

Revelation: The Countdown To The Kingdom

-Part 2 -

Revelation 1:20

2 mysteries mentioned

1) 7 Stars / The angels of the 7 Churches / ***Hebrews 1:13-14*** / *Pastors?

2) 7 Golden candlesticks / 7 Churches

We are told both mysteries but not fully what both mean.

*Reminder 7 = 100%

*Rule for Interpretation - Use Scripture to interpret Scripture

Revelation 1:19

*The outline for Revelation

Things John saw / ***Revelation 1***

Things that are / ***Revelation 2 and 3***

Things which shall be after these things / ***Revelation 4:1***

****Revelation 2*** and ***3*** is the 2nd section of the ***Revelation*** outline

Dealing with 7 Churches / Reminder 7 = 100%

Literal 7 Churches in Asia

Universal / to all the Churches no matter the time period

Prophetic / 7 Churches representing the entirety of the Church age

*SEE IMAGE

*Why are these 7 letters even in Revelation?

*Impossible to see the pattern until the end of the Church age

*Countdown clock in scripture / if you can nail the time separations it unlocks where you are and how much time can be expected left

Ephesus:

Revelation 2:1-7

-holds 7 stars / middle of the candlesticks / Christ described ***Revelation 1***

*holding stars / His control

*walking in middle of Churches / He is in charge

Revelation 2:2-3

list of things this Church is doing right

This Church is Doctrinally sound / working / faithful / discerning etc...

Revelation 1:4-5

left their first love / Jesus

Doing the right things but not for the right reasons

*ROUTINE Christianity

REPENT

Do The First Works / Book of **Acts**

Warning: Will Remove that Church from its place (Candlestick)

Revelation 2:6

Deeds of the Nicolaitans

Jesus said He hated these deeds

Greek words Nikao (to conquer) laos (the people) / Idea of Laity / Clergy

Some people better or higher than other people

Revelation 2:7

“overcometh” - **John 16:33 / 1 John 5:4-5** Overcomer = Born Again

Pattern here is Commend / Scold / Commend / Reassure

*Reassurance throughout letters to the 7 Churches

*Image of 7 Churches / Countdown clock

Historically: AD 30-100 / General state of the Church at date of writing

- means “Desired”

Founded by Paul

Timothy was Pastor

Temple of Artemis / 7 wonders of the ancient world

did they repent?

Ephesus on Aegean Sea in John’s day but silt washed in and moved the city from the coast to miles from the coast and city largely died out

1st century Church was persecuted early but later far more intensely

Lost their comfortable place in the world and next period faces intense persecution