



# “Ephesus - The First to Lose What Was First”

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Rev. 1:10 I was in the spirit<sup>d</sup> 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 I 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.



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:



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Rev. 2:2 ¶ “I know your works, your toil and your 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 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."

1 John 4:10 In this is love,  
not that we loved God but  
that he loved us and sent  
his Son to be the atoning  
sacrifice for our sins.\*



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 you broke your  
yoke  
and burst your bonds,  
and you said, "I will not serve!"  
On every high hill  
and under every green tree  
you sprawled and prostituted yourself.



Rev. 2:5 Remember, then, from where *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.





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