

## The 7 “Jewish” Churches of the Revelation

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***The Book of the Revelation is a totally Jewish book written by a Jew to Jews and contains no reference to the Body of Christ, or the religion called Christian.***

***The Seven Churches are Jewish Churches, not Gentile Churches.***

Christianity is synonymous with Covenant Theology, a.k.a. Reformed Theology, a.k.a. Amillennialism, a.k.a. Replacement Theology, Evangelical, Emergent, Charismatic, Pentecostal, and many others. One of the many fallacies in this religious system is their appropriation of all the Bible books as if written to, for, and about the Christian church. This is not true. Eighty percent of the Bible is Jewish-centric and contains important information for the Gentile reader: but not doctrine for the Body of Christ, or even the wayward Christian religion that majors on these obsolete writings.

Obviously, taking information directed to someone else, and applying it to yourself, is not appropriate any more than taking your neighbors prescription their doctor prescribed specifically for them and their ailments. Approaching the Bible as though every verse were directed to you will always have negative consequences. The evidence of this is seen in the many variations of the Christian religion created over the past centuries with their lack of Bible knowledge, and the false doctrines they believe.

**NOTE** Any mention in this article of “the Body of Christ” refers to those individuals who have a relationship with God and possess the Spirit of God. This mention does not mean those followers of Covenant / Reformed Christianity who do not belong to God and have neither.

**The Body of Christ is not a religion. It is a relationship with God, and the abiding Spirit of God.**

### 7 Churches

The Book of the Revelation does not include or apply to the Body of Christ. Chapters two and three, refer to seven churches. Modern pop-religion believes these churches are Christian. After all, they reason, “It says Churches, we have churches, it must mean us.” They continue, “since we are the center of all things religion, and the Bible was written to us, the seven churches must be Christian Churches”. They are not, it was not, they are not.

**Fun Fact:** The religion of today called Christian is found nowhere in the Bible. Covenant / Reformed Theology, Protestantism, Pentecostalism, Charismaticism, Catholicism, Evangelicalism, Emergent, and others, are all made-up religions that use words from the Bible, out of context, to create the errant doctrines and laws they choose to believe. They also pursue traditions, superstitions, imaginations, errant practices, stories, and extra-biblical writings that have no biblical support. Mormonism is the same type of religion created in the same way

## It's Jewish

The Book of the Revelation has nothing to do with the Pauline Body of Christ. There is no connection with the corrupt Roman pagan Christian religion of the dark ages, or its offshoot, Protestantism that came on the scene 1500 years future.

**Fun Fact:** The religion we know today as “Christian”, Roman or Protestant, is not a valid expression of biblical truth.

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**Fun Fact:** The only reference in the Book of the Revelation to the religion called “Christian” is in the mention of “the nations” meaning “all Gentiles”. This includes all people from every tribe and tongue, and from all religions and non religions. These will endure the Tribulation as none have received the truth so as to be saved. The Body of Christ is not a religion.

The Book of the Revelation is a Jewish book, written by a Jew, to Jews, for Jews, about Jews, the Jewish law, and Jewish things and Jewish times. It is about a vision of the future given to John by the ascended Christ in the late first century three decades after the Apostle Paul's death. God gave a similar vision of the same events to Daniel in approximately 600 BC, 2600 years ago. Neither vision had any reference to the Body of Christ.

John's Revelation includes seven letters to seven Jewish churches.

Johns Revelation describes a time known as the Tribulation. It is also called Daniels seven weeks. The Book of the Revelation contains no Pauline language or doctrines or references, and makes no mention of the Body of Christ and for good reason: by the time these events occur, God will have removed His people from the world. Given this fact, what is the possibility that the references to the seven churches found in chapters two and three have anything to do with the Body of Christ?

With the stage set, let's take a Biblicists approach to the subject and examine the evidence to explain the reference to the seven churches found in the Book of the Revelation.

## The 7 Jewish Churches

One of the problems with Covenant / Reformed Theology is their interpretation of the Bible: they see the entire New Testament being all about them. As they see it, in Acts 2, the Gentile Christian church begins at Pentecost. This is not true as nowhere in the Bible is there any mention of the Gentile religion called Christian. The Acts 2 Church was a Jewish church of a Jewish religion. Even a casual review of the Acts 2 event, and Acts chapter 2-8, demonstrates clearly that the Acts 2 church was exclusively Jewish: there were no Gentiles in the Body of Christ. Timing alone demonstrates there can be no Gentile believers here because Gentle believers did not exist in Acts 2. Paul was still Saul, and would soon begin persecuting the Jews who the Romans called “Christians”. These Jewish Christ-followers were those Jews who believed Jesus was their Messiah (this is the Jewish Christian Church of Acts 2). Gentiles were never called Christian, only Jews.

**Fun Fact:** The word Christian(s) appears in the Bible only three times and always and only referred to the Jews that believed Jesus was their Messiah. Neither the Gentiles nor the Body of Christ were ever called Christian.

**Fun Fact:** The only religion in the Bible called Christian was Jewish, and the only people who attended these churches were Jews in a Jewish religion.

**Fun Fact:** Jews who believed that Jesus was the promised Messiah were dubbed “Christians” by the people of that day - a pejorative term, not one of honor or endearment.

**Fun Fact:** In their 30+ years of ministry, neither Peter, Paul, James, John, nor Jude ever used the term “Christian” to describe themselves, their people, or their church.

Saul’s conversion to Paul, and the ministry Paul received from the ascended Christ to take to the Gentiles, was yet future of Acts 2. Not to mention the fact that the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans (half Jew half Gentile), and had no dealings at all with the Gentiles they called sinners, pagans, heathens, and dogs. The four Jewish Gospels clearly record this Jewish contempt for the Gentiles, where even Jesus called the Gentiles “dogs”.

The point is this: there were Jewish churches in the Apostolic era and the Jewish Book of the Revelation refers to seven Jewish churches of Jews under the law.

## Jewish by Design

### The Seven Churches are Jewish

**Rev 1.9 ¶ I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.**

As the Book of the Revelation opens, John identifies himself to his audience as a brother and fellow partaker of the Tribulation and the Kingdom, denoting a common Jewish heritage. This is not a Gentile greeting and does not fit with a group of Pauline believers who have nothing to do with the Kingdom of Heaven on earth or the future Tribulation. John was not writing to the Gentiles.

Jesus, whenever He used the term brothers, always referred to the Jews as did John and James and Peter. These men never wrote to or ministered to the Gentiles.

The Kingdom reference is the Jewish Gospel Jesus gave to His Jewish disciples as stated in the four Jewish Gospels. This mention denotes the future Kingdom of Heaven on earth which is a Jewish venue. Pauline Gentile believers were not / are not in that group, nor did Paul ever use that reference or speak thusly.

**Fun Fact:** There are two people groups: the Jews and the Gentiles. Each group has its own program and destiny. The Gentiles are under grace and for Heaven, while the Jews are under the law and for the earth. Nowhere in the Bible is it said that the Jews have a place in Heaven, only on earth. This is why the “Lord’s Prayer” is Jewish, not Gentile. Nothing in the four Jewish Gospels is Gentile or written to

the Gentiles. However, these four Jewish books, like Old Testament, are for the benefit of the Gentiles.

**Fun Fact:** The ascended Christ gave to Paul the ministry of reconciliation to GO to the Gentiles and the word of reconciliation to PREACH to the Gentiles, a message never heard before - it was the message God had for the Gentile world. This initiated the 2000-year Age of Grace that is now all but complete. God did not send the disciples to the Gentiles as He put the Jews away, blind and hardened, then scattered them across the globe.

**Rev 1. 7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.**

The verse above is not the promised Pauline rapture of the Church, but the second advent of Christ. There is no mention of the Body of Christ's "Blessed Hope" (the calling out, aka the rapture) in any of the seven letters to the churches, or anywhere in the Book of the Revelation, or in any of the Hebrew epistles (Hebrews through the Book of the Revelation) or the in the four Jewish Gospels. These Hebrew epistles are for the Jews, not the Gentiles. They were all written by Jews, to Jews, about Jews, Jewish laws, and Jewish things and Jewish times. The writers never ministered to, preached to, or wrote to Gentiles. The Gentiles were never part of their program.

## The Seven Lamp stands

The lamp stand is a decidedly Jewish reference and steeped in religious symbolism dating back to Moses. It has great meaning and significance to the Jews. Every Jewish church and synagogue would have a lamp stand and every family a Menorah in their home. The Jews would understand this significance at once. The Gentiles, not so much. In the letters to the churches, there are numerous references to the lamp stands.

**Ex 31 ¶ "Then you shall make a lamp stand of pure gold. The lamp stand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it.**

See also

- *Exodus 25:31-39, 26:35, 30:27, 31:8, 35:14, 37:17-24, 39:37, 40:4, 24*
- *Leviticus 24:4*
- *Numbers 3:31, 4:9, 8:2-4; 2*
- *Chronicles 13:11*
- *Hebrews 9:2.*

The Gentiles would not have a Lamp stand in their gatherings and would not have a Menorah in their home. The lamp stand reference would have no significance to Gentile believers.

**Re 1:20 "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden Lamp stands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven Lamp stands are the seven churches.**

**Rev 2.12** And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden Lamp stands; **13** and in the middle of the Lamp stands one like a son of man, ...

This is Christ, who came to the Jews to fulfill Jewish prophecy and bring closure to the Jewish Old Testament. The seven lamp stands represent the seven Jewish churches.

**Rev 2.1** ¶ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden Lamp stands, says this:...

## Pauline Language Missing

There is no Pauline, Body of Christ language in the letters to the seven churches, or anywhere in the Book of the Revelation, or in any of the Jewish Hebrew epistles, for that matter: only Jewish language. This is unusual if the intended audience of the letters to the seven churches were Pauline, new creation, Spirit indwelt believers, already seated with Christ in the Heavens. So, decidedly not Gentile churches. Neither does this reference apply to the corrupt, false religion of Roman pagan Christianity, or the wayward Protestant religion called Protestant Christian that didn't appear until 1500 years later.

If these writings had any connection to the Gentiles, one would expect at least some mention of Paul's Blessed Hope. Its absence is a glaring omission, given the context of the book and the promise of God's irrevocable saving grace.

**I Corinthians 15:51** Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

**I Thessalonians 1:10** and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, [that is] Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**I Thessalonians 5:9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

In Fact, accepting the seven churches of the Revelation as the Pauline Gentile Church would require a complete rewrite of Paul's mystery, the concept of salvation by grace through faith, the new creation in Christ, that the Body of Christ is not appointed to wrath, and the mystery that is the rapture of Christ's Church. All missing in the Book of the Revelation.

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God;

But that is the point. Christian religion has the fixation that they are the true Israel, and they embrace all the Jewish writings in the Bible as their own; obsolete writings that do not apply or belong to them. They simply read the Bible in ignorance, picked out this or that verse, and decided to make for themselves a religion based on words that have nothing to do with them. This is a 2000 year-old Christian mistake that just doesn't go away. (Many articles on this website detail the issue and problems inherent in the Christian religion. PPGpilot.com.)

## The Letters

Reading the description of the seven churches in the Revelation begs the question: do these seven churches have the Spirit of God?

Instead, the words describe a Jewish audience living under the law. Look at each letter and note the numerous Jewish references as well as the lack of even one word that could be attributed to the Apostle Paul or the Pauline Body of Christ believers.

### 1. Church at Ephesus

**Revelation 2:1-5** Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lamp stand out of its place — unless you repent.

Can we lose our salvation? Are these people saved? Do these people need salvation? Is the religion mentioned here “works-based” under the law? If so, it is not Pauline, Body of Christ believers who are saved into eternity immediately and everlastingly.

This statement is not appropriate to the Body of Christ. If someone thinks this is the church of the “new creation in Christ”, “all things are new” believers, then something is very wrong with their theology. The only possible conclusion is that this statement has nothing to do with Pauline people. However, these words fit perfectly with the Jews, under the law, in a works-based religion. That Christianity sees themselves in any of the verses to the Jewish Churches is an error.

#### Consider:

1. The Lamp stand is a Jewish reference.
2. Doing deeds is a “works” concept leading to a conditional reward which is the Jewish program under the law, not the program God has for the members of Christ’s Church.
3. If these are Jews under the law, still working out obedience for a future reward, it makes sense.
4. If writing to the Pauline Body of Christ under grace with the Blessed Hope (believers with the spirit of God) seated with Christ in the Heavens, already saved and sealed for all eternity, this makes no sense at all.
5. If a wayward Christian religion wishes to claim these words for themselves, and believe these words apply to their followers, more power to them, but they don’t. However, these false religions, not being part of the Body of Christ, without the Spirit of God, will see the Tribulation event as described in this revelation as they have not received the truth so as to be saved.

Notice the word “repent”. Repentance is how one becomes a believer under grace, receives God’s Spirit, gains salvation, and already saved from the wrath to come. Repentance is a once and forever act of the will leading to salvation, the gift of the Spirit, inclusion in Body of Christ, and the calling out

(read Rapture of the Body of Christ). There would be no need for Pauline people to “repent”. This letter to the church at Ephesus has nothing to do with a Gentile assembly.

**NOTE:** Peter’s Jewish Gospel to the Jews required repentance, and baptism for the remission of sin. Peter was the minister to the Jews, never to the Gentiles, and water baptism was a Jewish requirement, now rendered obsolete in this Age of Grace. Water Baptism has no place in Paul’s message, being replaced with the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**NOTE:** John received his revelation 30+ years after Paul’s death, so it is not like Paul’s Gospel was not yet preached. Paul was not understood by the Jews who ignored him because of their own program, their partial blindness, and their hardened hearts. At the time of this revelation, Paul was not relevant and all but forgotten.

Compare Paul’s words to the Gentiles. Does this sound like a letter to the church at Ephesus and the other Revelation chapter 2 and 3 churches? Does the Revelation letter to the church at Ephesus bear any resemblance to the Pauline, new creation believers?

**Romans 3:24** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 8:39** nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Galatians 2:16** nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.

**I Thessalonians\_5:9** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Jews were prevalent throughout the region of Asia. Ephesus had a Jewish presence and a synagogue long before Christ. Simply because Paul wrote a letter to a Pauline Gentile Church located at Ephesus, and there is a New Testament book by that name, does not mean the Ephesian church mentioned in the Book of the Revelation is a Pauline Gentile Church. The Christian religion today simply misunderstands this verse as well as all things Bible.

To emphasize, there is nothing anywhere in any of this that has anything to do with the Body of Christ, or the Gentile religion called Christian that began after the Apostolic age and continued throughout the last 2000 years, including the religion of that name as it exists today.

## 2. Church at Smyrna

Revelation 2.9 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the 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.'

- There is a need here to “overcome” denoting the Jews under the law and persecution, not Pauline believers.
- The Synagogue of Satan is a Jewish reference, not a Body of Christ reference.
- They had problems with Jews who were against them because of their confession of Jesus as their Messiah. These Jews called their brethren the slur: “Christian’s”.

Everyone in Christ possesses the Spirit of God and are sealed for eternity. There is no need to “overcome” and “escape the second death”. For the Pauline believers, it is done. Also, the gifts and calling of God are without repentance, so, once saved, always saved. The second death has no place in the Body of Christ as the saving grace of God saves us from the second death.

Notice how James, another Jew, writes to the Jews and the words he uses to his Jewish brothers under the law, and how similar his words sound to his completely Jewish audience. The “twelve tribes” is a give-away. There are not 12 Gentile tribes.

**James 1.1 ¶ James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad, greetings.**

James speaks of a perseverance and conditional rewards as mentioned to the seven churches. Those in Christ do not have conditions for a future salvation. “once he has been approved [through works and following the law], another obvious give away that this is Jewish, not Body of Christ.

**James 1.12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him.**

Next, James is using the brethren reference speaking of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, not Paul’s Gospel.

**James 2.5 Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world [to be] rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?**

James refers to the law, not grace. This is not Pauline / Gentile church doctrine, but Jewish doctrine of law and conditional rewards.

**James 2.9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin [and] are convicted by the law as transgressors.**

James, writing to the Jews, has the same emphasis as the Book of the Revelation speaking to the Jews.

**Fun Fact:** There are two people groups: the Jews and the Gentiles. If you are not a descendant of Abraham through Isaac, you are a Gentile. These two people groups each have a unique and different program and destiny. They are not the same.

The Jews are for the earth and the Gentiles are for Heaven. Nowhere in the Bible does it say the Jews have any part of Heaven, only the earth, and that said repeatedly throughout the Bible. These groups are as different as apples and anvils. That the modern-day Christian religion combines the Jewish books with the Gentile books is a major source of the confusion found throughout the history of the Christian religion, and responsible for the errors and failures that confound them to this day.

### 3. Church at Pergamos

Revelation 2.14 - 17 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality. 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna,...

Everything here is Jewish. There is no hint of Christ's Church.

- The sons of Israel, not Gentiles, not Pauline Body of Christ.
- The mention of manna is a specific Jewish reference.
- Overcoming is not saved by grace.
- The food sacrificed to idols refers to the Jewish law having no significance to Gentile believers.

### 4. Church at Thyatira

Revelation 2.20 'But I have [this] against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads **My bond-servants** astray, so that they commit [acts of] immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Rev 2.25 But that which ye have [already] **hold fast till I come**.

- Bond-servants - not a Gentile reference
- Food sacrificed to idols has no significance to the Gentiles and refers to the Jewish law.
- The reference in Revelation 2.25 is the second advent of Christ and His physical return to the earth. This is not a rapture verse and not for Gentile believers saved by grace and removed from the world prior to the Tribulation. Nothing here, or anywhere in the Book of the Revelation has any reference or application to the Body of Christ.

Below, Revelation 2.26 is a Jewish reference and would not apply to the Pauline Church. Also, "overcoming" and "works" are not Pauline. These are Old Testament references that make sense to the Jews, not to the Gentiles.

Revelation 2.26 'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received [authority] from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.

Compare these Jewish Old Testament verses for similarity. Paul never wrote these things.

Psalm 2:8 Ask Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession. Psalm 2:9 You will break them an iron scepter; You will shatter them like pottery."

Psalm 49:14 Like sheep they are destined for Sheol. Death will be their shepherd. The upright will rule them in the morning, and their form will decay in Sheol, far from their lofty abode.

Daniel 7:18 But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess it forever—yes, forever and ever.'

## 5. Church at Sardis

Revelation 3.2-3 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 'Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and keep [it,] and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.

Works, repent, watch, ready to die, all Jewish. No Body of Christ.

Another Jewish reference – Revelation 3.2, Repentance and Works. Compare the Jewish Gospel of Matthew 24.42, Jesus speaking to the Jews concerning the second advent as a thief. This is not the Pauline rapture or church language, but the second advent and Tribulation language meant for the Jews. This means nothing to the Pauline church as it has been removed in the rapture long before the second advent. The Jews have no part in the rapture of Christ's Church. The Christian Church has no part in the rapture of Christ's Church.

Compare the following spoken by Jesus to the Jews. This is not a Pauline rapture verse as many religions teach. At the time Jesus made this statement in the Matthew reference, there was no Paul, no Gentile Body of Christ, no Gospel of Paul, no mystery of Paul (Christ in you), and no mystery of the rapture. All this was unknown, still future in a post ascension time. Jesus was not here prophesying to the future Body of Christ, and certainly not to the wayward Protestant Christian religion centuries into the future. He was speaking to the Jews only.

Matthew 24.42 "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. 43 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44 "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think [He will.

Peter, writing to the Jews, made mention of the thief motif for the second advent in his letter to the Jews, not the Body of Christ. Peter, in his two letters, writes to the Jews only. Peter never wrote or ministered to the Gentiles, and was never a Pope of some Gentile Roman Church scheme. Christ removes the Pauline Church before this occurs, so the Body of Christ is not the target audience. The

“intense heat” and “burned up” is Tribulation language mentioned later in the Revelation. No Body of Christ here.

**II Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Referring to the second advent, Paul also remarks on the “thief in the night” as he explains the second advent and the times of the Tribulation to the Thessalonians in contrast to the rapture.

**I Thessalonians 5:2** For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

## 6. Church at Philadelphia

Rev 3.7 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: 8 'I know your deeds. 9 'Behold, I will cause [those] of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie — behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that [hour] which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. 11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown. 12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon 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 new name.

- Here is another Jewish reference to the synagogue of Satan.
- Also, there is a reference to believing Jews and unbelieving Jews, not Gentiles.
- More perseverance and overcoming – If, THEN, I will...= Jewish, not Gentile Pauline believers.

These are all Jewish references – the King David and other mentions do not work for the Gentiles. All of this is Jewish anthology. Try to place a Pauline believer in this and see how awkward it sounds.

This church is spared the hour of testing because they **kept the command of patience**. This is a **conditional** exclusion based on works. It is the only church of the seven spared in such a way... **IF** they **DO** something **THEN**. Not Pauline “already saved”, waiting patiently for the blessed hope of Christ’s appearing in the air, saved from the wrath to come, already seated in the Heavens with Christ.

Note, if this is the only church spared the Tribulation, that means the other six will not be spared, but are destined for the Tribulation. The Body of Christ is not appointed to wrath and will be removed prior to the Tribulation just as God removed Noah and Lot before judgment.

There is no way to connect the seven churches to the Body of Christ or visa-a-versa.

Many members of the Covenantal / Reformed / Christian religions are adamant about their church going through the Tribulation. This makes perfect sense as most of Christianity does not belong to the Body of Christ, does not have a relationship with God, does not have the Spirit of God, does not

have salvation, are following more of a Jewish-esk religion, and will not be included in the removal of Christ's Church. They fully expect to endure the Tribulation and that because, in ignorance, they read themselves into the role of the Jew which they claim to have usurped. Be careful what you wish for...

**1 Thessalonians 1:9** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;  
**10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**1 Thessalonians\_5:9** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Paul says believers are sealed and saved from the coming wrath, not appointed to wrath, being called out by virtue of the indwelling spirit and their relationship with God, not patience or perseverance or obedience to the law. If the seven churches of the Revelation were the churches of believers who possessed the Holy Spirit, then the message to all seven churches would be very different and include some mention somewhere of the rapture, but it doesn't - nothing, anywhere. So, NOT!

- Believers in Christ are not bound by works and there is no conditional element to the Blessed Hope.
- Pauline believers are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone and included in the rapture of the church prior to the beginning of the Tribulation.
- Pauline believers have no part in the second advent or the Tribulation and do not appear anywhere in the Book of the Revelation
- The Christian religion does not appear in the Revelation including the false notion that Christians
  - I. are the Bride of Christ,
  - II. and that they will be with Christ when He returns,
  - III. or that they, Christians, will reign with Christ on earth,
  - IV. or that they will be at the marriage feast,
- Not!, Not!, Not! Not! There is no biblical reference to any of this.

James, a Jew writing to Jews, mentions the promised crown and perseverance in much the same language seen written to the seven churches. James never wrote to, or spoke to Gentiles. Here, he is **not** writing to the Pauline believers or Gentiles, but to Jews. Sound familiar?

**James 13** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

**James 1:12** Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him.

## 7. Church at Laodicea

**Revelation 3.21** 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Another mention of a requirement to overcome - not the Body of Christ.

To sit with Me on my throne... This is clearly Jewish as nowhere are Gentiles promised to sit on any throne with Christ. However, Jesus makes this promise to Peter and the other Apostles. This promise repeats to Laodicea. More overcoming, less saved by grace, more "no Body of Christ".

**Matthew 19:28** And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

## A Completely Jewish Book

The Book of the Revelation is entirely Jewish (as are all the prophetic books of the Old Testament, the four Jewish Gospels, and the Jewish Hebrew epistles [Hebrews through the Book of the Revelation]). There is no place for the Body of Christ in the pages of any of these writings.

Viewing the Revelation as a purely Jewish book adds a powerful perspective and clarity when dealing with the rest of the Revelation text.

### 24 Elders of Revelation 4

The "Elders" is a Jewish Old Testament reference.

### Thrones

Rev 3.21 this is a Jewish passage – a Jewish Promise. Nowhere is the Gentile church promised to sit on thrones with Christ.

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### 7 Lamps

Revelation chapters 1, 2, and 3 as well as 4:5 includes the 7 Lamps / Lamp stands / Menorahs. Today, it is hard to imagine Pauline believers having a Menorah in their home. It would be impossible to imagine a practicing Jew not having a Menorah in their home. Paul never mentions the word in his epistles.

**Re 4:5** And from the throne proceed flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

### The Suffering Smyrna Church

God promised that Israel would not escape judgment and this is evident throughout history. Looking at Revelation 2.10, we see again the Jew, not the Gentile believer.

**Revelation 2.10** 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

## Conclusion

Following the evidence, and maintaining the Bible's two distinct programs of the Jews under the law and the Gentile believer under grace, it is difficult to understand why anyone would ever try to artificially insert the Gentile Pauline Church into the Book of the Revelation. It is untenable that the sect calling themselves Christian would decide anything here in the text speaks to them when it clearly does not.

And the bazaar, crazy, unbelievable thing is that all the theologians and “great thinkers”, the commentators, professors, pastors, preachers, and Sunday school teachers over the last **500 years** couldn't figure this out. WOW!!! And it is not just the Book of the Revelation they can't see, but the entire Bible. How can these people be so blind? **There is an easy answer to that question.**

The Christian religion, following the Covenant Theology wrought by Augustine 1500 years ago, that allegorizes and spiritualizes the Bible, and takes the Bible out of context, claiming all the Bible for themselves, is a blind, non-biblical religion, without God's blessing or His Spirit. This is the reason for so many misunderstandings and contradictions, and why they cannot understand the Bible. It is the reason for the fragmentation and confusion in the religion itself, the 1000's of religious derivatives, and why Christian / Covenant / Reformed Protestant, Catholic, religion is nothing but a false religion, and why no one in this religion can see or understand the seven churches of the Book of the Revelation is totally Jewish.

Forget religion. Become a Biblicist and see the truth.

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