



Revelation 2:1-3:22 Chiastic Structure

1A) 2:1-7A To Ephesus: You have **LEFT YOUR FIRST LOVE** / **REPENT** and return to the first works;

1a) 2:1 To the angel of the church of Ephesus write: **These things says He** who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands;

1b) 2:2-3 I know your works, and your labor, and your perseverance, and how **you cannot tolerate them which are evil**, and you have tested those who call themselves apostles, and are not, and found them false; **3** and have endured and have persevered, and for My name's sake have labored, and have not grown weary;

1c) 2:4 Nevertheless I have this against you, because you have left **your first love**; **central axis) 2:5a Remember therefore from where you have fallen**;

2c) 2:5b And repent, and **do the first works**; or else I will come to you quickly, and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent;

2b) 2:6 But this you have, that **you hate the works of the Nicolaitans**, which I also hate;

2a) 2:7a He who has an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit says** to the churches;

1B) 2:7B To **HIM WHO OVERCOMES** I will give from the tree of life in the Paradise of My God;

1C.1) 2:8-9 To Smyrna: These things says the first and the last, who was dead, and is alive: **9** 'I know your works, and tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy of **THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT, BUT ARE THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN**;

1C.2) 2:10-11 Fear none of those things which you shall suffer. Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, **THAT YOU MAY BE TESTED**; and you shall have tribulation ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you a crown of life. **11** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death;

1C.3) 2:12-25 To Pergamum and Thyatira: You held / **HOLD THAT WHICH YOU HAVE FIRMLY**;

1a.1) 2:12-13a And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These things says He who has the sharp sword with two edges: **13** I know your works and where you dwell, even where **Satan's throne** is;

1a.2) 2:13b And you **hold fast** My name, and have not denied My faith;

1b) 2:13c Even in those days when Antipas was My martyr, **who was slain among you**, where Satan dwells;

1c) 2:14-16 But **I have a few things against you**, because you have there some that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and

to commit sexual immorality. **15** So you also have some that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which I hate. **16** Repent, or else I will come to you quickly, and will make war against them with the sword of My mouth;

1d) 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit says** to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows but he who receives it;

central axis) 2:18a And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write;

2d) 2:18b-19 **These things says the Son of God**, who has His eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze: **19** I know your works, and love, and service, and faith, and your patient endurance, and that your last works are more than the first;

2c) 2:20-22 Notwithstanding **I have a few things against you**, because you tolerate that woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. **21** And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. **22** Behold, I will cast her into a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds;

2b) 2:23 And I will **kill her children with death**, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to every one of you according to your works;

2a.1) 2:24 But to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, and have not known what some call the **deep things of Satan**, to you I say, I will put on you no other burden;

2a.2) 2:25 But, **hold fast** that which you have until I come;

1D) 2:26-28 He who overcomes and **KEEPS MY WORKS** to the end, to him I will give authority over the nations. **27** He will rule them with a rod of iron; as the clay pots of a potter they shall be shattered to pieces; even as I have received of My Father. **28** And I will give him the morning star;

1E) 2:29-3:1B **HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS** to the churches;

1a) 2:29a He who has an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit says**;

1b) 2:29b **To the churches**;

2b) 3:1a And to the angel of **the church in Sardis** write;

2a) 3:1b **These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God**, and the seven stars;

1F) 3:1C **I KNOW YOUR WORKS**;

1G) 3:1D-2A That you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. **2** **WAKE UP**;

1H) 3:2B And **STRENGTHEN THE THINGS WHICH REMAIN**, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:3A REMEMBER THEREFORE HOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND HEARD;

2H) 3:3B And **HOLD FAST**, and repent;

2G) 3:3C If therefore **YOU SHALL NOT AWAKE**, I will come upon you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you;

2F) 3:4-5 Nevertheless **THERE ARE THOSE IN SARDIS WHO ARE NOT DEFILED** / He who overcomes;

1a) 3:4a You have **a few names even in Sardis** that did not defile their garments;

1b) 3:4b And they shall walk with Me **in white**;

central axis) 3:4c **For they are worthy**;

2b) 3:5a He who overcomes will be arrayed **in white garments**;

2a) 3:5b And I will not blot **his name** out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels;

2E) 3:6 **HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS** to the churches;

2D) 3:7-8 To Philadelphia: I know your works and that you have **KEPT MY WORD** / the open door;

1a) 3:7a And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things says He who is holy, **He who is true**;

1b) 3:7b He who has the key of David, He who opens and **no one can shut**, and who shuts and no one can open;

central axis) 3:8a **I know your works**;

2b) 3:8b Behold, I have set before you an open door, and **no man can shut it**;

2a) 3:8c For you have a little strength, and have kept My word, and **have not denied My name**;

2C.1) 3:9 Behold, I will make them who are of the **SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, WHO SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT**, but lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you;

2C.2) 3:10 Because you have kept My word to endure, I also will keep you **FROM THE HOUR OF TESTING**, which shall come on all the world, to test those who dwell on the earth;

2C.3) 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! **HOLD FAST THAT WHICH YOU HAVE**, that no man takes your crown;

2B) 3:12-13 HE WHO OVERCOMES, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out from there no more. I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My own new name. **13** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches;

2A) 3:14-22 To Laodicea: You are neither cold nor hot / **AS MANY AS I LOVE**, I reprove, so **REPENT**;

1a) 3:14 And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: **These things says** the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God;

1b) 3:15a 'I know **your works**;

1c) 3:15b-16 That you are neither cold nor hot; I wish you were cold or hot. **16** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will vomit you out of My mouth**;

central axis) 3:17-18 Because you say, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;" and do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: **18** I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and to anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see;

2c) 3:19-20 As many as I love, **I reprove and chasten**. Be zealous therefore, and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me;

2b) 3:21 **He who overcomes**, I will grant to sit down with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with My Father on His throne;

2a) 3:22 He who has an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit says** to the churches.