

### HISTORICAL-PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Church	Meaning of Name	Dominant Characteristics	Cultural Context	Historic Era	Key Personality	Approx. Dates
<b>Ephesus</b>	<i>darling</i>	Doctrinal discernment	Temple of Diana	Apostolic Era	Apostles	32-64
<b>Smyrna</b>	<i>myrrh</i>	Faithfulness under persecution	Caesar worship	Persecution	Nero	64-313
<b>Pergamos</b>	<i>mixed marriage</i>	Syncretism, compromise	Babylonian religious center, Satanic presence	Church-State union	Constantine	313-606
<b>Thyatira</b>	<i>continual sacrifice</i>	Pagan infiltration	Trade guilds	Papacy	The Popes, Boniface III	606-1517
<b>Sardis</b>	<i>remnant</i>	Spiritual complacency, apathy	Tradition of complacency	The Reformation	Martin Luther	1517-1750
<b>Philadelphia</b>	<i>love of the brethren</i>	Evangelistic, hope of Christ's return	Poverty, worldly obscurity	Missionary Era	William Carey	1750-1900
<b>Laodicea</b>	<i>the people rule</i>	Spiritual pride, apostasy	Hot springs, eye medicine, merchants of black wool	Modern Apostasy	Secular & Religious Humanists	1900-present