

Jesus Knows His Churches

Rev. 1:20-3:22

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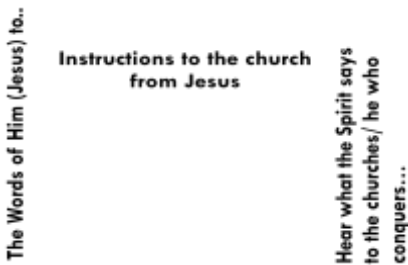
- Seven **Stars** (1:16)
 - Represent "**angels**" (1:20)
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 - Not "guardian" heavenly angels
 - God's ordained "**Messengers**" to the church
 - 1 Cor. 12:28, Heb. 4:11-16
 - Message given to seven lead **pastor/elders** (1 per church)
- Seven golden **lampstands** (1:12)
 - Represent seven **churches** (1:20)
- Seven **unique** messages (Rev. 2-3)
 - Opening of each message (same)

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- Ending of each message (same, but reversed)

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Sardis	conquers (3:5)	has an ear (3:6)
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- Structure of each message



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 - Some **hard** messages
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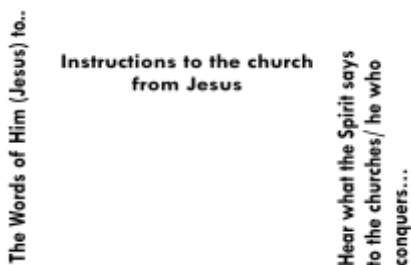
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