

# Seven Assemblies of Revelation

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# Location



# Leading idea for each Assembly

- Ephesus – A cooling heart
- Smyrna – A crushed heart
- Pergamum - A compromising heart
- Thyatira – A Careless heart
- Sardis – A cold heart
- Philadelphia – A committed heart
- Laodicea – A complacent heart

# Meaning of the names

Name of the Assembly	Meaning	Prophetic timelines
<b>EPHESUS</b>	Desirable	70-170 AD
<b>SMYRNA</b>	S-myr-rh-NA - The sweet-bitterness of myrrh	170-312
<b>PERGAMOS</b>	Marriage. Mixture	312-606
<b>THYATIRA</b>	Continual Burning	606 – Rapture
<b>SARDIS</b>	A Remnant escaping	1517 – Rapture
<b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	Brotherly Love	1750 – Rapture
<b>LAODICEA</b>	The Rights of the People	1900 - Rapture

# Discourse for each Assembly

Destination

Presentation

Commendation

Condemnation

Exhortation

# Assembly at Smyrna

# Destination



As one of the principal cities of [Roman Asia](#), Smyrna vied with Ephesus and Pergamum for the title "First City of Asia."

There was a port and they sent out Myrrh therefore it was called a "port of Myrrh".

A mob of Jews and pagans abetted the martyrdom of Polycarp in AD 153.

This was a free city and the center of Caesar worship, the people believed that it was a supreme and the most beautiful city.

A large Jewish population lived in this city.

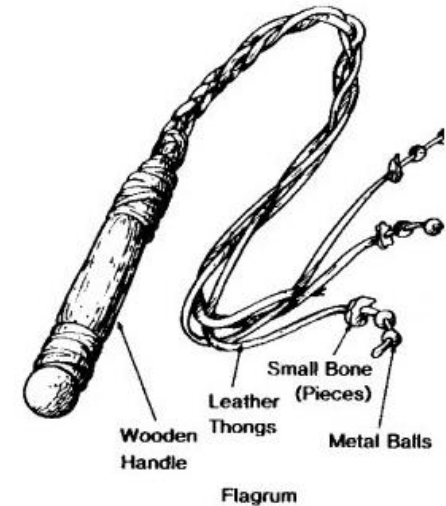
# Presentation – Rev 2:8

- The Lord is presented as the “**First and the Last**” (a supreme title for a proud city which boasted in its beauty)
  - 3 times in the book of Isaiah we find God using this title
    - Isa 41:4
    - Isa 44:6 – I am the first, and I am the last; and beside Me there is no god.
    - Isa 48:12
  - 3 times in the book of Revelation Christ is found using this title
    - Rev 1: 17
    - Rev 2: 8
    - Rev 22:13
- Which was **dead** (Newberry – **became dead**) and **is alive**.
  - He give up his life of his own self will, Jh 12: 18 – no man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. Jh 19: 30 – “it is Finished;” and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.



# Commendation

- I know – It is both the "**I know**" of omniscience ( he does not learn more of us with time) and also of the "I know" of experience (he has been through it).
- Tribulations – 2 meanings suggested
  - Roman "**tribula**," or lash (mentioned twice V10)
  - The word meaning "to crush, or press", the tree is cut and crushed and goblets of myrrh come out. "Gethsemane, the Olive Press, being crushed under the millstone"
- Poverty – means being destitute, but thou are rich. **The riches of the poverty and the poverty of the riches (LAODICEA). The powers that be had taken away everything which they had when they came to Christ**
- Synagogue of Satan – the Jews persecuted the - The blasphemy of the Jews, they knew that the Christians would not get a certificate



## TRIBULA

We, the  
representatives of  
the  
Emperor, Sernos &  
Hermas, have seen  
you sacrificing

# Commendation

- 10 waves of persecution – 10 is a number of responsibility and testing – 10 commandments, 10 figures, 10 virgins. Therefore there will be testing - ten distinct waves of persecution and martyrdom. *Stake, sword, arena, and wild beasts, all played their part. Some of our brethren were burned as human torches, to light up the arena where others were compelled to fight with beasts.* It is said that the final wave of persecution, the Diocletian, actually lasted ten years.
  - the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church.

#	Time period	Emperor
1	54-68	Nero
2	95-96	Domitian
3	104-117	Trajan
4	161-180	Marcus Aurelius'
5	200-211	Septimus Severus
6	235-237	Ursula
7	249-251	Decius
8	257-260	Valerian
9	270-275	Aurelian
10	303-313	Diocletian

# Condemnation

**The Lord had nothing bad to tell about this  
Assembly**

# Exhortation

- Be faithful – continue to be faithful, do not give up
- The crown of life
- No **Second death** for the saints –
  - Life after life and death after death



Martyrdom of Polycarp in AD 153.

**86 years have I served Christ he has never done me wrong, how can I blaspheme my king and my saviour.**

# Second death

- 7 white truths for the men in darkness about the white throne judgment – Rev 20:10-13

**Re 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

1. No Escape – no place for them – v11
2. No Distinction – small and great – v12
3. No excuse – according to their works – v12
4. No end - night for ever and ever – v10
5. No error – every man according to their works – V13
6. No Believer – 20:6 - part in the first resurrection
7. No further appeal – this is the highest throne

# THANK YOU