

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR

Revelation 2:

Ephesus – Verses 1-7

Smyrna – Verses 8-11

Pergamum – Verses 12-17

Thyatira – Verses 18-29

Revelation 3:

Sardis – Verses 1-6

Philadelphia – Verses 7-13

Laodicea – Verses 14-22

WHY SEVEN CHURCHES? (Continued)

Why not Rome, Antioch, Jerusalem, Philippi or Thessalonica?

- I. Because these 7 churches with residence and function in the DPS carried the client nation.
- II. Israel cannot function as a client nation in the times of the Gentiles. The fifth chastisement to the Jews in 70 AD has terminated any possibility of a Jewish client nation to God until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.
- III. Once the church is removed by the resurrection of the Body of Christ, the Tribulation will occur (Revelation 6:18).
- IV. Afterwards, the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 19).
- V. Next will come the Millennium, presented in Revelation 20.
- VI. [First and Last in Revelation 2:8b](#) communicates the following:
 1. Jesus Christ is the *God-Man*
 2. Two Great prophecies of history
 3. Up and down trend of history
 4. Human volition in history
 5. Temporal and eternal blessing