

THE PRESENT & FUTURE OF THE CHURCH Pt. 2

I. The PRESENT STATUS of the CHURCH. (Revelation 2-3)

- What is the significance of these 7 Churches?
 1. They were 7 _____, _____, _____ churches in Asia Minor.
 2. They are symbolic of _____ of churches that exist today and have existed through the church-age.
 3. They are representative of individual _____ that exist today.

6. The Church of PHILADELPHIA — the church with the Open Door (Revelation 3:7-13)

a. The PROBLEMS —

b. The COMMAND is only to “_____ *what you have.*” (2:11) Why?

- Take Inventory —

7. The Church of LAODICEA — which was Lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-21)

a. The PROBLEMS —

1) _____

2) “because you are _____; I will vomit you out of my mouth.” Why did Christ conclude this?

b. The CORRECTION —

1) To the unsaved people in the church — “I counsel you to buy from Me _____... _____... and anoint your eyes with _____...” (3:18)

2) To the saved people in the church — “As many as I _____, I _____ and _____, therefore be _____ and _____.” (3:19)

* What is Jesus Christ offering to the individuals of this local assembly? (Rev. 3:20)

* Take Inventory —

- What else has the church been warned about in the last days? (1 Tim. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:13, 4:1-4)

II. The FUTURE of the CHURCH.

A. In the future, the CHURCH on EARTH will be...

1. _____ . (1 Thessalonians 4:13-16)

* To where does Christ descend? (v. 16-17)

* What three sounds accompany Christ’s descending to take His church home? (v. 16)

1) “With a _____”

2) “With the _____ of an _____”

3) “With the _____ of _____”

* What part of a man do resurrections deal with — the soul or body?

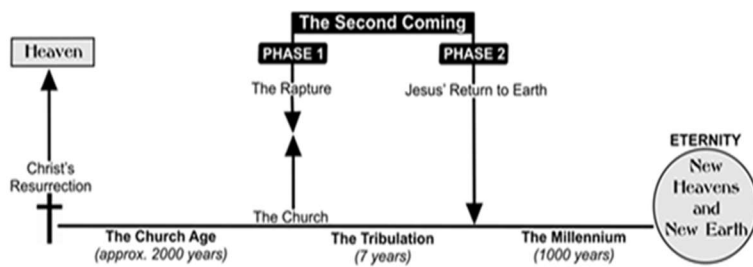
2. _____ . (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)

* What does this word mean?

* When will this occur?

* Could this all happen today?

2 PHASES OF CHRIST’S COMING



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

CONDITIONS OF THE CHURCH AGE (Revelation 1-3)	EVENTS OF THE 70th WEEK (Revelation 4-18)	EVENTS FROM THE SECOND COMING TO THE FUTURE ETERNAL STATE (Revelation 19-22)
3 References to ISRAEL	26 References to ISRAEL	1 Reference to ISRAEL
19 References to the CHURCH	0 References to the CHURCH	6 References to the CHURCH

B. In the future, the CHURCH in HEAVEN will be...

1. _____ . (1 Corinthians 3:5-15)

* What foundation for life and ministry does every believer have? (v. 10-11)

* What are your options in life & ministry?

* What will be the result of Christ’s evaluation at the Judgment Seat?

Option 1: “If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a _____.” (v. 14)

Option 2: “If anyone’s work is burned, he will _____.” (v. 15)

* What is guaranteed with all this? “But he himself will be _____, yet so as through fire”

2. _____ . (Revelation 4 & 5)

* Who are the 24 elders?

* What will the Church be doing in Heaven?

C. In the future, what will be true of YOUR LIFE & LOCAL CHURCH?