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EPHESUS The Backslidden Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds the seven stars in His right hand • Walks among the seven golden lampstands • (cf., 2:5) 	I know your deeds and your toil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot tolerate evil men • Put to the test self-proclaimed “apostles” • Have endured for My name’s sake • Hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans 	Have left your first love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember from where you have fallen • Repent • Do the deeds you did at first • I will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent 	I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God
SMYRNA The Suffering Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first and the last • Was dead, and has come to life • (cf., 2:10-11) 	I know your tribulation and your poverty and the blasphemy (<i>you endured from the “Jews”</i>)	Endured blasphemy from the “Jews”	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not fear what you are about to suffer (1) cast some of you into prison (2) have tribulation for 10 days • <u>Be faithful until death</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will give you <u>the crown of life</u> • Will not be hurt by the second death
PERGAMUM The Church of Satan’s City	Has the sharp two-edged sword (cf., 2:16)	I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is	Hold fast My name and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas	Some who hold the teaching of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balaam • Nicolaitans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repent • I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth 	I will give <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some of the hidden manna, • a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it

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<p>THYATIRA</p> <p>The Adulterous Church</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyes like a flame of fire • His feet are like burnished bronze • (cf., 2:23 ... I am He who searches the minds and hearts) 	I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance	Your deeds of late are greater than at first	Tolerate self-proclaimed prophetess Jezebel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will throw those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds • For those who not hold Jezebel's teaching - hold fast to what you have until I come 	I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces
<p>SARDIS</p> <p>The Dead Church</p>	Has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars	I know your deeds (<i>and your reputation</i>)	You have a few people who have not soiled their garments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are dead • Your deeds are not found completed in the sight of My God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wake up and strengthen the things that were about to die • Remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent • If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be clothed in white garments • I will not erase his name from the book of life • I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels

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PHILADELPHIA The Faithful Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy and true • Has the key of David • Who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know your deeds • I have put before you an open door 	Have kept My word, and have not denied My name	None	Hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will keep you from the hour of testing • I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore • I will write on him (1) the name of My God, and (2) the name of the city, the New Jerusalem and (3) My new name.
LAODICEA The Lukewarm Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Amen, the faithful and true Witness (cf., what is not true, see 3:17) • the Beginning of the creation of God 	I know your deeds	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are lukewarm • Do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will spit you out of My mouth • Buy from Me (1) gold refined by fire, (2) white garments and (3) eye salve • Be zealous and repent 	I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne