

Welcome to Grace In the Desert!



See to it that no one misses the grace of God...”

Heb. 12:15

“Ephesus - The Church  
Begins to Lose”

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Ephesus

Rev. 1:10 I was in the spirit on the Lord's day,  
and I heard behind me a loud voice like a  
trumpet

Rev. 1:11 saying, "Write in a book what you see  
and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus,  
to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to  
Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Rev. 1:12 ¶ Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, Rev. 1:13 and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.

Lev. 26:11 I will place my dwelling in your midst, and I shall not abhor you.

Lev. 26:12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

Rev. 1:19 Now write what you  
have seen, what is, and what  
is to take place after this.

1. Greeting to the angel.
2. Picture of Jesus.
3. Exhortation.
4. Rebuke.
5. Consequence of not overcoming  
or changing.
6. Promise to the overcomer.
7. Appeal to hear the Spirit.

Three exceptions:

Two churches have no rebuke -  
Philadelphia & Smyrna.

One church has no exhortation  
- Laodicea.

Church degenerates

Enemies of God get stronger.

Faithful starts in majority.

They end in the minority

At the end nothing good is in her

Rev. 2:1 ¶ “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

Rev. 2:2 ¶ "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false.

Rev. 2:3 I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary.

Rev. 2:4 But I have this against you,  
that you have abandoned the love you  
had at first.

Matt. 22:37 He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

Matt. 22:38 This is the greatest and first commandment.

Matt. 22:39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matt. 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Jer. 2:2 Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem,  
Thus says the Lord:

I remember the devotion of your youth,  
your love as a bride,  
how you followed me in the wilderness,  
in a land not sown.

Jer. 2:3 Israel was holy to the Lord,  
the first fruits of his harvest.

All who ate of it were held guilty;  
disaster came upon them, says the Lord.

Jer. 2:4 ¶ Hear the word of the Lord, O  
house of Jacob, and all the families of the  
house of Israel.

Jer. 2:5 Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and  
became worthless themselves?

Jer. 2:12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the  
Lord,

Jer. 2:13 for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

Jer. 2:14 ¶ Is Israel a slave? Is he a  
homeborn servant?

Why then has he become  
plunder?

Jer. 2:20 ¶ “For long ago I broke  
your yoke

And tore off your bonds;

But you said, ‘I will not serve!’

For on every high hill

And under every green tree

You have lain down as a harlot.

Rev. 2:5 Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.