, brought forth all things by His words and the breath of His mouth, except that on day six, He stooped and formed man of the dust of the ground and breathe into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul, made in His image and after His likeness, **Genesis 1: 26**. He only stooped to form man of the dust of the ground to record the doctrine of His death when He being fashioned in the form of a man humbled himself unto death as the corn which falls into the ground and perish and bring forth fruit, **John 12: 24**, this was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world, **Revelation 13: 8**, who would die on the same day, day six also known as Friday.

Every moment with every breath that Adam take was a thought, desire or a word of prayer offered to the **Author and Finisher** of his faith. Prayer was indeed the breath of his soul or life. He like His maker was a Preacher of righteousness 'calling out' (kaw-raw) his glory in the name of his subordinates and whatever names he gave them that were their names, **Genesis 2: 19-20**, as they bear the fruits of the traits so defined by his utterance. He too was co-creator defining the functions of the lower beings of his realm. When he first had the desire and thought of his mate, one to share his realm, the answer to his prayer came in these words of His maker: it is not good for man to be alone, therefore, I shall make him an help meet, **Genesis 2: 18**.

Every desire, thought and word of faith is fulfilled and come to past in the lives of those who like God wrought by faith. Such is prayer let it be the breath of the soul. Let every vision seen, every sound heard, every aroma scented, every texture felt and every thing tasted, let it exhale and result in the glory of and to God. The 'Woman' so called because she was taken 'out of man' was to the glory of man and the answer to his prayer: desire and thought. She was named or kaw-raw by Adam, Eve, meaning: the mother of all living, **Genesis 3: 20**.

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She was so called as Adam received a living embodiment of his faith in Eve which spoke to the means by which God made all living things. **Faith** is the Mother of all living.

When they both fell because they did not pray: resist the devil and he will flee from thee, **James 4: 7**; it is written man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceed out of the mouth of God, **Matthew 4: 4**, their descendants did not abandon **the faith** for it is recorded that with Seth and Enos, then began men to call upon the **Name of the Lord**, **Genesis 4: 26**. Prayer was the breath of their souls. By the time of the 7<sup>th</sup>, **Luke 3: 37-38**, from Adam, Enoch, the walk with God, every waking or sleeping moment was perfected and so Enoch walked with God and was not for God took him, for before he had this testimony that he pleased God, **Genesis 5: 24**. This eventually ended in the flood, three generations after, and the salvation of Noah, his wife and their triplets and their wives.

The Tower of Babel was built by the post-diluvians, Nimrod, the great hunter as its head. They imagined a Tower that reached unto the heavens as the basis for their worship of the heavenly hosts and to protect them from another flood. These neglected and cast away the **Name of the Lord** which is as a strong Tower the righteous run into and are saved, **Proverbs 18: 10**. Yet there were among them those who still held to the faith of their forefathers. Among them was Terah, 10 generations after the flood, who lived 70 years and begat triplets: Abram, Nahor and Tehran, **Genesis 11: 26**. Abram was renamed by God as Abraham, **Genesis 17: 5**, the father of many nations. His descendants are Isaac, whose sons are: Esau and Jacob. Jacob was renamed Israel, **Genesis 35: 10**. Israel became the prototype for the nations that fear the Lord, His example of those who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth: for God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth, **John 4: 24**.

To Israel is given this promise: as the new heavens and new earth shall remain before Me, even so shall your seed and your Name. And it shall come to pass that from one Sabbath to another and from one new moon to another shall all flesh come and worship before me, **Isaiah 66: 22**.

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So to Israel was committed the Oracles (His Law and Precepts) of God, **Romans 3: 2**, and God by them established His **Spiritual Kingdom or Theocracy** until they like Adam fell, by the 49<sup>th</sup> generation, and were taken captives by the descendants of Babel now called Babylon who were now allowed as the **Genesis or First of Heathen nations** to have worldwide dominion, authority and power as the nation of Israel once had. Eventually, they destroyed Jerusalem and the First Sanctuary or Temple to fulfil the 'the thus saith the Lord' and took all who were not killed as captives to Babylon, among whom were the 'seed of Israel'. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, who heated the furnace one seven times, at that time, had a 7 times period pass over him and eventually became the servant of the Most High God, **Daniel 4: 16**. His grand-son Belteshazzar, however, did not learn from the experiences of his grandfather and continued in his idolatrous way desecrating the sacred and holy things of God's Temple which resulted in his kingdom being numbered and he being weighed, was found wanting and so the Kingdom under the whole heaven passed to the **Medes and Persians**.

The two nations of the Medes and Persians formed this one kingdom as prefigured in the Ram with the two high horns by the river, **Daniel 8: 3**. The Two in one Ram was for the expressed purpose of the whole burnt ram offering, **Exodus 29: 18 and Leviticus 8: 21**, and consecration ram for the re-commencement of the Ministry of the Priesthood, **Exodus 29: 22-27 and Leviticus 8: 22-29**, back at Jerusalem when Israel would go 'out' from Babylon and return to rebuild Jerusalem and **the Second Sanctuary**. Therefore, the **Medes and Persians**, whose law alters not, **Daniel 6: 8, 12 and 15**, is the **Exothos of Heathen Kingdoms** when like in Egypt Israel would go 'out' into the land of Canaan. The Law of faith as recorded in the book of Exodus like the laws of the Medes and Persians changes not.

These two nations were used by God as the rams for the whole burnt offering and consecration ram to recommence the Ministry of the Priesthood, after He had accomplished **70 years** in the desolation of Jerusalem, **Jeremiah 25: 11**, according to 'the thus saith the Lord'. The Prophet Daniel saw in vision that: 70 weeks are determined upon his people, **Daniel 9: 24**, and from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem unto the Messiah shall be 7 weeks, three score and two weeks (69 weeks) the street shall be built again and the wall even in troublous times.

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And that after the three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off and not for himself and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the Sanctuary and end shall be with a flood and to the end of the war desolations are determined, **Daniel 9:25-26**.

Daniel saw this vision when he served in the Kingdom of the Medes and Persians that God reckoned 70 weeks or 70 times 7, His longsuffering not willing that any should perish, **2 Peter 3: 9 (Matthew 18: 21-22)**, which is the period or era of 7 generations as one generation is considered to have a life span of 70 years, **Psalms 90: 10**. Much in the same way John saw the vision of Revelation and received the 7 messages for the 7 Churches throughout the generations from the time of the vision unto now. The time began in the reign of the fourth Kingdom after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension and outpouring of the Holy Ghost. So God would repeat His longsuffering as He had demonstrated for Israel in the 7 last generations (70 years each) to the whole world, the heathen nations, in the messages to the 7 Churches.

The rough he-goat with the notable horn between the eyes is the first King of Grecia, **Daniel 8: 5 and 21**, whom we know to be Alexander the Great. The parallels in Alexander's birth, life, espousal, and death to that of Jesus or Yeshua, the Christ or Messiah are remarkable. See the record in the other writings on the website in the Penta-tuech of Kingdoms. When the notable horn was broken for it four stood up out of his kingdom but not within his power on the four corners of the earth and out of one of them came a little-horn, **Daniel 8:8, 22 and 11: 4**. Now if the first king was a goat then those that came out of his kingdom must be goat like. Therefore, the little horn is a goat which took over the other three coordinates beside the quadrant which he already occupied. This means the **little horn goat** would rule the whole world.

There is yet a service in the Sanctuary that uses two goats, **Leviticus 16: 7-9**. It is the services of the Day of Atonement or Judgement when the sanctuary is cleansed and whosoever did not afflict their souls would be cut off or destroyed. The first he-goat with the notable horn between the eyes with its parallels to Jesus, the Messiah, represents the **Lord's Goat** or **Levi's Kingdom** which speaks to His Ministry or Priesthood. This is the third heathen nation Kingdom which had world wide dominion, authority and power under the whole heaven.

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The little horn goat Kingdom which took over after, being the fourth heathen kingdom which now has world dominion, authority and power under the whole heaven, is the **scape-goat or Numbers Kingdom** in which satan will have his way. But it is in this Kingdom in which we are now that the servants of God will be numbered on the four corners of the earth and be sealed, **Revelation 7**, before its destruction. I pray that you would have seen how the Lord has confirmed the things which were written afore time in the Kingdoms of the World that you may know of the certainty of the things to which I speak. So by now you should know that the things written in the Law, the Penta-teuch, the five books of Moses, are the Words of God, and they are Spirit and life, **John 6:63**. Our whole livelihood is constituted by them. So far the first four kingdoms have been constituted then most definitely, the fifth, the Kingdom of God, the Deuteros, is sure and of a certainty to come to past. How will you stand in that kingdom?

**The Alpha** who has wrought all things, for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all he might have the **pre-eminence, Colossians 1: 16-18**. I say to you He is also **the Omega or Deuteros** (last), who will bring all things to it certain conclusion or end as recorded in the annals of the Spirit of Prophecy. It is He who was from the Beginning, **Genesis 1: 1**, and who in the end, sent His angel to His servant John who convey this blessing; the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, Amen, **Revelation 22: 21**.

From Adam unto Abraham's father there are **20 generations** according to **Luke 3: 34-38**. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations, **Matthew 1: 17**. So, therefore, according to the foregoing, there were 61 (20 + 14 times 3 less 1-overlap generation) 'generations' unto Jesus Christ, the Messiah, reckon from one of his parent, **Matthew 1: 1-17**, who came from the lineage of Solomon, **v6**, one of David's son (and 76 'generations' from the other parent, **Luke 3: 24-38**, who came through the lineage of Nathan, **v31**, one of David's son).

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The last 7 of these generations is what is made reference to in the 70 weeks or '70 times 7' are determined as mentioned before, given a generation is considered as having a life span of 70 years, **Psalms 90: 10**. So, like Enoch was translated being (the first) 7<sup>th</sup> generation from Adam, God had made a similar window or door of opportunity for the whole nation of Israel, by the life, death and resurrection of the Messiah, to be translated, him being the last of the 7<sup>th</sup> or last generation of the upright: Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy, **Daniel 9: 24**.

But Israel failed miserably and the strong man let loose 'the scapegoat' upon the whole world to trample under foot and to tread down the whole courtyard (earth) of Creation's Sanctuary, **Revelation 11:1-3**. So instead of adjuring by their **7 last generations as Enoch and others did in the first 7 generations the choice was made like Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, not to break off their sins by righteousness, and their iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; that it may be a lengthening of their tranquillity, Daniel 4: 27, but instead to have 7 times pass over them as was the case for him, Daniel 4: 16, 23, 25 & 32.**

In light of that the 7 messages of the 7 Churches (or '7 times' period) is given in what historicists reckon as the 7 last period or era of time to pass over the earth unto the Second Coming of Christ. The reckoning is now noted:

- 1 **EPHESUS (Relax, let go)-ERA OF APOSTLES: EPHESUS** was the church of the Apostles. It represents God's Church for the **first century (100 years)**. During this century the church grew with incredible speed. Historian Gibbon says that there were up to six million Christians in the empire when the century ended. And Paul said that they had taken the gospel to the entire world, **Colossians 1: 5, 6, 23**.
- 2 **SMYRNA (Myrrh, bitter)-ERA OF PERSECUTION: SMYRNA** covers the church from about **100 A.D. through 313 A.D.**, and was a period of fearful persecution and martyrdom for the church. The Roman Empire considered Christianity illegal and attempted to stamp it out. Only God knows how many of His children were decapitated, burned, fed to lions and slain with the sword.

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The church in this era lived so close to Jesus that he gave them no reproof. He did, however, give them blessed words of encouragement.

- 3 **PERGAMOS (Married to tower)-PERGAMOS covers the church during the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and the first decade of the 6<sup>th</sup> centuries.** It is the era of state supported religion and compromise. Christianity had grown so rapidly that Roman leaders felt insecure. In some places, Christians were outnumbering pagans. The Roman Emperor, Constantine, and his entire army were baptized and joined the Christian faith. Satan could not destroy the church by persecution, so he corrupted it by popularity, compromise and worldly alliance. Pagan beliefs and practices came into the church, and these heathen influences so changed the church that it lost its spiritual power. Pergamos was called satan's seat because it was the capital of the Roman province, and thus, also, the headquarters of its heathen religion. The Lord rebuked the church living in this period for permitting false teachings to flourish.
- 4 **THYATIRA (Continual sacrifice)-ERA OF APOSTACY: THYATIRA covers a time period of about 1,000 years, from the sixth through the fifteenth centuries—the longest period of any of the seven churches.** This period is sometimes called the **Dark Ages**. It was a time of fearful apostasy. The Lord rebuked the church of this era for opening its doors to an evil woman (Jezebel) who corrupted the church.
- 5 **SARDIS (come out or that remains; sard: A clear or translucent, deep orange-red to brownish-red variety of chalcedony. Also called sardius)-ERA OF REFORMATION: SARDIS embraces Christianity in the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and the first of part of the 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries.** It covers the crucial period of reformation, when spirit-filled men of God shook the world with their messages. The Bible, God's book, was once again brought back into favour, and Christian beliefs were tested by it. Some of these men founded great church denominations that still exist today. But, alas, when these men died, their followers, instead of prayerfully seeking for more truth, abandoned part of what they already possessed and the church went backwards with astounding rapidity.

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- 6 **PHILADELPHIA (brotherly love)-ERA OF REVIVAL:** The Philadelphia era of the church covers the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the first half of the 19 century. It is the era of the birth and expansion of foreign missions. Both the American and British Bibles Societies were organized during this time, and missionaries began encircling the world. Great revival preachers like Wesley and Whitefield helped spark a global revival. World-wide study of the books of Daniel and Revelation expanded the revival into the greatest since Pentecost. The name 'Philadelphia' or 'brotherly love' is indeed, fitting for this time period. As Jesus looked at His church in this period He offered no reproof.
- 7 **LAODICEA (people of justice or judgement)-CHRISTIANS TODAY:** **LAODICEA** – the heart beats a bit faster when we consider this era of the seven churches, because Laodicea represent the church today. The words to Laodicea are Jesus' direct counsel and reproof for Christians living now. He knows what our Spiritual problems are, and what the solutions are. He knows what we need, and He lovingly offers His assistance.

And so these '7 times' period passes over the earth for its inhabitants to know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and He sets up the basest of men (as demonstrated in the four earthly kingdoms as fashioned according to His Law), to the intent we may all know that the heavens do rule, **Daniel 4: 26**. During the '7 times' period the Two Witnesses of the Day and Night will give their Testimony or prophesy: day after day utters speech and night after night shows knowledge and there is no speech nor language were their voices are not heard, **Psalms 19: 2-3**. The '7 times' period are of similar duration for 'night and day' or darkness and light, viz.: half of 7 times, that is '3 ½ times', for example '3 ½ times' of darkness as revealed in the Dark Ages and '3 ½ times' of light as revealed in the Messiah's Ministry while on earth.



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So then, as Nebuchadnezzar was 'cast down' and at the end of his days 'he lifted up his eyes,' **Daniel 4: 34**, this is best described by the phases or seasons that the earth passes through as it orbits the sun each year, tilting its 'head' approximately 23.5 degrees forward or bowing down during summer in the northern hemisphere and tilting backwards 23.5 degrees, lifting up its 'face' exposing the southern hemisphere to summer while up north experiences its winter. Thus, as the earth experiences its seasons of summer, being hot, bowing its head in prayer, and its winter, being cold, lifting its head and hand in praise, so the inhabitants of the earth will come to know the Most High through their prayers and praises which they will offer only to Him after the '7 times' period passes over the earth. Thus, the generation of the upright are born again and expands as illustrated by Nebuchadnezzar in the **Genesis of heathen kingdoms**.

The '7 times' period is what is constituted by the 7 days of the week. The Two Witnesses is also constituted thereby in the separation of darkness from light: the darkness is called Night and the light is called Day; and the greater Light which rules over the Day, the Sun, typifies the Heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus, **Psalms 19: 4-5**, and the Lesser light which rules over the Night, His Bride, the Church, **Genesis 1: 16 and Revelation 12: 1**, or the Moon, which together with the other nine planets reflects the light of the Sun and the light of the stars light up the sky against its background of darkness or sackcloth to give light upon the earth to its inhabitants. Remember, the sun and its nine planets typify the **Decalogue** and the starry hosts in the outer sides of the heavens typify the **Pentateuch**. These Two is what constitutes the Torah Torah or Law (the precepts or statutes especially the Decalogue and Pentateuch).

The Decalogue testifies of the works of righteousness that are approved of God and the Pentateuch testifies of the things which God will fulfil or perform, His Testimony. Both constitute the Old and New Testament or Covenants. As recorded in Creation the Testimony of these Two provides light to the inhabitants of the earth and '7 times' is what is needed for all things to be wrought or completed by God as demonstrated at Creation.

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So by Jesus, the High Priest, Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary via the Holy Ghost, His Church is empowered for and witness of His life, death, burial and resurrection, preaching and teaching all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things which He has commanded, and lo, He is with us even to the end of the world, **Matthew 28: 20**. So as the **Alpha and Omega**, called out or 'kaw-raw' in the beginning and all things were wrought, even so the Generation of the Upright, the Preachers of righteousness are commissioned to call out or preach to bring forth His new creation.

In the current age of **Laodicea** we have reached the 21<sup>st</sup> division of time or century. At the turn of the century (when the 20<sup>th</sup> Century ended) Bob Marley's '**Exodus**' album was voted the album of that century, **Reference**. Do you see a similarity in this and Jacob (Israel) and his family who returned or made the **Exodus** to Canaan after the 20<sup>th</sup> year, in the 21<sup>st</sup> year to inhabitant the Promised Land? Remarkable!

I do believe that we are in the last days and we need to get on our sprinting shoes as the last moments shall be, indeed, rapid ones as that of the 100 yards or meters sprint in which the last harvest of the 153 big fishes shall be drawn to the shore by the Fishers of Mankind, the Messengers of the Last Days, **John 21**.

So then the generation of the upright, those who stand up in righteousness are as He who is the beginning of the creation of God, **the Alpha**. Yea, these like him are holy and true, having the key of David whatever they bind upon earth is bound in heaven and whatever they loose upon earth is loose in heaven (prayer). They like him are the **Amen or Last**, faithful and true Witnesses or Messengers who overcomes and will sit down with Him on His Throne as He overcame and sat down with His Father on His Throne. These are they among those that remain, being the remnant that shall stand in the great day of the wrath of God. They speak the truth in love and have grown up in Christ in all things; they have come unto the measure of Christ or the Good Samaritan unto the fullness of His stature unto a perfect or Sheh-bah Man. The Good Samaritan of course is he who loves his neighbour or brother. Six verses in this Chapter addresses **Sardis**; 7 verses **Philadelphia** and 9 verses **Laodicea**. It will be done on the Deuterios (second or last) or recount basis.

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“**Sardis**: the metropolis of Lydia in Asia Minor. It stood on the river Pactolus, at the foot of mount Tmolus. Here was one of the seven Asiatic churches It is now a ruin called Sert-Kalessi. Sardis or Sardes (Lydian: Sfarid; Greek: Σάρδεις, Sardeis; Persian: سارد , **Sārd**: meaning **come out or that remains**; sard: **A clear or translucent, deep orange-red to brownish-red variety of chalcedony. Also called sardius**) was an ancient city at the location of modern Sart (Sartmahmut before 19 October 2005) in Turkey's Manisa Province. Sardis was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia,[1] one of the important cities of the Persian Empire, the seat of a proconsul under the Roman Empire, and the metropolis of the province Lydia in later Roman and Byzantine times. As one of the Seven churches of Asia, it was addressed by the author of the Book of Revelation in terms which seem to imply that its population was notoriously soft and fainthearted. Its importance was due, first to its military strength, secondly to its situation on an important highway leading from the interior to the Aegean coast, and thirdly to its commanding the wide and fertile plain of the Hermus.

**Philadelphia**: As an ancient city, Philadelphia was not as ancient as many of the other cities of Asia Minor. It was founded in 189 BC along one of the roads that led to the east toward Pisidia. The city has had a number of names through its existence: "Philadelphia", to honor Attalus II who was honored for his loyalty with the nickname Philadelphos, **literally one who loves his brother**, by his elder brother, Eumenes II, king of Lydia; "Decapolis", as it was considered one of the ten cities of the plain of Lydia; "Neo-kaisaria", during the first century; and "Flavia", during the reign of the Roman emperor Vespasian. Its modern name is "Alashehir". In 133 BC, the city passed into the control of the Romans. It was during the few centuries before Christ that Jewish families settled in the cities of western Asia Minor and among whom the apostles, notably Ss. Paul and John the Theologian, visited, labored, and established the first Christian churches. Their efforts are reflected in mention of Philadelphia among the Seven Churches in John's Book of Revelation. The renown of Philadelphia is further attested as the place that St. Ignatius of Antioch visited on his trip to his martyrdom in Rome and to which he sent a letter. However, being located in the area of the Anatolian fault, Philadelphia suffered greatly through the ages from earthquakes. An earthquake in the year 17 was so devastating that **the Roman emperor Tiberius** relieved the city of having to pay taxes. Philadelphia remained a prosperous city into Byzantine times.

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About the year 600, the domed Basilica of St. John was built. But, by the eleventh century, the city had been captured by the Seljuk Turks and, although recovered by Eastern Roman emperor Alexius I, the city would continue as a prize among the warring forces until finally taken by the Turks in 1338, and became Alashehir.

**Laodicea** is the name of a city in Asia Minor that wasn't too far from Colosse. The name of the city is a compound Greek word: **laos** means **people, nation, or crowd**; **dike** means **custom, law, judgment, penalty, or punishment**, depending on the context. From that, most conclude that the founders of Laodicea saw themselves as a **people of justice or law-abiding people**. Since Laodicea was one of the seven churches of Asia selected to be mentioned in Jesus' letters in **Revelation 2 and 3**, you will find people who try to make a case that there were hidden meanings behind the names of the cities. It is more a problem of what comes first. People sometimes name their towns to reflect what is important to them. Sometimes the name of a place shapes the values of the people living there. But sometimes the two are just not connected at all.

You have to be careful not to stretch a meaning too far. It is clear to me that each letter uses what a city is noted for as an illustration of the problems that exist in that particular church. In Laodicea's case, it was a banking and financial center; which meant was quite wealthy. When an earthquake destroyed parts of the city in 61 A. D., it refused aid from Rome and used its own resources to rebuild. It had a large clothing industry. The sheep in the area were noted for their soft, violet-black, glossy wool. It also had a famous medical center noted for its treatments of the eyes and ears. It was a popular retirement area for the wealthy. Because these people had retired, they concluded they had served their purpose and had reached their goal. As a result, they were indifferent to social issues of their day. One historian, Ramsay, describes Laodicea as a city of no extremes; a city that had no peculiar characteristics unless this lack of character was its character. One other factor that Jesus uses is that the water supply for the city came from hot mineral springs about five miles from the city. By the time the water reached the city, it was only slightly warm.

The warm sulphur water was unpleasant to the taste and smell. Knowing this, the illustrations Jesus picked while talking about the problems in the church at Laodicea were particularly memorial to the people living there. "end of quote.

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There were these among them that hath an ear to hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches, these shall stand up, be still, continue or remain in the day of the wrath of God: these are the Remnant that is left or shall continue. Notice that the **6 precepts within the border of the measuring rod (at the end) is common to all three Churches in this Chapter hence the Deuterios (last) or recount** is used to review the chapter. A similar situation existed for the **first four Churches as the 3rd precept: Genesis (Birth, Beginning or Pre-eminence: First), was common in Chapter 2** to the first four Churches in that chapter. Hence the appellation: **First (four) and Last (three)**, will also be applicable to the Remnant as their Lord. Also notice that **Chapters 2 and 3** ends with the same verse: He that hath an ear; let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

Who know of the union between Christ and His people? The Lord is in the generation of the righteous, **Psalms 14: 5**. The promise is given Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world, **Matthew 28: 20**. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you again, **John 14: 18**. When He the Spirit of truth is come He will guide you into all truth, **John 16: 13**. He shall be in you, **John 14: 17**, and shall be among you. The Lord by His Spirit is in the generation of the righteous or upright. By His breath they are made to stand!

Now this is the seven point union between Christ, the Heavenly Husbandman and His Bride:

- 1 As a wife, she is in **subjection to him, 1 Peter 3: 1**, this is her chaste conversation (**perfect or sheh-bah behaviour**) coupled with fear, **1 Peter 3:2**. An example is Sara who **obeyed** Abraham, obedience is golden.
- 2 She adorns herself not outwardly not with the plaiting of the hair, nor gold nor apparels but she adorns the inner man in that which is incorruptible with the **ornament of meekness, 1 Peter 3: 3-4**,
- 3 And a **quiet (peaceable) spirit** which in the sight of God is of great price.
- 4 after this manner in old time the holy women also, **who trusted in God** adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands, **1 Peter 3: 5, calling him Lord** (honouring, being respectful, esteeming, having due regard to their husband) as Sara did her husband, **1 Peter 3: 6**.

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- 5 Christ as the Heavenly husbandman not only **obeys the Word**, but **He is the Word of God**, **1 Peter 3: 1**, holy, faithful and true.
- 6 He deals with His bride **according to knowledge**, **1 Peter 3: 7**, showing understanding: saying in each instance, I know thy works, being willing to forgive: saying to her in each instance: repent.
- 7 And **also honours**, esteeming her highly for her faithfulness reminding her of the great value He places on her by his death and sacrifice.

This is the seven point union between Christ and His bride see if you can identify the same in the 7 messages to the 7 Churches.

### THE KEY OF DAVID: LOVE 'THE END' OF THE LAW

**V7** **And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia** (Philadelphoa comes from the Greek words 'phila' and 'delphia'. Phila means love and delphia means brother. Together it means the country of brotherly love) **write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;**

To the Messenger of the body of Christ in the country of brotherly love write; these things saith He that is holy: the knowledge of the holy is understanding, **Scripture Text**; He that is true, He that has the key of the Lover or David, He that opens and that which no man can shut; and shuts that which no man can open.

By His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many when He shall bear their iniquities, **Isaiah 53: 11**. The wages of sin is death, **Romans 6: 23**. But if a man does not sin being righteous and dies, shall not His death atone for the iniquities of others and shall not God be constrained to resurrect Him along with those that are His again from the grave? God was constrained after His Sabbath rest to call forth His Son, the Almighty Helper from the grave! Greater love hath no man than this than that one should die for his friends, **John 15: 13**.

By His death, therefore, we who believe are justified, and presented as faultless before the throne of God as if we have never sinned. Yea, love conquers all, love believes all things, love bears all things, love endures all things, love, shall never fail, **1 Corinthians 13: 8**. In the end love triumphs: this is the end or purpose of the law of God, **Romans 13: 8-10**. God is love and he that loves dwells in God and God in him, **1 John 4:16**. And perfect love casts out all fears, **1 John 4: 18**.

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This is the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ unto a perfect man; therefore, we must grow up in him in all things: speaking the truth in love, **Ephesians 4:13, 15**. We must be as those who are of Philadelphia or brotherly love. God's righteous servant, Christ who is holy and true by this knowledge and understanding which is **the key of David or one who loves, Isaiah 22: 22**, was able to open the grave which no man can shut for those who accepts His love and who in response becomes whole or perfected, holy and true and begins to love as He does.

This is the end of the whole matter, let us fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man for God will bring every secret thing into judgement, **Ecclesiastes 12: 13**. Conversely, the grave is shut by Him for those who reject His love substituting self esteem and other man made doctrines and no man can open it for them.

Have you yet identified who Yeshua, called Jesus is? Peter testified: thou are the Christ or Messiah, the Son of the Living God, **Matthew 16: 16**. Jesus knows each of us by name and nature and He is our Saviour, for He shall save His people, **Matthew 1: 21**. He says: upon this rock or truth or doctrine shall I build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, **Matthew 16: 18**. And I will give unto thee the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, **Matthew 16: 19**. We have already seen what the Key of David is, **Isaiah 22: 22**. Now what other keys do we have? The key of prayer: Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth (courtyard) as touching any thing that they shall a.s.k. (pray: ask and receive, seek and find, and knock and it shall be opened, **Matthew 7: 8**), it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven (Most Holy Place). For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them, **Matthew 18: 19-20**. Let us bear this in mind as we do the recount:

- 1 To the Messenger of the body of Christ that remains or Remnant, or those that come out write these things says He that has the seven Spirits and the seven Stars I know that thou has a name that thou are alive and are dead. If the people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, **2 Chronicles 7: 14**.

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For the Name of the Lord is a strong Tower which only the righteous can run in and are saved, **Proverbs 18: 10**. For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved, **Romans 10: 13**. We must not take the Name of the Lord in vain for He will not hold us guiltless, **Exodus 20: 7**. We must learn to pray or to call on the Name of the Lord, Jesus has the Sheh-bah Spirits and the Sheh-bah Messengers who report to Him. He knows what our needs and our works are. Learn to pray sincerely! The fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man avails much, **James 5: 16**. Be sincere in bearing the Name of the Remnant or Sardis.

- 2 We must be watchful to strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die. Like the Disciples we are called to watch unto prayer, **Matthew 26: 40-41**. Though the flesh is weak the Spirit is willing we must persevere in praying. Paul counsels we must pray without ceasing, **1 Thessalonians 5: 17**. All things are wrought by prayer. And God will give those who ask of Him the Holy Spirit, **Luke 11: 13**, and those who obey Him, **Acts 5: 32**. Remember, if any man has not the Spirit of Christ He is none of His, **Romans 8: 9**.
- 3 The 'how' we have received and heard is important and we are called to remember and to hold fast this means and to repent or change from doing the opposite. We could only have received the born again experience by being 'poor in spirit,' 'godly sorrowing,' and by an insatiable desire, hunger, and thirsting after righteousness that resulted in our calling upon the name of the Lord for salvation. If we do not remain watchful and instant in prayer, Jesus will come unto us like a thief in the night and we will not know at what hour He will come.
- 4 So those who maintain their faith which came by hearing and hearing by the word of God continues to search the Scriptures for they are they which testify of Christ and they do so with all their hearts and by fervent effectual prayer which results in them finding him (becoming like Him) and they being among the few who are chosen who did not defile their garments. These are they who adorned themselves in the things which are incorruptible even with a meek and quiet spirit.



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They shall receive a robe of light: white garments for they are worthy. They ask in prayer believing, **Matthew 21: 21-22**, and receives the gift of Christ righteousness. They experience His death to and for sin, his resurrection and life of righteousness.

5 The Ministry of the Levitical High Priest works in our behalf He first receives our prayers and presents them to God pleading and confessing our names before Him, if we remain in union with Him we will overcome and He promises to us a white garment and to retain our names in the book of life.

6 Do you have an ear? Then hear what the Spirit says to the body of Christ.

**THE AMEN (TRUTH, FAITHFUL, STEADFAST, SURE TO THE END) OR LAST WORD:**

**V14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans (laos means people, nation, or crowd; dike means custom, law, judgment, penalty, or punishment) write; these things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;**

And unto the Messenger of the body of Christ of the people of justice or judgement (for the last day) write; these things says the Amen, the so let it be or the Last Word, He who is the faithful (or trustworthy) and the true witness: upon whom the Spirit descended as a dove when He came up out of the water being baptized, **Matthew 3: 16-17**. Surely, this is His testimony or witness: Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be Witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and in the utmost most part of the earth, **Acts 1: 8**.

This was first fulfilled upon His Disciples and the Apostles, **Acts 2: 1-21**. The same is promised to us in the last or the latter rain being the people of the Judgement hour message, **Joel 2: 28-30**. He who has the Last (Final or End) Word was from the Beginning of the Creation of God, who by His words created the Heavens and by His breath the hosts thereof, for He spake and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast, **Psalms 33: 6 & 9**. He is the Omega (End) and the Alpha, the Beginning.

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We need to pay keen attention to His Final or Last Word (The Amen) in this hour of Judgement. Remember, He says the words I speak are Spirit and they are life, **John 6: 63**. At the end of every prayer the benediction comes from all, saying: Amen. All prayer presented to our Father in Heaven must be presented in the name of Jesus, who is the Amen, for whatever you shall ask in my Name my Father will do it, **John 15: 16 & 16: 23**. In this judgement hour, the antitypical Day of Atonement, we all are called to afflict our souls in prayer before the throne of the Father, offering such intercessory prayers in the Name of the Son of God, who is our Mediator and who was slain as the Lord's goat for our sins.

Whosoever shall not afflict his soul shall be cut off, **Leviticus 23: 28-29**. This will be borne in mind in doing the recount:

- 8 Jesus strength is made perfect in our weakness, **2 Corinthians 12: 9**, as He presents an open door, a way of escape, **1 Corinthians 10: 13**, that no man can shut, for all of His own who though they are weak and have little strength they persevere in prayer holding fast, being obedient to His word that they do not deny or take in vain his Name.
- 9 Even as with Jesus that after his agony and seasons of prayer that those who claim to be Jews but were not being of the synagogue of satan fell backwards as dead men before His disciples, **John 18: 1-8**, even so now they will fall down before and worship and acknowledge that Christ has loved us.
- 10 The brethren prayed that they entered not into temptation, **Matthew 26: 41**, and so was able to keep the word of Christ's patience, hence He promises also to keep us from the temptation that is coming upon the whole world to try all: he who abides in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty, **Psalms 91: 1**.
- 11 In light of Jesus' Coming being imminent we must hold that 'fast,' **Isaiah 58**, the triple fast: fast from food, from sin, and from work: keeping His Sabbath holy, this is how we pray without ceasing, adjuring, that no man take our adorning crown of life. Who knows how to adjure let them tell you the truth what I say? The Children of Israel adjured around the walls of Jericho and was heard; Naaman adjured and was heard, and Nebuchadnezzar adjured and the Son of Man was present in the fiery furnace.

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12 The promise given is to make us permanently what we practiced: living and having our being in God, being the Temple of the Holy Ghost, **1 Corinthians 6: 19**. We continually called upon the Name of the Lord in the Name of Jesus, we did not deny or forsake His Name but were faithful, therefore, we will be made a pillar in the temple of Jesus' Father, and His Name will be written upon us, and the Name of the New Jerusalem and Jesus' New Name. We are made kings and priests in His Temple, **Revelation 1: 6 and 5: 10**.

13 It was the Spirit who offered groaning which we could not be uttered by us interceding in our behalf when we prayed, **Romans 8: 26**. We that have an ear, will, therefore, hear what the Spirit says.

### THE THRONE OF SON AND THE FATHER: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**V21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.**

Those who overcome will be honoured and granted the opportunity to sit with Christ in His Throne even as He overcame, being victorious, and is now set down with our Father in His Throne. Those who finally overcome are those who have received the washing of water by the Word, **Ephesians 5: 26**, (and the renewing of the Holy Ghost) who will be heirs and joint-heirs with Christ in the Final, Last or Deuteros Kingdom.

These are they who overcame by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives even unto death, **Revelation 12: 11**. These learned the **Alpha of praise and the Omega of prayer of Hosanna, Matthew 21**, as demonstrated by the earth (courtyard) tilting its head backward 23.5 degrees during the winter (cold) in the northern hemisphere (and summer in the southern hemisphere) which illustrates what we do when we, the inhabitants of earth or the courtyard praises God: lifting up our heads and hands towards Heaven; and again the earth tilting its head forward 23.5 degrees during summer (hot) in the northern hemisphere (and winter in the southern hemisphere) which also illustrates what we do when we, the inhabitants of earth or the courtyard, pray to God bowing our heads to Him in His Sanctuary with our face towards His Throne. (The mockery of idolaters is seen who worship with their faces towards the sun).

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These are the seasons of cold, winter, and hot, summer: praise and prayer. These are they whose focus (seeking first) is towards the Throne of God (westward), The Father, and Jesus, His Son (northward), who says like Elijah in everything, as the Lord lives before whom I stand, there shall and then the words of their testimony included, **1 Kings 17: 1**. This will be borne in mind in doing the recount:

15 Jesus knows and understands the work of those who overcome: their seasons of prayers, being hot, calling upon the Name of the Lord, and praise being cold, adoration, lifting up the Name of the Lord.

16 He spues all who knows not how to praise neither to pray out of His mouth, given their witness is insipid, being lukewarm. Remember the Spirit is willing, but the flesh his weak, **Matthew 26: 41**. Since God is a Spirit, they that worship Him can only worship Him in Spirit and in truth, **John 4: 24**. Therefore we can not worship Him in the flesh, remember the flesh is weak but His strength is made perfect in our weakness, if only we acknowledge our weaknesses.

17 Those who are made rich are those who seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness that all things are added unto them, **Matthew 6: 33**. They first acknowledge their sins and confessed their faults in prayer and were forgiven, **Psalms 51: 2-3**. They did not see themselves as rich, though they had an abundance of this world's goods, but they acknowledged before the Throne of God their wretchedness, misery, and spiritual poverty, blindness and nakedness without the robe of Christ righteousness.

18 By the act of confession and repentance they bought beauty for this their ashes, the oil of joy for this their mourning, and garments of praise for this their spirit of heaviness and became trees of righteousness planted by the Lord that He might be glorified, **Isaiah 61: 3**, and praised. They bought the **gold** of obedience tried in the fiery trials of their faith, **1 Peter 4: 12 & James 1: 4**, so they become rich, and the **white raiment** of Christ by their importunate hungering and thirsting after righteousness to clothed their nakedness and anointed their eyes with eyesalve that can discern the good from the evil.

19 These had great zeal and repented at the rebuke and chastening of the High Priest who loves us.

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20 Behold! He stands at the door and knock today. If any man hear and open the door He will come in and sup with him and they both together will have communion northward, at His Throne and southward, via the Seven Spirits, before His Throne, and also westward, the Father Himself, **John 14: 23.**

### CONCLUSION:

V22 **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

Oh, that the Messengers will rise up and stand! Come forth all ye who are called Elias!