

“The Church’s View of the Beach”

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“A 4th Angel’s Message - ‘Why Do You Wonder?’”, pt 4



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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.



Ephesus - 34 to 110 C.E.



◆ Post apostolic - Church

Fathers era.

◆ The first heresy battles

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



Rev. 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.



Smyrna - 110 to 313 C.E.



◆ Heeds Jesus' (& John's?) call

to remember their first love

◆ The martyred church

Pergamum - 313 to 538 C.E.




◆ The end of the persecution

◆ The church of compromise

◆ Just rising out of the sea

Rev. 2:12 ¶ “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:
These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged
sword:

Rev. 2:13 ¶ “I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne
is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny
your faith in me^a even in the days of Antipas my witness, my
faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. 

Rev. 2:14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practice fornication.



Num. 25:1 ¶ While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.

Num. 25:2 For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.



*"On the venerable Day of the Sun
let the Magistrates and people
residing in the cities rest, and let all
workshops be closed."*



Edict of Constantine, 321 C.E.

Rev. 2:16 Repent then. If not, I
will come to you soon and make
war against them with the sword
of my mouth.



Thyatira -



- ◆ Instituted in 538 after last Arian threat and dismantled in 1563.
- ◆ Middle ages - Medieval church.

Rev. 2:18 ¶ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze:

Rev. 2:19 ¶ “I know your works—your love, faith, service, and patient endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first.



Rev. 2:20 But I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice fornication and to eat food sacrificed to idols.



- ◆ Ephesus - post apostolic. Dealing with heresies.
- ◆ Smyrna - martyrdom. Diocletian. Ends with Constantine.
- ◆ Pergamum - Begins the mixture of civil & religious power.
- ◆ Thyatira - full blown fruition of authoritative heresy of worship.



The Sword & the Cross - 500 to 1300 CE



- ◆ 1096-1099: First Crusade
- ◆ 1147-49: Second Crusade
- ◆ 1188-92: Third Crusade
- ◆ 1202-04: Fourth Crusade
- ◆ 1212 - Children's Crusade
- ◆ 1208 -29: Albigensian Crusade

Rev. 13:4 ...who can fight against it?"

Rev. 13:12 ...and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast,

Rev. 13:15... cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.



Rev. 2:21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her fornication.

Rev. 2:22 Beware, I am throwing her on a bed, and those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great distress, unless they repent of her doings;



Rev. 2:24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call 'the deep things of Satan,' to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden;

Rev. 2:25 only hold fast to what you have until I come.



1Cor. 1:23 but we proclaim Christ
crucified, a stumbling block to
Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,



Num. 24:17 I see him, but not now; I behold him,
but not near— a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall
crush the borderlands of Moab, and the
territory of all the Shethites.



Rev. 2:28 even as I also received
authority from my Father. To the
one who conquers I will also give the
morning star.

